



This meeting was held virtually

**FOOTHILLS GATEWAY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 20, 2021**

Present

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

Excused

Nancy Kepner
Punkie Whitely
Amanda O'Hayre

Absent

Guests

Frankie Cole

Staff

Erin Eulenfeld
Debbie Klein
Carla Conrardy
Brandee Boice-Street
Paul Liptak
Marla Maxey
Ed Bowers
Pat Carney

President Mark Durand called the meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc. Board of Directors to order at 7:02pm 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

- **Family Satisfaction Survey Results – Ed Bowers** – Ed shared a presentation about the current results and plans for the Family Satisfaction Survey and invited questions. Tracy asked about the requirement for this survey. Erin shared that there are CARF as well as regulation requirements to conduct satisfaction surveys. Ed also shared that a committee has been created at FGI to see if there are ways to restructure the survey to enable more meaningful responses as well as an improved rate of return.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2021
- Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2021

M-S-C (Haley/Zimmerman) – Approve the consent agenda to include the March 1, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes and the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Carla Conrardy presented the unaudited statement of financial position for the month ending March 31, 2021. *Detailed financial information can be found in the Board Meeting packets, which are posted to the Foothills Gateway website.*

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

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS

- **2021-2022 Agency Calendar** – this was reviewed and discussed

M-S-C (Haley/Zimmerman) – Approve the 2021-2022 Agency Calendar as presented.

- **Family Support Services (FSSP) Council Member applications** – Erin shared information on the applicant and shared that the Council and the Executive Committee of the Board have reviewed and approved this application. Erin also shared the function of the Family Support Council. Debbie shared that the State requires the review and approval from the Board for Family Support Services Council Member applications.

M-S-C (Haley/Zimmerman) – Approve the Family Support Services Council Member Application as recommended by the FSSP Council and Executive Committee.

- **Policy Change Request – Whistleblower Policy** – Debbie shared the policy and explained the change requested. Solito asked if staff are trained on our Whistleblower Policy. Debbie shared that yes, staff are trained in this policy. Debbie also shared that this updated policy will be posted to the portal and staff will be required to review it. Linda asked if staff would know what agency to contact if they wished to report something. Debbie shared that all appropriate contact information is included in the text of the procedure. This procedure is reviewed annually for accuracy.

M-S-C (Katz/Zimmerman) – Approve the Policy Change Request to the Whistleblower Policy as presented above.

EXECUTIVE TEAM UPDATES

- **Erin Eulenfeld**
 - **COVID19** - On Friday, April 16th, Larimer County issued a Public Health Order (PHO) for our county for at least the next 30 days. Even though the PHO eases restrictions for local businesses and events, restrictions for Limited Healthcare Settings have not been modified at this time. Foothills Gateway and our allied agencies are considered by the state to be covered under “Limited Healthcare Settings”. Health Care Policy and

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Financing (HCPF) staff have said that they are working on new guidance related to the current COVID19 restrictions for Limited Healthcare settings, but we do not know when this guidance will be developed and released. Consequently, Foothills Gateway staff will need to follow the more restrictive Limited Healthcare Settings requirements.

- **Legislative Update** - The Case Management Redesign Bill (CMRD) HB21-1187 was introduced to the legislature on March 4th and reviewed by the Public and Behavioral Health and Human Services Committee on March 26. The bill was passed unanimously, including amendments. The next step is for it to be heard in the Senate.
- **HCPF along with their contractor, HCBS Strategies**, have been meeting with CCBs, SEPs, private CMAs, and some Arcs regarding the designated case management areas. There was a meeting last week and there will be one more meeting for our area in May.
- **Additional Legislative Update** - The Joint Budget Committee has closed the budget work for FY22. So far, the Common Policy Rate of a 2.5% increase on all Medicaid rates is still included. After the IDD Awareness Day event, the JBC added \$20.8M to the budget for next FY to take an additional 520 for a total of 667 individuals off the 'Comprehensive Services' waiting list. The Long Bill is currently being reviewed and is slated to head to governor for his signature by May 6th. "Medicaid Transportation" (HB21-1206) bill has passed out of committee and will be heard in appropriations on Friday. If this bill passes, it will allow PASAs to continue to provide transportation services to persons with IDD without going through onerous PUC requirements. "Behavioral Health Crisis Response Training" bill (HB21-1166) has also passed out of committee and is in appropriations. This bill aims to train 20 or more START Coordinators for underserved areas of the state. "Eliminate Subminimum Wage Employment" passed out of committee and will be heard in appropriations on Friday.
- **The American Rescue Plan** provided 10% increase to FMAP funding for the state. These funds are targeted for HCBS (including case management) with the intent to 'reinvest' in our Medicaid system. HCPF is trying to obtain federal guidance regarding the use of these funds.
- Solito asked if there is anything in the greater infrastructure Bill that would have an impact in the IDD world. Erin shared that there is nothing on Ancor's or Alliance's radars at this point.
- **Debbie Klein**
 - CCB Designation application has been received, as well as the Workers Compensation Cost Containment Certification.

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- Community Outreach has hired a new outreach coordinator, Megan Gallagher. The Flying Pig Race was a success, funds raised by this event goes straight to Family Support.
- Employees are working through Annual HR acknowledgements. FGI's benefits renewal has come in with only a 3% increase.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Mark Durand shared that the Executive Committee met on April 9th, 2021 and discussed the Board Meeting Agenda Review, Board Member Bylaw/Statute, Whistleblower Policy Change, Community Member Concerns Procedure, CMRD Bill status and other CMRD updates, Family Support Council Board Member application, 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 Financial Statement review YTD March, Follow Up from the Early Intervention presentation at the Feb. Board Meeting, PPP Loan Forgiveness Application update, Investment Reports and FSSP Waitlist – Funding information.

Legislative Affairs Committee – John shared that the Legislative Affairs Committee met on April 16th, 2021 and discussed the State Budget Update, Alliance Legislative updates, the new Fort Collins Mayor Jeni Arndt, and law enforcement education regarding individuals with IDD.

OTHER There were no additional items for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

M-S-C (Durand/Dandaneau) Adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Drees
Board Secretary

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc.
Board of Directors is May 18th at 7:00 pm.**