

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE REACH FOUNDATION
June 17, 2021**

Attendees:

Arif Ahmed
Guy Collier
Katie Ferro
Tom Handley
Angela Harse
Danielle Jones
Jermee Jones
Kevin Klamm

Jon Marshall
Jerrihlyn McGee
Todd Pleimann
Jim Sanders
renda Sharpe, ex-officio
Lynette Sparkman-Barnes
Lisa Thurlow

Not Present:

Fabian Gayosso
Joseph Reuben

Wendy Neal

Guests:

Rachel Dwigins, BKD, LLP
Allison Swaters, BKD, LLP
Heather Samuels, former Board Member
Becky Benak, REACH Staff
Dawn Downes, REACH Staff

Carla Gibson, REACH Staff
Pattie Mansur, REACH Staff
Glory Olson, REACH Staff
Jo Yun, REACH Staff

Welcome

The meeting, held via Zoom, was called to order by Chair Jon Marshall at 4:02 p.m.

Foundation Business Consent Items

Jon Marshall noted the items on the Consent Agenda including Board meeting minutes for May 20, 2021, and the April 2021 Financials which have been reviewed by the Finance Committee and are recommended for approval. Tom Handley moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented and Todd Pleimann seconded. Motion carried.

Foundation Business

Jo Yun introduced Rachel Dwigins and Allison Swaters from BKD, LLP to present the Foundation's 2020 audit. Jo noted Rachel and Allison reviewed the full audit report and accompanying financial statements with the Finance Committee at their most recent meeting. Rachel reported the 2020 audit was conducted in its entirety in a remote environment and commended Jo Yun for her work to complete the audit especially since it was conducted virtually. Rachel directed attention to the results of the audit report and invited questions. She noted the audit is not final due to timing related statements and those statements are not expected to change or impact the audit results. BKD will hold issuance of the Foundation's audited financial statements until all the required audited financial statements have been received, consistent with prior years' practice. Rachel reported to the Board the overall findings from BKD's audit procedures found the audit and associated recordkeeping to be very clean and in good order. She said there were no internal control issues or other management-related matters to report to the Board. She said that BKD is planning to issue an unmodified, or 'clean' opinion for The REACH Healthcare Foundation, as of and for the year ended December 2020.

Allison Swaters highlighted the Required Communications. She reported there were no matters reported for audit adjustments and credited the strength and diligence of internal controls. She then reviewed the Accounting Pronouncements for the Board. At 4:25 p.m., Tom Handley moved for the Board to adjourn to closed session, without

management and staff present, for 10 minutes to discuss the Audit report. Lynette Sparkman-Barnes seconded. Motion carried. At 4:32 p.m., the Board returned to open session. Rachel Dwiggins then opened the floor for any questions. There being none, Kevin Klamm moved to approve the 2020 draft audit as presented, and Todd Pleimann seconded. Motion carried.

Jon Marshall noted the REACH Foundation's 2020 Annual Report as the next agenda item and turned the discussion over to Pattie Mansur. Pattie stated that development of the 2020 report was challenging due to social distancing and quarantine restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted the Annual Report is produced digitally and is available online for the Board to view, although still in draft form. Pattie noted that once the report is finalized, notifications containing the link to the Report will be distributed via REACH's e-newsletter and accessible through the Foundation's website.

Pattie then provided an online preview of the annual report. She highlighted various features of the report including the navigation components on the page, the hyperlinks imbedded with the Annual Report linking users to various information, including work accomplished in the past year, grantee highlights, an overview of outcome investments, grants made, and financial summary page. Pattie then asked for questions and comments. Angela Harse complimented Pattie on the imagery and depth of the stories. Jon Marshall commented on the good balance of the grantees and features highlighted. Katie Ferro made a motion to accept and approve the Draft of the Annual Report and Lisa Thurlow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report

Brenda Sharpe complimented Jo Yun for her work on the 2020 Audit and Pattie Mansur for her work on the 2020 Annual Report.

