



This meeting was held virtually

**FOOTHILLS GATEWAY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 16, 2021**

Present

Heather Hmieleski
John Haley
Steve Dandaneau
Solito Sumulong
Mark Durand
Tracy Katz
Mikel Zimmerman
Linda Drees
Nancy Kepner
Aaron Vogt

Excused

Punkie Whitely

Absent

Amanda O’Hayre

Guests

Brandi Broadley

Staff

Brandee Boice-Street
Carla Conrardy
Debbie Klein
Erin Eulenfeld
Paul Liptak
Marla Maxey
Pat Carney
Laura Veradt
Cynthia Hansford
Stacey Hill

President Mark Durand called the meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc. Board of Directors to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed attendees.

OPEN FORUM:

Mark Durand invited guests to speak.

- No guests were present wishing to speak.

POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBERS:

- There were no potential Board Members present.

PRESENTATIONS: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Team – Laura Veradt – Laura shared a presentation that described the Early Intervention (EI) Program along with the NICU Team’s functions. Laura shared how the EI team has weathered the changes as a result of alterations to eligibility criteria, and funding reductions due to the pandemic. Laura shared that there is now an Exit Coordinator who keeps tabs on those children who no longer meet eligibility requirements and helps them connect with services for which they are eligible.

Mark Durand introduced Brandi Broadley who shared an update from the Foundation Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2021

M-S-C (Haley/Sumulong) – Approve the January 19, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Carla Conrardy presented the unaudited statement of financial position for the month ending January 31, 2021. *Detailed financial information can be found in the Board Meeting packets, which are posted to the Foothills Gateway website.* Discussed the Day Habilitation, Transportation, and Supported Employment rate increase.

M-S-C (Katz/Zimmerman) Accept and approve the preliminary financial report position for the month ending January 31, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: -

- **Finalize the Board of Directors Terms** – Mark shared that all Board members whose terms are expiring this year will remain on the Board.
- **Slate of Officers** - Mark shared that this has yet to be confirmed. An email vote will be circulated to the Board members once the slate is confirmed. That email will be ratified in the March Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Staff Survey – Debbie Klein** – Debbie shared the history of the staff survey and shared a presentation with the current year's result. Solito Sumulong asked what questions would address the changes made due to the pandemic. Debbie shared that the questions in the Survey have remained the same for continuity and while certain questions will have answers that will refer to changes, there are none that specifically address it. Solito asked what steps have been taken as a direct result of the surveys. Debbie shared steps that have been taken with regard to pay raises in advance of minimum wage increases, training, and improved communication.
- **Case Management Redesign Bill** – HCPF's bill drafters have completed the draft for "Case Management Redesign". There are four bill sponsors: Rep. Young and Rep. Pelton, and Senator Winter and Senator Rankin. The bill provides definitions and structure around the new, contracted "Access and Case Management" regional entity. In the bill, HCPF is applying the current CCB transparency and audit requirements to the new case management agency. Community Centered Board designation information is included in the bill, too. HCPF will gather stakeholder feedback and develop rules by July 1, 2024.

EXECUTIVE TEAM UPDATES:

- **Erin Eulenfeld** – The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is taking action to help provider agencies by submitting two supplemental bills: Provider Sustainability Bill FY20-21 is a supplemental bill for this fiscal year that will include a 27.4% rate increase retroactive to July 18, 2020 and through June 30th 2021 and will be applied to Day Hab, Supported Employment, and Non-Medical Transportation services. This new rate increase will be in addition to the 10% rate increase HCPF gave these providers for the 1st quarter of 2021. The Common Policy Rate Bill - the Common Policy Rate is attached to all Medicaid rates. The JBC's bill will recommend increasing these rates 2.5% in 2021-2022. Emails were sent to the JBC members and their analyst thanking them for their commitment to the IDD system. Alliance will be partnering with the Arc of Colorado and the DD Council to advocate for vaccine clinics for those with IDD, possibly in March. A formal letter of interest has been sent to the Lt Governors Office indicating FGI's willingness to hold vaccination clinics.

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- **Debbie Klein** – A Group of painters from CertaPro volunteered time and materials to paint three different office areas in FGI’s main building. Hiring is ongoing for a new Outreach Coordinator; Community Relations is working on the Flying Pig. Runners will have a choice to participate virtually or in person. This event will be held on April 11th. Work on the CCB Designation Application is ongoing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee – Mark Durand shared that the Executive Committee met on February 5th, 2021 and discussed the Board Meeting agenda, Annual Meeting agenda, Slate of Officers, Board Member terms and the Officer updates given above.

Fiscal and Property Committee – Mark Durand shared that the Fiscal and Property Committee met prior to this meeting and discussed the 990 Review, Financial Statement review YTD January, PPP Loan Forgiveness Application update and a Mineral Rights sale (1/4 acre).

Legislative Affairs Committee – John shared that the Legislative Affairs Committee met on February 12th, 2021 and discussed Alliance Legislative updates and IDD Awareness Day.

Other – There were no additional items for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

M-S-C (Durand/Zimmerman) Adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Steve Dandaneau
Board Secretary

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc.
Board of Directors is March 1st immediately following the Annual Meeting.**

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