

REACH CAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Attendees:

Afam Akemelu
Joan Cabell, Chair
Rachel Jefferson
Kevin Klamm
Lougene Marsh
Rekha Patnaik

Shelly Phalen
Theresa Reyes-Cummings
Justin Richter
Brenda Sharpe, Ex Officio
Matthew Stuckey

Not in attendance

Beth Barlow
Kerri Wade

Pattie Miklos Boyd

Guests:

Pattie Mansur, REACH Staff

Glory Olson, REACH Staff

Chair Joan Cabell called the CAC meeting to order at 5:32p.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Brenda Sharpe said a few words in response to the COVID-19 crisis, the response nationally and regionally to the death of George Floyd and others, and the emerging movement for greater racial and social justice. She noted these are trying times and that REACH staff are committed to doing their part to best support our black and brown friends and colleagues.

CAC Business and Responsibilities

Joan noted that the minutes for the February 13, 2020 meeting were distributed in the meeting materials and asked for any feedback. None noted, she asked for a motion to approve as presented. Matt Stuckey made a motion to approve, and Theresa Reyes-Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Report

Joan Cabell provided the 2020 Board elections results. At their regular meeting on May 21, 2020, the REACH Healthcare Board of Directors elected six candidates nominated by the CAC, including Guy Collier, Fabian Gayosso, and Kevin Klamm to initial 3-year terms; and incumbents Thomas Handley, Joseph Reuben, and James Sanders to second 3-year terms on the Board. All terms will begin on June 1, 2020 and expire on May 31, 2023. Brenda Sharpe reported that orientation for the three new board members has been finalized and that profiles for each are being completed and uploaded to the website.

Joan Cabell and Brenda Sharpe gave an update on outstanding CAC appointments. Brenda noted that Beth Barlow, Attorney General appointee, will not seek a second term. Shelly Phalen, Attorney General appointee, has completed the maximum two terms. Brenda has submitted a recommendation from Allen County for one of the Attorney General's appointments and is working to identify a second. She asked the CAC to forward to her any recommendations they may have to submit, especially Wyandotte County residents. Kevin Klamm, Johnson County appointee, was elected to the Board and thus a replacement will be needed. Brenda has submitted a recommendation to the Johnson County Commission. Rachel Jefferson is eligible for a second term and is seeking reappointment by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City KS. Brenda has submitted that request as well.

Joan Cabell directed attention to the CAC Officer elections. Brenda Sharpe noted that a call for nominations was made at the February 13, 2020, CAC meeting. No nominations were made from the floor so the current officers--Joan Cabell, Chair; Theresa Reyes-Cummings, Vice-Chair; and Rekha Patnaik, Secretary--volunteered to remain

in place. Joan asked for discussion. None was heard and Lougene Marsh made a motion to accept the slate as presented, and Rachel Jefferson seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report

Brenda Sharpe recognized outgoing members Beth Barlow (not present), Kevin Klamm, and Shelly Phalen for their service on the CAC. Kevin and Shelly each gave remarks on their service and time with the REACH Healthcare Foundation CAC.

Brenda gave an update on REACH Healthcare Foundation's response to COVID-19. She thanked staff for their support and quick response. REACH awarded \$1 million in grants to core partners along with other Safety Net healthcare providers who were immediately impacted. This response allowed them to deploy resources around PPE already in short supply, to retain staff, and to continue operations and service to the community. REACH also unrestricted existing grants allowing reallocations of funds, as well as adjusted reporting requirements.

Brenda reported that REACH contributed to the KC Regional Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund financially, and that Carla Gibson, Senior Program Officer, has spent a significant amount of time serving on the Advisory Board for the fund. The fund has raised \$17 million and has distributed \$8.3 million to 198 organizations to date.

Pattie Mansur directed attention to the REACH e-Newsletter and a new feature which highlights several of our grantee organizations, how they have pivoted their services in response to COVID-19, and how they are managing the health and safety of staff along with service delivery.

Pattie reported on the Welcoming America project. More than 50 people from across the Kansas City region have been working together for nearly 18 months on a Welcoming Kansas City plan with the goal of making the bistate region more inclusive for immigrants, refugees, and other underserved populations. The Greater Kansas Chamber of Commerce, REACH's partner on this effort, is seeking feedback from the community. Pattie encouraged all to review and comment.

Brenda Sharpe gave an update on the Census 2020 regional response rates. She encouraged all to continue to support efforts to achieve a complete count.

Brenda then re-emphasized REACH Healthcare's position on discrimination and racial justice. She noted that the entire staff collectively wrote a recent public statement on behalf of the REACH Healthcare Foundation in response to the current movement for racial equality. She encouraged all to check in with their Black friends, co-workers, family, and neighbors, as this is an especially trying time and they need our support.

At 6:09, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,
Glory Olson, Executive Assistant & Board Liaison