



**FOOTHILLS GATEWAY, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**February 18, 2014**

Present

Derf Green  
John Haley  
Tracy Katz  
Kendra Kettler  
Paul Rodgers  
Gregg Seebohm  
Doris "Punkie" Whitely

Excused

BJ Russell  
Carol Ward

Absent

Jim Disney  
Romie Tobin

Staff

Sharon Courtney  
Erin Eulenfeld  
Debbie Lapp  
Jamie Martin  
Tim O'Neill

Guests

Katie Fahrenbruch  
Suzie Trethewey

Gregg Seebohm called the meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc. Board of Directors to order at 7:06 p.m.

**OPEN FORUM:**

There were no open forum comments.

**PRESENTATION:**

**A. Community Skills Development Program**

Reni Moreno, Foothills Gateway's Community Skill Development Program Supervisor, provided the Board with information regarding services provided by the Community Skills Development program including the goals for the program, volunteer opportunities, and paid job opportunities. The Board requested that Reni share a list of companies that provide these volunteer and paid opportunities so that the Board can thank these organizations for their efforts. Erin Eulenfeld will add these companies to the quarterly list of employers already provided to the Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Board reviewed items on the consent agenda.

- ❖ Approval of January 21, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes – Tabled to March meeting;
- ❖ Awareness Day – February 19, 2014; and,
- ❖ Annual Meeting Reminder.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Sharon Courtney presented the preliminary statement of financial position for the 7 months of fiscal year 2013-2014 ending January 31, 2014 noting financial highlights.

**M-S-C (Whitely - Katz) Accept and approved the financial report for the 7 months of fiscal year 2013-2014 ending January 31, 2014.**

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**A. DDD/CCB February Meeting Report**

Tim O'Neill informed the Board of the most recent Division for Developmental Disabilities(DDD)/Community Centered Board (CCB) meeting. The negative supplemental discussed at the January Board meeting was discussed and DDD staff informed CCBs that it became public policy to revert any negative supplemental when the reduction in funding was approved, and keeping the negative supplemental is against public policy. The cost per person, on average, was reduced from \$67,000 per person to \$63,000 per person, which means that this money must go back to the state. This week a bill was proposed in legislature to allow the \$23 million to be reverted back to the state and return \$4.5 million to stay in the system.

The CCB/DDD meeting also discussed the host home model which has been under scrutiny as the Department of Labor views host home providers as staff and Health Care Policy and Financing and Colorado Department of Human Services classify host home providers as independent contractors. This classification affects unemployment taxes. Foothills Gateway administration is hopeful that the Department of Labor can be convinced that host home providers should be treated as foster care parents.

Tim O'Neill also reminded the Board of Awareness Day taking place February 19<sup>th</sup>, with Board Members, staff members and people in services attending on behalf of FGI.

**B. Tax Increment Finance Update**

Tim O'Neill informed the Board that Foothills Gateway has been invited to join a community conversation regarding tax increment financing to discuss any concerns with this current policy. Foothills Gateway will be represented on the workgroup.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Elected Official of the Year Award**

John Haley informed the Board that the Legislative Strategy Committee met and decided to recommend Senator John Kefalas as Elected Official of the Year. John Haley also noted that recently, Senator Kefalas supports House Bill 1051 to end the waitlist for people with DD and has been working to get it passed in the Senate.

**M-S-C (Haley - Katz) Approve Senator John Kefalas to receive the Elected Official of the Year Award.**

**B. 2013 Annual Board Survey Results**

Paul Rodgers reviewed the results of the 2013 Annual Board Survey. With 51% excellent responses, results were very good and the Executive Committee has no recommendation to change board operations at this point. The Board is much more educated as a Board than in years past.

Gregg Seebohm requested that if Board Members have any recommendations for action in this survey to please contact the Executive Committee to make sure that the issues are addressed. The Executive Committee also discussed that the strategic plan is of high priority to the Management Team and upcoming changes to the system need to be on the radar of the Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Community Relations Committee:**

Punkie Whitely informed the Board that the Community Relations Committee met and recommend to approve Katie Fahrenbruch and Suzie Trethewey to replace Paul Rodgers and Carol Ward as Board Members. This recommendation will be reviewed by the full membership at the Annual Meeting. The Community Relations Committee also discussed a slate of officers needed for the Executive Board. Punkie asked that anyone who is interested contact her. Upcoming activities include an overview of Person Centered Thinking training for parents, guardianship training, Arc Film Festival, Flying Pigs 5K, The Taste of Loveland, and the Kitchen Kaper Preview and Home Tour.

**B. Fiscal and Property Committee:**

Tracy Katz reported that the Committee met and discussed and reviewed the IRS 990 Form, Program Approved Service Agency contracting procedure, and tax increment financing.

**C. Executive Committee:**

Gregg Seebom reported that the Committee met and discussed the agenda for the Board meeting, 2013 Board Self Evaluation Survey results, tax increment financing, and officer elections. The Executive Committee offered for Board Members to attend Executive Committee meetings on a rotating basis so that Board Members could experience what Executive Committee does. Gregg routed a "sign-up" sheet for Board Members to attend. The Committee also discussed a 2-3 year system forecast and discussions with the local Arc's new Executive Director.

**C. Legislative Strategy Committee**

John Haley reported that the Committee met and discussed tax increment financing, Elected Official of the Year Award, Government Relations update, an upcoming community engagement meeting, and House Bill 1051 to eliminate the waitlist. There is a concern that if this bill is passed, there will not be enough service providers in the system to provide services.

**D. Joint Resource Committee:**

Tim O'Neill reported that the Joint Resource Committee met and discussed tax increment financing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**M-S-C (Haley - Rodgers) Adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm**

Respectfully submitted by,

*Punkie Whitely*

Punkie Whitely, Secretary

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc.  
Board of Directors is March 3, 2014.**