

**REACH CAC Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

Attendees:

Joan Cabell  
Addie Hawkins  
Kevin Klamm  
Denny Kurogi

Shelly Phalen  
Todd Pleimann  
Jenny Rhodus (by phone)  
Brenda Sharpe, Ex Officio  
Cecilia Ysaac

Not Present:

Pattie Miklos Boyd  
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Angela Eyster  
Ann Swartz

Guests:

Georgeann Hemry, REACH Staff

Pattie Mansur, REACH Staff  
Brad Stratton, REACH Board of Directors (by phone)

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Chair Denny Kurogi called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. He welcomed new member, Kevin Klamm and then asked attendees to introduce themselves and give a brief statement of their respective backgrounds. Denny said that the revised CAC Roster was included in the materials packet. Please review and send any edits to Georgeann Hemry.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the August 27, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Todd Pleimann made a motion to approve them as presented and Cecilia Ysaac seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CAC Business & Responsibilities**

Denny Kurogi asked Brenda Sharpe to review the Board nominations process, timeline and current Board Matrix.

Brenda reported that eleven Board statements of interest were received by the Foundation, including two from incumbents. The CAC will determine at this meeting how many applicants they would like to interview. Applicant interviews will all be conducted on one day, Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Foundation offices. Each individual interview will be approximately 20 minutes and 10 minutes will be available to discuss each candidate immediately following their interview. Patti Mansur will act as the recorder for the CAC. All applicants will be given the interview questions in advance and the questions will be the same for each person.

CAC Members will reconvene on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the Foundation's offices to discuss and score each candidate. An average ranking will be determined, which will then be used to determine which applicants will appear on the slate of nominees to be forwarded to the Board. Following the CAC's approval of the slate, candidates will be notified of their status in the process, and the REACH CEO will conduct the required background checks on the candidates during the first week of March 2016.

Brenda stated that the Board of Directors will meet with all nominees at a "meet and greet" reception on February 23. All CAC members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Board will cast their individual ballots at their regular Board meeting on March 24. Those nominees who receive a supermajority (2/3) vote of the Board will be elected. Brenda said that she will personally contact all nominees to provide them with the results of the election.

Brenda Sharpe directed attention to the Board matrix document in the materials packet. She said there will be 6 Board vacancies to fill. Two incumbents, Syrtiller Kabat and Vicki Hohenstein are eligible for a second, three-year term and both have reapplied. One vacancy is the unexpired one-year term of former Board member, David Thomas and will only be a one-year term. Currently, three Board members will be termed out and thus ineligible to reapply; Brad Stratton, Chad Moore, and Judy Works.

Brad Stratton commented that prospective applicants should not be intimidated if they lack Board experience because most who do apply have exceptional background skills and experience which is relevant to Board service at REACH.

At 5:52 p.m., Denny Kurogi asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing Board nominations. Shelly Phalen made the motion to adjourn for 30 minutes. Joan Cabell seconded. Motion passed.

At 6:22 p.m., Shelly Phalen made a motion to extend the executive session for another 10 minutes. Todd Pleimann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

At 6:30 p.m., Joan Cabell made a motion to come out of executive session and return to open session. Todd Pleimann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Todd Pleimann made a motion to interview all 11 applicants for the Board vacancies. Joan Cabell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### President's Report

Brenda Sharpe directed attention to the 2016 REACH Calendar in the packet, noting upcoming meetings of the CAC. She then provided members with an overview of the Board's recently adopted Theory of Change document, which reflects the Foundation's strategic direction for 2016-2020. She noted that, in keeping with the Foundation's mission, REACH is currently investing heavily in outreach and enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace (healthcare.gov) and advocating for Medicaid expansion in both states to close the coverage gap for low-income residents of Kansas and Missouri.

Brenda Sharpe then directed attention to a report titled "*Impact of Medicaid Expansion on the Kansas State Budget*" released by the Manatt Health on behalf of the Kansas Grantmakers in Health, with funding from the Sunflower Foundation. This report was shared at a recent forum on KanCare expansion sponsored by REACH and 30 other hospitals, foundations and chambers of commerce and attended by more than 300 people including 35 legislators.

Pattie Mansur distributed hard copies of the Foundation's Kansas and Missouri Health Policy Priorities. She pointed out the two states' priorities and their similarities and differences. At the next Board meeting, Matt Roney and Troy Findley will provide an overview of the Foundation's Missouri and Kansas legislative sessions and political climate, and shared with the CAC the Foundation's policy agenda for both states. CAC members are welcome to attend. Discussion ensued.

At 7:00 p.m., there being no further business, Joan Cabell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cecilia Ysaac seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgeann Hemry  
Executive Assistant