Brenda noted that at its last meeting, the CAC elected Rachel Jefferson, Chair, Theresa Reyes-Cummings, Vice Chair, and Rehka Patniak, Secretary. Brenda reported that Governor Kelly reappointed Justin Richter, and appointed a new member, Dr. Sharla Smith. Afam Akemelu's reappointment by the Johnson County Commission is pending and a prospective member to replace Lougene Marsh is under consideration. She noted REACH Healthcare Foundation's CAC appointments from Allen County and the Attorney General are still pending.

Brenda Sharpe reported that today, June 17th, the ACA has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court for the third time and noted REACH will continue to support its full implementation, noting that REACH would be publishing a statement in the hours following the board meeting.

Brenda Sharpe presented the Community Investment Framework Draft. She noted strides taken to incorporate feedback and edits by the Board to date, as well as follow-up conversations with staff, all of which have informed this draft. She noted that over the summer, staff will work on strategies and evidence-based metrics and return with another version for Board review and final approval at the September 2021 board meeting. She encouraged the Board to review the draft as presented and asked the Board to send feedback and comments to her and Jon Marshall.

Brenda reported that staff have returned to work on a hybrid remote work schedule to be tested over the summer, and modifications will be made to a new remote work policy to be implemented later in the year.

Executive Committee Report

Jon Marshall directed attention to Board of Directors and Committees roster. He then asked for corrections. Corrections noted, he then asked for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Board and Committee Roster. Lynette Sparkman-Barnes moved to approve the 2021-2022 Board and Committee Roster and Arif Ahmed seconded. Motion carried.

Jon Marshall reported that the CEO Succession plan annual review is being completed by the Executive Committee. He asked that the Board direct any questions or concerns to him or any member of the Executive Committee. He further noted that there is also a CFO succession plan in place and is included as part of the annual review.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Finance Committee Report

Tom Handley reported much of the focus of the latest Finance Committee meeting was on the 2020 Audit. He then reported on the April 2021 Financial Dashboard. He reported the investment balance is over \$147 million, the year-to-date return of 7.4% against a benchmark of 7%. He further noted preliminary reports show the positive trend to continue through the month of May.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Program and Policy Committee Report

Lisa Thurlow provided the Program & Policy Committee update. She reviewed the discretionary grant summary report. She noted all the funds have been committed through June.

Lisa directed attention to the Vaccine Equity Fund press release included in the materials packet. She noted REACH Healthcare Foundation, Health Forward Foundation and the Wyandotte Health Foundation formed the fund to increase funding to community-based organizations working directly with populations who may be reluctant to get the vaccine, or who may have other barriers to access. Grants up to \$10,000 were made to 28 grantees on both sides of the state line, to increase access and uptake of COVID-19 vaccinations to targeted populations including Black, Latinx, Immigrant and Refugee, and rural communities. REACH invested \$83,000 to support nine organizations.

Lisa Thurlow provided an update on the Foundation's total COVID-19-related grants to date. She noted three REACH grantees—the KC Care Clinic, Mental Center of SE Kansas, and the Cass County Dental Clinic—presented at the last P&P meeting about the impact of these grants on their work throughout the pandemic, as well as ongoing challenges they are experiencing.

The next P&P meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Foundation Business

At 5:17 p.m., Jon Marshall asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for 25 minutes to discuss legal matters before the Board. Tom Handley so moved and Arif Ahmed seconded. Motion carried. Jo Yun, CFO, was asked to remain in the closed session.

At 5:42 p.m., Lynette Sparkman-Barnes moved to extend the session for 10 minutes and Guy Collier seconded. Motion carried.

At 5:52, Lynette Sparkman-Barnes moved to come return to open session. Jerrihlyn McGee seconded. Motion carried.

Jon Marshall noted that the next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the REACH Healthcare Foundation, First Floor Community Room. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Glory Olson, Executive Assistant