

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE REACH FOUNDATION
January 21, 2021**

Attendees:

Arif Ahmed	Todd Pleimann
Katie Ferro	Joe Reuben
Angela Harse	Heather Samuel
Tom Handley	Jim Sanders
Danielle Jones	Brenda Sharpe, ex-officio
Kevin Klamm	Lynette Sparkman-Barnes
Jon Marshall	Lisa Thurlow
Jerrihlyn McGee	

Not Present:

Guy Collier	Fabian Gayosso
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Guests:

David Rousseau, Kaiser Family Foundation	Carla Gibson, REACH Staff
Julie Rovner, Kaiser Health News	Pattie Mansur, REACH Staff
Becky Benak, REACH Staff	Glory Olson, REACH Staff
Mathew Davis, REACH Staff	Jo Yun, REACH Staff
Dawn Downes, REACH Staff	

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jon Marshall at 4:00 p.m.

Foundation Strategy

Brenda Sharpe introduced the Foundation's guests David Rousseau, Kaiser Family Foundation and Julie Rovner, Kaiser Health News Network who presented to the board meeting regarding potential opportunities for REACH to advance its mission to increase access to coverage and care at the state and regional level, in light of the incoming Biden administration's expected plans relative to federal health and healthcare policies and reforms. A question and answer session followed.

Foundation Business Consent Items

Jon Marshall noted the items on the Consent Agenda including Board meeting minutes for November 19, 2020; October and November 2020 Financials; and D&O Insurance Policy 2021 Renewal. 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 and Todd Pleimann seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report

Brenda Sharpe referred to the Community Investment Framework document included in the meeting materials which outlines REACH outcome investment areas, targets, and strategies and is the basis for current strategic planning and budget. She reported Kathleen McCune with TeamTech Inc., has been retained to work with the board and staff on the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan and will be presenting at the March 2021 board meeting.

Brenda gave a high-level update of REACH's response and relief efforts relative to the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted that vaccination planning and support is the next step in REACH's response efforts including education,

advocacy, and addressing disinformation. Microplanning in vaccine hesitant communities and populations, and equitable distribution of the vaccine will be key areas of focus.

Brenda gave an update on the Johnson County CARES Act Mental Health Grants. She reported limitations and grant restrictions instituted at the federal and county level presented a challenge, and many organizations were unable to meet eligibility requirements, or apply given the limited amount of dollars for which they would qualify for reimbursement. Brenda reported that REACH ultimately awarded \$160,454 to nine mental health, behavioral health and/or substance abuse treatment provider organizations. She then noted the possibility of again partnering with Johnson County if they are able to free up general operating dollars for these types of organizations in 2021 with fewer restrictions.

Brenda Sharpe reported that Kansas Grantmakers in Health CEOs recently met with staff of the Kansas Governor's office to discuss a proposal to expand Medicaid, and which would be paid for in part by fees generated by legalizing medical marijuana. Following discussion, the Board opted to continue to voice its steadfast support of Medicaid expansion, appreciation for the Governor continuing to try to find a path forward on this important policy issue, and to take no position on the medical marijuana pay-for provisions of the proposal. Brenda noted that no bill had been formally introduced as of today.

Executive Committee Report

Jon Marshall noted that the December 17th Executive Committee was cancelled due to lack of action items.

Jon reported the CAC has elected to interview 10 candidates on February 5th for 6 vacancies occurring June 1, 2021. Five incumbents are eligible for a 2nd term and have reapplied – Katie Ferro, Jerrihlyn McGee, Todd Pleimann, Lynette Sparkman-Barnes and Wendy Neal. Five new applicants will also be interviewed, and include candidates from Wyandotte, Johnson, Jackson, and Cass Counties, as well as represent good diversity in terms of background and experience, race, and ethnicity.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Finance Committee Report

Tom Handley reviewed the November 2020 Financial Dashboard. He noted that since October, investments have increased \$7.5 million, and a YTD return of 6.3%. Tom reported that preliminary results for December 2020 indicate a monthly return of 3.7%. He stated the investment balance is \$141 million and noted that for reference, at the end of March 2020, the investment balance was \$115 million. He noted the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet with the Foundation's investment advisors in February 2021.

Tom Handley then reported on the Avenue 82 investment, which is part of the foundation's direct real estate investments. Tom noted that in December 2020, REACH received a distribution of \$570,000 from the Avenue 82 partnership, due in part to refinancing at a favorable interest rate, as well as lower than expected operating expenses.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Program and Policy Committee Report

Lisa Thurlow provided the Program & Policy Committee update. Lisa noted the 2020 Discretionary Grants Report was included in the packet for review. Lisa highlighted that all foundation grant payments are tracking to budget, despite the challenges of the past year.

Pattie Mansur reported on the 2021 policy priorities in Kansas and Missouri. She directed attention to the documents provided in the meeting materials. She highlighted REACH's focus on COVID-19 vaccination support and response efforts; Missouri Senate preemption bills focused on health mandates; and Medicaid expansion implementation in Missouri.

The next P&P meeting will be Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, March 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

There being no further business, Tom Handley made a motion to adjourn and Todd Pleimann seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Glory Olson, Executive Assistant