



ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2023

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance:

- Mr. Dan Rodgers, Board Chair;
- Ms. Christa Bailey, Board Co-Chair;
- Ms. Paula Ferrell, Board Treasurer;

Board Member Absent:

- Ms. Tracy Newman, Board Member
- Ms. Brittany Bartusek, Board Member

Others in Attendance:

- Mr. Phil Scarpelli, FOA President and CEO
- Rebecca Melick, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director
- Mr. Don Johnson, Family of Agencies CFO
- Mrs. Taheerah Jones, Board Liaison

Dan Rodgers calls the meeting to order at 4:35.

Mr. Rodgers reminded members that if they had a real or perceived conflict of interest to please complete the Conflict-of-Interest form (available at meeting). None reported.

Consent Action Items

None.

Informational Items

Mr. Scarpelli starts with speaking about the outstanding community response to the Holiday Gift Drive. It was a huge success and the donations reminded him of the Amazon Distribution Center. He also commended the staff for working hard throughout the process.

Mr. Scarpelli discusses the Over the Edge community event that was held on December 31, 2022. Staff participated by repelling 85ft down the side of the Hilton Rialto. News media was present, and they were able to share who CARES is and what they do for the community.

Mr. Scarpelli informs the Board about the Annual Trek to Tallahassee in February to discuss the plight of children in the system. It's a message of hope, promise, opportunity, and success. It gives the families the opportunity to share how the program has helped them and to say thank you.

Mr. Scarpelli shares that on March 25, 2023, a Gala will be held at the Hilton Rialto and extended an invitation to the Board Members. It's a black-tie event.

Mr. Scarpelli requests that if we know anyone, we can recommend to volunteer for the board to submit their info.

Mr. Scarpelli shares the adoption event that took place in November was a huge success and they met and exceeded their adoption goals. This event took place at the Space Coast Stadium.

Ms. Bailey inquired about volunteering for the Holiday Gift Drive.

Mr. Scarpelli responds stating it was an internal affair this year, but next year we will have a volunteer coordinator who will be seeking volunteers openly. Board members are welcome to volunteer.

Mr. Rodgers introduces Ms. Melick to present the Executive Report.

Ms. Melick introduces new Executive Office Manager, Taheerah Jones to the Advisory Board.

Ms. Melick presents Executive Director Report by starting with the success of the Holiday Gift Drive.

Ms. Melick shares that our Mobile Response Team was awarded the super nova award through the Stars of the Space Coast hosted by 211 Brevard. This is MRT's second time being nominated.

Ms. Melick informs the board the Family of Agencies was able to have their first All Staff meeting in December since before COVID.

Ms. Melick gives update on the office move. The staff started moving in on January 9, 2023. C.A.R.E.S. is sharing an office with Family Allies, DCF legal team and Camelot. Official grand opening will be announced shortly.

Mr. Johnson announces the locksmith will be coming 1/12/23 to make keys to give to the staff.

Mr. Rodgers informs the board Samantha Johnson is a prospective board member awaiting her background check. There is an additional potential board member who may have a conflict of interest due to her employment as a Guardian Ad Litem.

Mr. Rodgers introduces Mr. Johnson to present the Financial Report.

Mr. Johnson announces overview of financials for Brevard C.A.R.E.S. for the month of November.

Mr. Rodgers announces the next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2023.

Mr. Rodgers mentions meeting minutes needs to be uploaded to the Brevard Portal and is requesting for the minutes from 2022 to be uploaded.

Ms. Bailey asks how many employees are currently employed by C.A.R.E.S.

Mr. Johnson states there are currently 78 employees.

Mr. Rodgers asks if anyone wants to comment and then adjourns the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Member/Public Comment:

There was none.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Taheerah Jones
Board Liaison