Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

May 18, 2015

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum. Stewart Jacobson established a quorum was present and began the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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1. Welcome Guests. Stewart Jacobson thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Kevin Barker, Kent Edwards, Marian Wright and Bridget Stephney.
2. Public Comment – Kevin Barker, with Texana Center, informed the Board that Senate Bill 204 (SB 204) will be presented to the House of Representatives this week. SB 204 contains language to close the Austin State Supported Living Center. The bill also addresses rehabilitation reimbursement rates. Currently, the average reimbursement rate is $4.39 per hour or approximately $26/day for a six hour day. Other facilities such as Brookwood, receive $50/day- private pay; schools receive $49/day, Montessori schools receive $53/day. Texana losses approximately $400,000 per year on their learning centers. The average provider is only reimbursed at 65% and loses $.35 on every dollar. Kevin recommended that everyone can help by telling Legislature to support the Bill. Charlie Huber agreed with the comments Kevin made and this bill claims to be a step in the right direction of ultimately allowing more individuals with I/DD to be able to live in communities.
3. Consent Agenda - Motion to accept the Consent Agenda items was made by Becky Geary, seconded by Jack Molho. Motion approved.
4. Assignment of Items Removed from Consent Agenda to Agenda - No items removed.
5. Committee Reports:
6. Executive Team: Stewart provided an overview of the Executive Team meetings held on April 08 and May 13, 2015. He also provided an overview of the Foundation financials for 2014 year end and 1st quarter 2015 financials.
7. Internal Committee:
   1. Budget & Finance: Jenny Gortney, Treasurer, reviewed the April 2015 YTD financials. Motion to accept the April 2015 YTD financials was made by committee. Motion approved.
   2. Real Estate Committee: report in closed session
8. External Committee:
9. Jack Molho provided details of The Arc’s Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner occurring on June 29, 2015 at Safari Texas, Forum Ballroom. Meeting begins at 5:30 pm with dinner and awards beginning at 6:00 pm.
10. Rick Cushenberry was suggested as the nominee for the Barbara Penrod award. Motion was made by Jack Molho. Seconded by Avis Goldy.
11. Jack stated that the Board members will be assigned to give out the awards at the Awards dinner. Board was asked to arrive by 5:00 pm on the day of the event.
12. Laura LaVigne provided details about possibly establishing a Kathy Moody Memorial scholarship fund to assist students attending a certificate program at Texas A&M. The Arc has received over $2800 in donations in memory of Kathy Moody. Kathy supported The Arc for many years through service and donations. Staff will visit the A&M program this summer to assess the program. If feasible, the scholarship program will be referred to the External Committee for further consideration.

1. Stewart Jacobsen provided details of The Arc’s next annual fundraiser, Golf Classic, which will occur at Weston Lakes Golf Course on June 22, 2015. He stated the importance of the board attending the dinner/auction which begins at 5:00 pm and encouraged them to do so. He also stated that it was a great way to say “Thank You” to all who planned the event.
2. Charlie Huber commented about an important matter going through Congress. Congress is considering passing legislation that cuts federal benefits including SSI and SDI. He recommended that families with a loved one who has an I/DD, call and personally visit their Congressmen to let them know how this will affect their family.
3. Governance Committee:
4. In Sharon Lee’s absence, Laura LaVigne announced that Mary Stephney Quinby has declined another term on the board. Laura and the board thanked her for her many years of service. Alan Harris has been recommended as a candidate to fill position 1 on the board.
5. Cindy Villarreal has been recommended as a candidate for a position on the Nominating committee.
6. Ken Edwards was recommended by committee to serve on of the Governance committee. Motion passed.
7. Laura LaVigne stated that the draft of the Executive Director’s Succession Plan has been completed. It is in committee now and will be brought to the Board in July for acceptance.
8. Old Business:

Executive Director’s Report: Laura reviewed highlights from March and April. She informed the board that the “Wings for All” event on April 28 was a huge success. Seventy parents and children attended the event which was held on a no fly day. This event was a collaboration between The Arc of Fort Bend, The Arc of Texas, The Arc of Greater Houston, TSA, Bush Intercontinental Airport and United Airlines. The Arc of Texas trained all of the volunteers on the appropriate way to interact with the families. A second event is being planned for later this year.

Laura reported to the Board that Oakbend Medical Center has agreed to implement the FASD toolkit in all of their locations. Laura met with their COO of the Medical Group and is currently waiting on an outline of how OakBend will implement the training. Access Health is the next organization that will be pursued for the FASD project.

1. New Business

No new business was reported.

1. Closed Session :

The Board convened in closed session from 6:56 pm – 6:59 pm. Upon returning to open session, a

motion was made by Committee to ratify the purchase of the home in the Creekmont subdivision. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by: Attested to:

Cheryl Olivier Becky Geary

Administrative Assistant Secretary

The Arc of Fort Bend County Board of Directors

**The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, July 27, 2015**