

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas
Board of Directors Meeting
 May 28, 2013

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<p>Attendance</p> <p>Call to Order</p> <p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Mark McCaskill, Melissa Robinson, Barbara Winkler, John Humphrey, Paula Smith and Tammy Kemp, Board Members. Anita Parran and Candace Cunningham, Absent. Kathy Marlatt, Nancy Nicholas, Earlene Clayton, Jake Jacobs and Kathleen Ganaden, Staff. Willa Robinson, Marilu Herrick, Ginger Kurtz, Kristin Zimmerman and Eric Urfer, Guests. A quorum of board members was present.</p> <p>Tammy Kemp, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Administrative offices of Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County located at 8511 Hillcrest, Kansas City, Missouri</p> <p>Paula Smith, Board Secretary inquired if there were any questions or changes to the April 23, 2013 board meeting minutes. There were none. Motion: Barbara Winkler, Board Member moved to accept the April 23, 2013 minutes as presented. John Humphrey, Board Vice Chair seconded the motion. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Mark McCaskill, Board Treasurer shared that the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed financials for January, February and March of 2013. All accounting entries for these three months were routine and there were no unusual items.</p> <p>Highlights from the March unaudited financial statements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total liabilities at the end of March were \$3.5M • Operating revenues for March were \$1.2M • Operating expenses for March were \$1.1M • Net income for March was \$66,291 • YTD net income from operations at the end of March was \$90,822 • After depreciation, TD net loss was <\$54,340> • Operating cash balance at the end of March was \$7.6M • Total investments at the end of March were \$2.0M 	<p style="text-align: center;">Information</p>

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<p>Agency Presentation Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders</p>	<p>Marilu Herrick. Executive Director and Ginger Kurtz, Program Manager for Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders in Blue Springs, Missouri came before members and shared information about their agency.</p> <p>Rainbow Center was founded in 1977 and was established for those with developmental disabilities who needed a more intensive therapy program within an academic environment.</p> <p>Twenty years later Rainbow expanded to include day habilitation programming for adults with disabilities too severe to function within a supported employment or sheltered workshop setting. Day habilitation for adults over age 21 is known as Rainbow Options and currently serves 64 adults.</p> <p>Rainbow Options offers engagement and enrichment in the following programming areas: Home Living; Health and Wellness; Creative Expressions; Sensory and Communications and Community Integration. The entire Rainbow Center organization lives and breathes Gentle Teaching.</p> <p>Although Rainbow Options currently has a waiting list of 24 they are not looking to expand services at this time. They are constantly striving to grow and create strong and beneficial programming for their individuals to provide them with the greatest quality of life.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Information</p>
<p>Agency Presentation Unlimited Play for McCoy Park</p>	<p>The second presentation of the evening was from Unlimited Play for an inclusive play area called McCoy Park located across from the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri. Kristin Zimmerman and Eric Urfer from the Independence Parks and Recreation department made the presentation to members in an effort to solicit financial support for the park.</p>	

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<p>Agency Presentation Unlimited Play for McCoy Park Continued</p>	<p>It was noted that the SB40 board of St. Charles County, Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of St. Charles County has partnered with Unlimited Play on two parks in their county and sent a letter of support stating such.</p> <p>McCoy Park will include an Unlimited Play playground, Cal Ripken Sr. Ability Field and a 3-Pad Spray Ground. The 11,000 square foot themed play space will be accessible to all, regardless of disabilities. A play area that will enable "all" children to play together and learn from one another.</p> <p>The features of McCoy Park will go beyond what one would see on a typical ADA compliant playground and plans are to include a spongy surface, sensory rich environment, ramping systems, real harmonic instruments, custom themes, fenced completely around, high back swings, educational play panels, adequate shading, family friendly restrooms and much more.</p> <p>Unlimited Play believes that every child has the right to play and that every community should have a place where limitations are forgotten and differences are celebrated.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Information</p>
<p>Committee Reports Property</p>	<p>John Humphrey, Property Committee Chair shared that committee members met earlier in the month and viewed a video of eitas facilities. At each facility location members could see pictures of work completed and/or work that needed to be done. The video offered members a visual picture of the various problem areas which will aide them in future expenditure decisions.</p> <p>Jake Jacobs, Executive Director shared at the meeting that he had met with Don Harkins, Executive Director for the Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City (RIKC) and toured a 50,000 square foot space that RIKC would like to lease in an effort to consolidate two current locations into one. Mr. Harkins will present the idea to</p>	

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<p>Committee Reports Property Continued</p> <p>Committee Reports Planning & Services</p>	<p>the RIKC board and if approved schedule a presentation for the eitas board.</p> <p>Barbara Winkler, Planning and Services Committee Chair opened her report by sharing that the committee heard reports from four eitas departments and all are doing well.</p> <p>The Transportation Center is planning for their annual Safety Week in June that will include practicing safe driving techniques and in-house training sessions.</p> <p>Eitas drivers are transporting 524 individuals through-out the county and the new on-demand service is going well.</p> <p>Support Services has changed their name to "Agency Relations" in an effort to alleviate confusion that was found between Support Coordination and Support Services.</p> <p>Gentle Teaching classes are doing well and drawing new individuals to the classes. Ms. Nicholas and Mrs. Mauk will soon travel to Wichita, KS and Bates City to negotiate fees for Gentle Teaching classes at those locations.</p> <p>The Support Coordination department has six new Support Coordinators for a total of 46 Support Coordinators within four teams. Eitas Support Coordination is providing support to 1,374 individuals with developmental disabilities in Jackson County. Eitas will begin taking individuals from the "intake" (newly "eligible" individuals in Jackson County) list. Kathy Marlatt, Deputy Director closed her report to the committee by sharing general information about CARF accreditation.</p> <p>Amanda George, Training Supervisor shared with the committee information about how her department has been engaged in Person</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Information</p>

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<p>Committee Reports Planning & Services Continued</p> <p>Executive Director's Report</p>	<p>Centered training and the visualization process for each step. The Training Department is also busy working with the six new Support Coordinators.</p> <p>Jake Jacobs, Executive Director shared that Sharon Higney, the Executive Director at Community of the Good Shepherd (CGS) retired on May 5th without having a replacement for her on board. We have been informed that a committee made up of the department heads along with CGS Board input will be handling the day to day operations indefinitely.</p> <p>Mr. Jacobs shared information about the Missouri FY2014 budget that begins on July 1 and includes several million dollars (\$8.9M) for providers to receive a 3% cost of living increase (COLA) and a rate increase. This will apply mainly to residential providers, but day programs will get some rate increase as well.</p> <p>In closing, Mr. Jacobs shared that at the MACDDS meeting this past week disturbing news was shared by Vicky McCarrell, the DMH Developmental Disabilities Division Deputy Director. Mrs. McCarrell shared that of the \$8M in new dollars to serve people in crisis; approximately half of it has already been allocated to persons served this year. This impact of this is serious as they figure that as of July 1, 2013, there will only be enough money in the budget to serve approximately 87 persons statewide for the entire year that score a 12, or crisis level need.</p> <p>Mr. Jacobs asked members to recall that the Division ran out of those funds in January of this year - the earliest we have ever had that occur. This new fiscal year could mean that they could easily run out of money in the first month. Jackson County alone has ten people waiting for funds at the moment with their needs barely covered until July 1. This is very serious and will be problematic to say the least for DMH administration.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Information</p>

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New Business	None.	Information
Old Business	None.	
Public Comment	None.	
Adjournment	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:59PM. Respectfully submitted, Paula Smith Board Secretary	