

REACH CAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Attendees:

Afam Akemelu	Justin Richter
Joan Cabell, Chair	Brenda Sharpe, Ex Officio
Rachel Jefferson	Matthew Stuckey
Lougene Marsh	Kerri Wade
Patti Miklos Boyd	Dick Works
Rekha Patnaik	Karen Wulfsuhle
Theresa Reyes-Cummings	

Guests:

Pattie Mansur, REACH Staff	Glory Olson, REACH Staff
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Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting was held via teleconference.

Chair Joan Cabell called the CAC meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She introduced new CAC members Dick Works and Karen Wulfsuhle. CAC members introduced themselves and welcomed the new members.

Minutes

Joan then noted that the minutes for the June 4, 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 noted that with the appointments of Mr. Works and Ms. Wulfsuhle, and the Unified Government's reappointment of Rachel Jefferson, only one vacancy remains on the CAC board and that appointment will come from the Kansas Attorney General. Brenda Sharpe noted that a candidate has not been identified. She further noted that to obtain regional diversity, a Wyandotte County resident is preferred for this appointment. She asked for CAC to recommend candidates for consideration.

Since COVID 19 distancing guidelines will be in place through early 2021, Joan asked the CAC if revising the timing of the meetings was in order. The group unanimously agreed to keep the meeting time as is, 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

CAC Business and Responsibilities

Joan Cabell turned attention to the meeting materials packet. She noted the updated CAC Roster and asked members to forward any edits or corrections to Glory Olson.

Joan Cabell reviewed Article IV of the REACH By-laws which prescribe the CAC's role and purpose to identify qualified candidates for possible election to the Board of Directors.

Joan provided an overview of the nominations and recruitment process and reviewed the proposed dates listed on the timeline provided in the materials. She reported a press release will be distributed on Monday, November 2, 2020 announcing the upcoming request for applications. It will be shared with traditional and non-traditional media outlets, trade associations and community groups. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, December 4, 2020. Members were asked to record the dates from the timeline on their respective calendars, as a quorum is required for each of these meetings and requested CAC members with known scheduling conflicts to designate a proxy.

Joan then asked for a motion to approve the Proposed 2020-2021 Board Nominations Process Timeline as presented. Theresa Reyes-Cummings made a motion to approve, and Rachel Jefferson seconded. Motion carried.

Joan Cabell gave an overview of the Board Matrix. She then asked Brenda Sharpe to review the Board Matrix and upcoming six vacancies. Five incumbents are each eligible to reapply for a second, three-year term: Ferro, McGee, Neal, Pleimann, and Sparkman-Barnes. Brenda stated she will be contacting the incumbents regarding their intent to apply for a second term. Recruitment priorities expressed by the REACH Executive Committee include diversity in its broadest sense, including filling gaps in the demographic areas of Black males, LatinX persons, and Native American-Indigenous. Further, specific areas of expertise that will be lost with outgoing members were noted, and include emerging leaders, persons with legal expertise, finance and investment expertise, and health policy backgrounds. Allen, Cass, Jackson, Lafayette, and Wyandotte county residents are also highly sought. Brenda asked the CAC for discussion on a suggestion of the Executive Committee to add a question to the application that reads "Are there other aspects of diversity of which you would like to make the Foundation aware?" CAC members discussed the question and agreed to include the question on the upcoming application. CAC members are encouraged to make personal asks of colleagues and friends to encourage a diverse pool of applicants. Brenda reported that she will contact prospective applicants to provide an overview of the Foundation and the Board's responsibilities.

Joan Cabell then turned the meeting over to Brenda Sharpe for the President's report.

President's Report

Brenda Sharpe gave a high-level review of REACH's response to the COVID-19 crisis. She further noted that the in July, the Board approved a previously unbudgeted additional allocation of \$500,000 to support a regional response effort to leverage Cares Act Funding and other private philanthropy through an effort coordinated by the Mid America Regional Council (MARC) and involving regional Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's) and local Public Health Departments. In addition, monies included in this allocation will be used to support health navigators and public benefit specialists working with highly vulnerable populations, and the remaining amount will be used to support racial and health equity investments.

Brenda Sharpe then gave an overview of a new initiative serving Black Led-Black Serving organizations. She noted that the Foundation is working with a consultant to develop a targeted capacity building effort with small under resourced black led organizations. She reported that Carla Gibson, Vice President of Programs is leading the effort along with an advisory committee comprised of REACH Board members.

Brenda reported that the Yes on 2 Medicaid Expansion ballot initiative has passed in Missouri. She noted that advocates and philanthropies will now shift their attention to implementation. She reported the State of Kansas is still a hold out on Medicaid Expansion.

Brenda Sharpe reported that the Finance Committee and Board of Directors received and approved the annual audit report. No recommendations were noted, and Brenda credited Jo Yun, REACH CFO, for once again securing a clean audit, and noted the Foundation's ongoing commitment to transparency and financial accountability.

Pattie Mansur, REACH Director of Communications and Health Policy, shared that the annual report summarizing the prior year's grant making and financials is in digital format and can be found on the REACH website. She gave a live overview of the key features of the report and encouraged the CAC to visit the highlights of each of the outcome areas--Strong Safety Net, Close the Coverage Gap, and Enroll All Eligible.

Pattie gave an update of REACH's efforts to support the 2020 Census and noted that this effort is highlighted in the annual report. She noted that the Foundation was a key player in mobilizing other foundations and organizations to fund and support a complete count. She noted key partners, the Mid-America Regional Council, and Health Forward Foundation were only a few of the dozens of partners working on the Census. REACH led a funder collaborative called the Census Equity Fund that ultimately distributed grants to nearly 30 partner organizations promoting the Census with their constituents. She further noted that efforts are in high gear to increase the response rate before the shortened deadline of September 30, 2020.

At 6:36 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,
Glory Olson, Executive Assistant & Board Liaison