



FOOTHILLS GATEWAY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 21, 2014

Present

Jim Disney
Derf Green
John Haley
Tracy Katz
Kendra Kettler
Paul Rodgers
BJ Russell
Romie Tobin
Doris "Punkie" Whitely

Excused

Gregg Seebohm
Carol Ward

Absent

Guests

Katie Fahrenbruch
Suzie Trethewey
Lori Metz

Staff

Carla Conrardy
Erin Eulenfeld
Debbie Lapp
Jamie Martin
Tim O'Neill
Angela Woodall

Paul Rodgers called the meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc. Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m.

OPEN FORUM:

There were no open forum comments.

PRESENTATION:

A. Mistreatment, Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Training

Lori Metz with Adult Protection attended the meeting to train the Board on mandatory reporting for at-risk adults. Legislation was passed mandating reporting for elders above the age of 70 beginning July 1, 2014. The Foothills Gateway Board of Directors are considered mandatory reporters under this law. As mandatory reporters, we are required to report fiscal abuse, sexual abuse, and caregiver neglect or exploitation as of July 1, 2014. Reports must be made to law enforcement. Anyone with a professional license through DORA will be required to take web based training. Lori also informed the Board that mistreatment or abuse of any person age 18-69 can be reported to Adult Protection.

B. Transportation Services

Angela Woodall, Foothills Gateway's Transportation Coordinator, provided the Board with information regarding services provided by the transportation program including the number of people who receive services through this program, independent contractors and staffing. This program provides vehicle maintenance to the fleet and manages routes and billing. Angela is also part of a collaborative effort with Transfort and the Larimer County Mobility Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board reviewed items on the consent agenda. Paul Rodgers called for approval of the consent agenda.

- ❖ Approval of November 19, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes;
- ❖ Awareness Day – February 19, 2014;
- ❖ Sunshine Law Meeting Postings; and,
- ❖ Joint Board Social – January 23, 2014.

The above minutes are tentative until voted on and approved at the following month's board meeting.

M-S-C (Disney - Whitely) Approved the consent agenda consisting of the November 19, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes, and posting of the Board's meeting schedule on the Foothills Gateway website, the bulletin board outside the building and the bulletin board inside the building to keep in compliance with Colorado's Sunshine Law.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Sharon Courtney presented the preliminary statement of financial position for the 6 months of fiscal year 2013-2014 ending December 31, 2013 noting financial highlights.

M-S-C (Whitely - Katz) Accept and approved the financial report for the 6 months of fiscal year 2013-2014 ending December 31, 2013.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Legislative Forecast

Tim O'Neill informed the Board of the most recent legislative forecast. The state of Colorado continues to show signs of recovery from the recession and the state of Colorado is funding items that were previously going unfunded. Division for Developmental Disabilities has reported that Health Care Policy and Financing and Colorado Department of Human Services have submitted to the Joint Budget Committee a negative supplemental. Community Centered Boards were unaware that this negative supplemental was being submitted. A negative supplemental is a request to decrease a department's budget. HCPF is not expecting to spend \$24 million in the current FYs budget for Division for Developmental Disabilities. Community Centered Boards have been aware of this underutilization for several years and have provided options to spend these funds. The reduction of day habilitation units further increased these unspent dollars. The Governor has also proposed a budget with numerous new resources included and a 3% provider rate increase for the next fiscal year. Alliance is advocating for spending the \$24 million in the current fiscal year. Alliance is also lobbying for the new resources that the Governor is supporting. We are currently unaware of bills that pertain to people with developmental disabilities that have been or will be dropped on the legislative floor this session.

B. System Update

Tim O'Neill informed the Board that committee work at the state level has been performed to plan for the Division for Developmental Disabilities transition from Colorado Department of Human Services to Health Care Policy and Financing. The Departments are going to the communities asking how the transition is going. Foothills Gateway could potentially host a community engagement meeting to gather feedback regarding the transition.

Tim O'Neill also informed the Board that he spoke with the Division for Developmental Disabilities Director regarding state training for Person Centered Thinking. The Division for Developmental Disabilities is very desirous of furthering this training throughout the state and will be looking to aid this effort. There has been significant movement by other Community Centered Boards to get this training provided to their staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Person Centered Training for Board Members

Jamie Martin informed the Board that the Executive Committee has requested that Board Members be trained in the full two day person centered thinking training within their first three year term. Diana Foland also informed the Board that an overview of person centered thinking is being provided to families and interested community members in February.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2014 Educational Luncheon Sign-ups

Diana Foland informed the Board that Board Members are needed to sign-up to attend one monthly educational luncheon per year.

B. Agency Calendar Revision – June 13, 2014 In-Service Day

Paul Rodgers informed the Board of a requested revision to the current agency calendar to add an In-service Day to the June 2014 calendar to allow staff to focus on agency wide training. This request has an estimated fiscal impact of approximately \$15,000, but this is allowable in the current year's budget.

M-S-C (Katz - Whitely) Approve to revise the 2013-2014 Foothills Gateway agency calendar to include a Staff In-Service Day on June 13, 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Relations Committee:

Punkie Whitely informed the Board that the Community Relations Committee met and interviewed Suzie Trethewey for Board Membership. New member recommendations will be made in February.

B. Fiscal and Property Committee:

Tracy Katz reported that the Committee met and discussed tax increment financing, land use code, a land use recommendation, and the agency calendar revision.

C. Executive Committee:

Jim Disney reported that the Committee met and discussed the agenda, tax increment financing, Sunshine Law postings, the agency calendar revision, and succession planning.

C. Legislative Strategy Committee

John Haley reported that the Committee met and discussed tax increment financing, and a drafted bill to end the waitlist.

D. Joint Resource Committee:

Jim Disney reported that the Joint Resource Committee did not meet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M-S-C (Disney – Tobin) Unanimously approved convening an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter pursuant to section 24-6-402 (3)(b)(I) of the open meetings statute at 8:08 pm.

The Board went into executive session to discuss legal advise for potential legal action as allowed in Section 24-6-402 (3)(b)(I) of the open meetings statute.

M-S-C (Disney - Green) Move to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Board Meeting at 8:56 pm.

M-S-C (Disney - Haley) Unanimously approved \$20,000 in the budget to allow legal counsel to research the possibility of legal action.

ADJOURNMENT

M-S-C (Haley - Tobin) Adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Punkie Whitely
Punkie Whitely, Secretary

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc.
Board of Directors is February 17, 2014.**