

**REACH CAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2014**

Attendees:

Tom Burke	Heather Flick
Jim Echols	Jon Marshall
Angela Henry Eyster (by phone)	Steve Scherer
Addie Hawkins	Brenda Sharpe, Ex Officio

Not in Attendance:

Vickie Hohenstein	Jennifer Rhodus
Andy Klocke	Cecilia Ysaac
Denny Kurogi	

Guests:

Georgeann Hemry	Pattie Mansur
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Chair Heather Flick called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Jim Echols, a resident of Wyandotte County and the Kansas Governor's appointee to the CAC, was welcomed and introduced himself. Echols is the president of the board of trustees of the Economic Opportunity Foundation, Inc., in Kansas City, Kansas.

Angela Henry Eyster, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt's appointee, was introduced on the phone. Angela's appointment was announced in October 2013.

The minutes from the October 17, 2013, CAC meeting were reviewed. Tom Burke moved to approve; Steve Scherer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brenda Sharpe reviewed the REACH Board Applicant Nominations timeline. The CAC had previously reserved both Thursday, February 20 and Friday, February 21 for nominee interviews. Based on the number of applicants, Brenda proposed that the interviews be completed during one day, and encouraged all CAC members to participate if available. Based on the consensus of the members present, Friday, February 21, was set aside for interviews at the REACH offices. A proposed interview schedule was distributed and CAC members were asked to mark their availability. Georgeann Hemry will confirm the availability of the CAC members who were not present at tonight's meeting in order to ensure a quorum can participate.

CAC members reviewed the current REACH Board matrix that provides a summary of current members, their county of residence, place of employment, professional background and other information related to their education and experience. Brenda reported that the REACH Board will select six members to begin their terms on June 1; three incumbents are eligible for a second term and opted to seek re-election. They are Dana Abraham, Tom Carrico and Stuart Munro. Peer evaluation summaries and attendance rosters will be made available to the CAC on each incumbent member in addition to their statements of interest and resumes.

At 5:54 p.m., Heather called for the meeting to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing board candidates, to ensure privacy of the board applicants. Tom Burke made the motion; Jon Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

At 6:20 p.m., a motion was made by Tom Burke to conclude the executive session and seconded by Steve Scherer. Motion carried. Steve Scherer made the motion for the CAC to interview all 11 applicants; Addie Hawkins seconded it. The motion passed.

CAC reviewed the interview questions. Tom Burke suggested CAC members be willing to ask follow-up questions. Brenda stated that all interviewees should be asked the written questions first to ensure consistency, but echoed Tom's encouragement to CAC members to ask additional questions and request follow-up information. Angela Eyster asked if the questions would allow for insights regarding candidates' perspectives on the Foundation's strategic interest in strengthening organizational diversity and inclusion. CAC members noted that the applicants frequently address those issues during their responses, but if they don't it is appropriate for the CAC to ask follow-up questions. Angela also asked if Board members are exposed to nonprofit organizations and/or programs during their terms of Board service. Brenda explained Board members are invited throughout the year to participate in a number of professional development opportunities, including agency tours, conferences and advocacy opportunities, and that presentations from grantee organizations are a frequent part of Board meetings and other activities.

Brenda described the candidate scoring process, which asks CAC members to score each candidate in four areas – Resume; skill-set and Foundation Board priorities; peer evaluations for incumbents and written statements of interest for non-incumbents; and the interview. Scoring allows for 5 points per category for a total of 20 points. Scoring will occur at the February 27 CAC meeting following discussion of candidates. Scores will be compiled and candidates will be placed in rank order. The rank order will be presented to the Executive Committee of the REACH Board.

For the President's Report, Brenda reviewed the REACH Board and CAC calendar for 2014. The CAC will meet April 17 to elect its officers for the next year. She also presented the REACH program and operating budget for 2014. Program and program support will total approximately 88.3% of the budget; 11.7% allocated to management and administrative costs. Brenda also provided a summary of Foundation initiatives, which account for approximately one-fourth of the total amount of program investment. The Medical Home Initiative, Rural Health, and Safety Net Solutions were highlighted as examples.

CAC members were presented with the Foundation's 2014 Policy Priorities for Kansas and Missouri, with primary interest in Medicaid expansion for the two states. Other priorities include viable safety net, expanding oral health workforce, growing Medical Home/Health Homes, KanCare Oversight; and for Missouri the foundation added a policy priority supporting implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

A list of upcoming professional development events in January and February was reviewed. At 6:56 p.m., a motion was made by Jon Marshall to adjourn, with a second by Tom Burke. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattie Mansur
Communications Director