# MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REACH FOUNDATION January 16, 2020

Attendees:

Arif Ahmed Jerrihlyn McGee
Laura Bond Wendy Neal
Katherine Ferro Todd Pleimann
Tom Handley Heather Samuel
Angela Harse Jim Sanders

Vicki Hohenstein Lynette Sparkman-Barnes

Danielle Jones Brenda Sharpe
Andy Klocke (by phone) Lisa Thurlow

Jon Marshall (by phone)

Not in Attendance:

Wendy Neal Joe Reuben

**Guests:** 

Becky Benak, REACH StaffGlory Olson, REACH StaffMathew Davis, REACH StaffJo Yun, REACH StaffDawn Downes, REACH StaffFrank Lenk, MARC

Carla Gibson, REACH Staff
Lyle Pishny, Lathrop & Gage

Pattie Mansur, REACH Staff

#### Welcome

After some brief conference call connection issues, the meeting was called to order by Chair Vicki Hohenstein at 4:10 p.m.

Brenda Sharpe welcomed the group to the new space and thanked everyone for attending the first meeting in the new space. She noted that staff moved in on January 2, 2020, and the transition has been good. She gave a brief description of the artwork by Rebecca Tombaugh featured in the Community Room, highlighted the features of the building, and gave directions to the REACH offices and facilities. She thanked the Board for supporting the project; Jo Yun for her work, dedication and commitment to the project; and the REACH staff for their work, patience, and flexibility throughout the process.

#### **Foundation Strategy**

Pattie Mansur introduced Frank Lenk with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) where he is Director of Research Services. Frank has worked with REACH for approximately 7 years on health data analysis. Pattie noted that Frank provided health data analysis of the health conditions in the region and at the county level for the previous 5-year strategic planning process and will be presenting data for the current strategic planning process. Frank Lenk then gave a slide presentation on recently released data by the Census Bureau. He noted the data encompasses a combination of areas covered by REACH and by MARC which gives a broader scope to the data. A question and answer session followed Frank's presentation.

Brenda Sharpe introduced Lyle Pishny with Lathrop & Gage and outlined his history and role with the REACH Healthcare Foundation. Lyle reflected on the history of the Foundation. He complimented Foundation on the

vision and mission, the method of work performed, and the relevancy and diversity of the board of directors. He gave a high-level overview of the formation of the Foundation which originated from the sale of Health Midwest Hospitals. Lyle then gave a summary of key legal documents including original asset purchase and sale agreement, the MOU, articles of incorporation, by laws, and current board duties. A question and answer session followed Lyle's presentation.

# President's Report

Brenda deferred the staff spotlight feature in the interest of time.

Brenda gave an overview of the Avenue 82 project. The building is nearly completed. Any remaining projects are minor. McGown Gordon is expected to vacate the premises next week. She reviewed visitor parking, guest access, and noted the locations for board and committee meetings. She highlighted a few of our downtown neighbors and informed the Board that REACH is now a member of the Downtown Overland Park Partnership and that Brenda will serve on that Board at the beginning of March.

Brenda reminded the Board of the survey results regarding meals at committee meetings. She encouraged the Board to give feedback to Glory regarding those results.

Brenda noted the Board that development opportunities are available online and reviewed them with the Board. She directed them to Glory Olson for any questions.

## **Foundation Business Consent Items**

Vicki Hohenstein noted the items on the Consent Agenda including Board meeting minutes for November 14, 2019; October and November Financials; and the D&O Insurance Policy Renewal for 2020. All items other than Board meeting minutes have been reviewed by their respective committees and are recommended for approval. Tom Handley moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Todd Pleimann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

# **Executive Committee Report**

Vicki Hohenstein provided an update on the Board Nominations process. She referred the board to the process timeline included in the meeting materials and noted key dates. There are six vacancies. The incumbents and candidates will be interviewed by the CAC the first week in February. Following the interviews, a vote will be taken to add them to the slate. The meet and greet is scheduled for February 25 and all are encouraged to attend. The Board will vote on the slate March 26, 2020 and the new board terms will begin June 1, 2020.

Vicki stated that the Grantmakers In Health (GIH) Annual Meeting will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from Wednesday, June 17 through Friday, June 19, 2020. Priority will be given to board members who have not yet attended. Those interested are to let Brenda know as soon as possible. The deadline for registration is mid-February.

The next Executive Committee meeting is Thursday, March 5, 2020

### **Finance Committee Report**

Andy Klocke left the meeting early. Jo Yun reviewed the November 2019 Financial Dashboard in his absence. Jo noted November activity includes the Core Operating grant awards, and the effort to process grants in advance

of the move rather than at the end of the year. Jo noted, the books remained open through the end of the year to capture all final balances and investments through November 30, 2019, show a 2.1% return for December, and a 15% return for the year. She noted that the year will finish under budget.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.

# **Program and Policy Committee Report**

Danielle Jones gave the Program & Policy Committee report. She directed attention to the discretionary grants report in the materials and asked for any discussion.

Pattie Mansur presented the latest 2020 Kansas Policy and Missouri Policy priorities agendas and noted those pieces are included in the meeting materials. She reported the Foundation will continue to support Medicaid Expansion and reported that Governor Kelly in her state of the state address highlighted Medicaid Expansion as a priority. She further noted the Senate Compromise Bill is scheduled for hearings on January 23 and 24 and gave an overview of the Bill. She further noted in Missouri, Medicaid Expansion is a ballot initiative. She then provided a review of Governor Parson's state of the state address.

The next P&P meeting will be held Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

The Board candidate meet and greet will be March 3, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held March 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The Board of Directors strategic planning meeting will be Friday, April 17, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Glory Olson, Executive Assistant & Board Liaison