## MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE REACH HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

October 17, 2013

Members present: Tom Burke Jon Marshall

Heather Flick, Chair Jennifer Rhodus (via phone)

Angela Henry (via phone) Steve Scherer

Vicki Hohenstein Brenda Sharpe, Ex-Officio

Andy Klocke

Absent: Addie Hawkins

Denny Kurogi

Cecilia-Ysaac Belmares

Guests present: Bill Bruning, Board Chair

Pattie Mansur, Communications Director Georgeann Hemry, Executive Assistant

The October 13, 2013 meeting of the REACH Healthcare Foundation Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chair Heather Flick. The minutes of the April 18, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Steve Scherer and seconded by Tom Burke to approve the April minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Heather Flick welcomed Angela Henry as a new member of the CAC. Angela is Director of SafeBase, an after school program in the Iola School District in Allen County. Angela was appointed by Attorney General Derek Schmidt to fill a three-year term from June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2016. Heather Flick asked all members to introduce themselves to Angela. Heather noted that there are still two remaining vacancies to be appointed by the Kansas Governor's Office.

Heather and Brenda Sharpe reviewed with the CAC the proposed 2014 Nominating Process Timeline. Press releases regarding the upcoming board nominations process will be distributed by Pattie Mansur, REACH Communications Director, to a number of traditional and nontraditional media outlets, trade associations and community groups. The deadline for Statements of Interest is Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to make personal asks of colleagues and friends to encourage a diverse pool of applicants. At the next meeting of the CAC on January 23, 2014, members will review all applicants and determine who they would like to interview. Anyone with a known conflict on that date was asked to let Heather or Brenda know as soon as possible so that we can ensure a quorum is present.

Heather and Brenda reviewed the 2014 Board matrix which included demographic information about the current Board members. Based on the demographics of departing Board members and expertise needs requested by the Foundation's Executive Committee, key areas of recruitment need include women; Wyandotte, Lafayette or Cass County residents; racial and ethnic minorities, investment expertise and health care providers. Pattie Mansur noted that each member would receive a copy of the recruitment brochure, and that members should feel free to contact staff if they need additional copies and/or would like staff to visit with prospects about what is required of Board members.

Brenda Sharpe provided the President's report. Brenda provided the CAC members with a copy of the Foundation's 2012 audited financial statements prepared by our audit firm, BKD. The Foundation again received a clean audit with no recommendations to management. Discussion ensued.

Brenda provided a copy of the Foundation's 2014 Grant Guidelines. The letter of intent deadline was September 5, 2013, for competitive program awards that will fund the Jan-Dec 2014 grant year. The Foundation received 56 Letters of Intent totaling \$5.3 million in requests, with roughly \$1.2 million available to award. Staff invited back 37 organizations to make full proposals, totaling \$3.875 million in requests. The Foundation recently hosted a Full Proposal Conference, Evaluation Workshop and Technical Assistance Workshop in order to help all applicants prepare as competitive a proposal as possible. Full proposals are due November 7, 2013, and applicants will be notified of their award or decline status on January 3, 2014.

Brenda called the members attention to the Foundation's funding priorities of safety net, mental health and oral health care, with an emphasis on 1) expansion of health care access points, 2) expansion of the number and diversity of health providers, health navigators and mental health engagement specialists, and 3) collaboration to address complex issues. Applicants can choose to address either barriers to access and quality, or strategies to improve access and quality in their proposals in keeping with the Foundation's Theory of Change, which is included in the grant guidelines. CAC members should feel free to encourage nonprofit and governmental entities to contact staff throughout the year if they have questions about the competitive grantmaking process or other grant opportunities that exist within the Foundation.

Regarding health reform implementation, Brenda notified the members that the Foundation established a special fund in June 2013 as the result of an unbudgeted contribution from Community Health Group, the successor organization to Health Midwest. This \$200,000 fund will be used to assist our grantees with outreach and enrollment efforts aimed at getting uninsured

Kansas and Missouri residents enrolled in the newly launched Health Insurance Marketplaces. Staff will target these community investments in mental health and safety net clinics where they serve a high percentage of uninsured patients.

Heather noted the upcoming professional development opportunities open for REACH CAC members to attend. Anyone interested should contact Georgeann Hemry at <a href="mailto:Georgeann@reachhealth.org">Georgeann@reachhealth.org</a> if they would like to attend or need additional information.

The next meeting of the CAC will be held Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the REACH Foundation offices.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Andy Klocke and a second by Vickie Hohenstein, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sharpe
President & CEO