



Minutes of February 12, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

Virtual via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by President Desiree Doherty. Quorum was established. In attendance: Directors: Desiree Doherty, Elizabeth Fisher, La Toyia Williams, Mildred Ramsey, Ed Long, Linda Manaugh, Lucia Ciciolla, Mary Ann Allbritton, Brandi Duden, Cynthia Mooney, Tish Dehart, Brandi Duden, Teresa Burg, Kevin Evans, Juan Delara, Juli Skinner, Monika Turek, Autumn Cooper. Staff: Carly Harris. Members & Guests: Audra Haney, Katy Coble, Amber Stewart, Lindsey Vandeventer, Carol Stocking, Michelle Hankey, Kim Kelly.

New Board Member Mildred Ramsey was introduced. Ramsey was appointed after a seat was vacated by Ruth Slocum. Ramsey previously retired and is now working for The Parent Child Center of Tulsa as a Community Nurse Educator part-time. She was previously Director of the Children's First program and is now working to educate parents concerning the period of purple crying.

BUSINESS

Consent agenda including January Minutes and the Finance report was presented. Motion was made by Turek and seconded by Dehart. Motion passed unanimously.

Year End Finance Report

Turek shared the 2020 calendar year-end finance report. She pointed out additional detailing has been made to show Facebook fundraisers and donations. Will work to file taxes soon. She encouraged members to donate via Amazon Smile and Facebook birthday fundraisers. Turek motioned to approve. Williams seconded. Motion passed to approve report as basis of tax statement.

Alliance Training: Matters of Equity

Member Katy Coble attended a two-day Alliance virtual training to represent OK-AIMH and reported. The first day focused on an inward approach and creating a narrative: "What is your why?" and looking at your own story. It included examples of culture-based treatment, expectations and bias. She stated day two had an outward focus (in the field). Ideas such as, "what must change to make us more inclusive and equitable, how to have difficult conversations and don't wait for others to act/lead the conversation." Ramsey reminded us to use the "Golden Rule" with others. Skinner expanded on differences in Native American culture including identity and heritage as well as a protective factors of culture which will sometimes hold people back from disclosure. She stated how trust can be a big issue.

Fall Conference Announcement

Doherty announced Cynthia Mooney as 2021 Fall Conference Chair. Mooney announced the prospective speaker as Dr. Rosemarie Allen, Center for Equity & Excellence, Denver, CO. It will be virtual format. Tentative date is Fri. Oct. 22, 9:00 a.m. Additional committee planning will begin in April with an upcoming Discovery Meeting is scheduled with Dr. Allen.

Advocacy for Medicaid Reimbursement of IECMH Services

Long reported he has discussed awareness/advocacy for treatment with Traylor Rains, Medicaid Director. Managed Care Contracts have been awarded so Rains recommended OKAIMH visit with MCOs about reimbursement issue.

2021 Priority Plan Survey Results.

Long Reported. He categorized results of survey into main highlights which included: 1) continued progress of the board, membership and infrastructure/development; 2) diversity, equity & inclusion 3) ongoing themes such as more low cost/free (for both licensed/unlicensed) trainings/reflective consultation, webinars/virtual in light of pandemic, advocacy & awareness, workforce support (assisting clinicians in endorsement), sharing of information (accessible calendar) & resources and internal and external connectivity. Other items: focus on advocating with upper leadership/management of member organizations, Medicaid reimbursement, networking, court awareness of IECMH, partnering with other state entities and why should agencies invest in mental health. Goals include how to best serve members and advance IECMH in the state. The strategic plan will be revised to include these results. Committee structure may also look different to reflect survey priorities.

COMMITTEE & DIRECTOR REPORTS

Doherty opened the floor for any committee or director reports.

Governance - Long, Chair, reported that meetings with new directors and committee chairs have been wonderful and productive and informative. A separate audit committee is being discussed with the use of an outside CPA. Committee is looking at board development assessment tools and a low cost/free option. The committee will work on the next stage of the organization's growth. Discussion of possible move toward part-time Executive Director in 2022. Will coordinate with fundraising and having finances in place.

Communications - Duden, Chair, reported. Meeting is scheduled for upcoming Fri. Feb. 19 10:00a.m. Meetings are set each month through May.

Manauh reminded board of the Resilience Documentary the Potts Family Foundation makes available. She also informed the board of the Self-Healing Communities model and the upcoming Train the Trainer, Master Trainer Program. It is a three-year contract. Congrats to board member Autumn Cooper for being selected to be a trainer.

Mooney announced the Zarrow Symposium theme as "Cultivating Community Connection" to be held Sept. 29-Oct. 1 virtually.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doherty directed board members to sign-up for Alliance Leadership calls, held the 2nd Thur. of each month, usually at noon.

She reported that the Alliance announced there will be no Reflective Supervision Symposium this year. The next dates are 2022 in Memphis, TN, and 2023 in Montclair, NJ. Alliance will open bids for 2024 this year. Perhaps OKAIMH would want to consider.

Public Comment - none offered.

Next Board meeting is March. 12 @ 9:00a.m. via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Carly Harris