# MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REACH FOUNDATION May 17, 2018

Attendees:

Dana Abraham Jon Marshall
Arif Ahmed (phone) Joe Reuben
JC Cowden Raymond Rico

Linda Hall Heather Samuel (phone)

Tom Handley Jim Sanders

Angela Harse Brenda Sharpe, ex-officio

Vicki Hohenstein Rachelle Styles
Andy Klocke Lisa Thurlow

Not in Attendance:

Laura Bond Danielle Jones

**Guests:** 

Becky Benak, REACH Staff
Mathew Davis, REACH Staff
Dawn Downes, REACH Staff
Carla Gibson, REACH Staff
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### Welcome

Dana Abraham called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone. She noted that Arif Ahmed and Heather Samuel were participating by phone. Danielle Jones was unable to attend and designated Linda Hall as her proxy on voting matters.

Dana then turned the meeting over to Brenda Sharpe for her President's Report.

## President's Report

Brenda Sharpe announced the new CAC officers for the ensuing year: Joan Cabell, Chair; Theresa Reyes-Cummings, Vice Chair; and Rehka Patniak, Secretary for the June 2018-May 2019 year. These three will oversee and develop any recommended changes to the CAC nominations process.

Joan Cabell and Kevin Klamm are currently undergoing the reappointment process in Johnson County, and we are working with the Johnson County Commission on a new appointee to fill Todd Pleimann's vacancy. Patti Miklos Boyd was reappointed to a second three-year CAC term by Allen County, and a Governor's appointee to replace Jennifer Rhodus is currently being sought.

Brenda just returned from a Funders' Committee for Civic Participation (FCCP) meeting in Denver, a convening to support the upcoming 2020 Census. Approximately 200 Foundations from across the country gathered to address the unprecedented challenges – a leadership void at the Census Bureau; insufficient funding resulting in canceled tests and scaled back preparations; cybersecurity threats (real and perceived) and the digital divide, as the first high-tech census rolls out; and community reluctance and fear of sharing information with the

government. Although philanthropy cannot and should not supplant the government's responsibility to endure a fair and accurate census, funder engagement in support of the census is more important than ever. Brenda added that states' dollars are tied to census numbers: about \$4 billion in Kansas and \$11 billion in Missouri. Rural and homelessness areas are particularly vulnerable. Babies, university students, low-income populations and people of color have been historically undercounted.

Brenda Sharpe then directed attention to the Board and CAC Development opportunities in the packet. She encouraged those who can to attend the June 11 event at the Matt Ross Community Center for the Kansas and Missouri Consumer Health Access survey release. It has been a massive undertaking including funders from St. Louis, MO to Wichita, KS.

Communities Concerned for Immigrants and Refugees, a metrowide advisory group and effort sponsored by REACH, will host three sessions focused on how to better serve immigrant and refugees' health needs. The first session will be June 28 at 8:45 a.m. at the Painted Hills Golf Course, Kansas City KS. Two additional sessions will be held August 24 October 26, with topics and locations to be announced.

Brenda Sharpe recognized and thanked the outgoing Board members for their service: Dana Abraham, JC Cowden, Linda Hall, Raymond Rico, and Rachelle Styles. Brenda stated that Dana, JC, Raymond, and Rachelle all have completed their maximum number of two terms with the Foundation. Linda Hall completed a three-year term and a one-year term. Each of the outgoing Board members said a few words, and were recognized with a plaque and a CEO Discretionary Grant made in each of their names to a REACH grantee of their choice.

Brenda then recognized and thanked the staff for their years of service and longevity with the Foundation.

Becky Benak – 14 years on June 1 Carla Gibson – 12 years on June 5 Pattie Mansur – 11 years on January 2 Dawn Downes – 11 years on February 1 Jo Yun – 9 years on February 1 Georgeann Hemry – 5 years on March 13 Mathew Davis – 5 years on March 13

Brenda noted that Georgeann Hemry, Executive Assistant the past five years, will be departing the Foundation following a planned staff reduction, and thanked her for her service to the Board of Directors and the organization.

### **Foundation Business Consent Items**

Dana Abraham noted three items on the Consent Agenda, consisting of the March 22, 2018 Board meeting minutes, and the February and March 2018 financials. Tom Sanders made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Jim Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

# **Executive Committee Report**

Dana Abraham directed attention to the Board Officer nominees for two-year terms – Vicki Hohenstein, Chair; Jon Marshall, Vice Chair; Andy Klocke, Treasurer; Laura Bond, Secretary; Danielle Jones, Program and Policy Committee Chair. Nominees for At-Large Members serving a one-year term on the Executive Committee are Lisa

Thurlow and Tom Handley. Dana requested any other nominations from the floor. There being none, Raymond Rico made a motion to approve the officer and at-large member terms as presented. Motion carried.

Dana directed attention to the June 2018 – May 2019 REACH Board Committee assignments. JC Cowden made a motion to accept the assignments as presented. Linda Hall seconded. Motion carried.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Thursday, June 7, 2018.

# Finance Committee Report

Jo Yun directed the Board's attention to the Conflict of Interest form required for the Foundation's Form 990 reporting. The conflict of interest form aids in answering various questions on the Foundation's tax return, but particularly helps to document and support the statement of board member independence.

Using the March Financial Dashboard, Vicki Hohenstein noted the Foundation has awarded \$598,000 in grants to date, and \$57.4 million since inception. Through March 31, investment returns for both the month and year to date are running either on or ahead of established benchmarks. The investment balance at March 31 is \$136.4 million, although well ahead of 2017-year end it still lags from an inflation-adjusted historic dollar value perspective. From an expense perspective, there are really no significant variances to date that management believes will create a total over budget scenario by year-end. Any variances to date are timing-related.

Vicki announced the next Finance Committee meeting is June 12, 2018.

# Program and Policy Committee Report

Jon Marshall began by reviewing the "Save the Date" flyer announcing the June 28 convening by Communities Concerned for Immigrants and Refugees. The event will be held at the Painted Hills Golf Course, 7101 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66112 and the focus will be on health care providers. The proposal deadline for the Foundation's RFP Enroll All Eligible – Enrollment Assistance RFP is June 1, 2018. Grant award notifications will be announced on June 15, 2018. The RTI Community presentation will be on June 11 at the Matt Ross Community Center; 8101 Marty Street, Overland Park, KS 66204. The event is near capacity and Board members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Jon asked Pattie Mansur to provide the Foundation's Public Policy Update.

Jon noted that Staff Discretionary Grants are on-pace as we approach our mid-year targets. Several more grants are expected to be awarded by the September Board meeting.

The next P&P meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

At 5:05 p.m., Andy Klocke made a motion to adjourn to closed session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel and investment matters before the Board. Jo Yun was requested to remain in the closed session. Tom Handley seconded. Motion carried.

At 5:32 p.m., JC Cowden made a motion to extend the closed session for 10 minutes. Tom Handley seconded. Motion carried.

At 5:42 p.m., Vicki Hohenstein made a motion to extend the closed session for 10 minutes. Tom Handley seconded. Motion carried.

At 5:46 p.m. Jon Marshall made a motion to return to open session. Andy Klocke seconded. Motion carried.

Upon return to open session, Joe Reuben made a motion to approve a resolution of the Board authorizing the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board to review and approve a potential real estate investment opportunity as discussed in the closed session.

At 5:48 p.m. Jon Marshall made a motion to adjourn to closed session for 12 minutes for the purposes of discussing the CEO's annual performance review conducted by CMA. Raymond Rico seconded. Motion carried.

Due to no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgeann Hemry Executive Assistant