



## Minutes

### GKCCEH Board of Directors Meeting

📅 Fri August 6th, 2021

🕒 8:30am - 10:00am CDT

📍 <https://us02.web.zoom.us/j/83948913646>

👤 **In Attendance**

#### 1. Call to Order

8:58 am

Matt Watkins, Cara Hoover, Precious Stargell-Cushman, Michael Barrett, Susila Jones, Jameson Auten, Victoria Hardy, Michael Simmons

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Matt- Motion for Approval

Motion from Susila for approval, Second from Michael Barrett

Passes unanimously

#### 3. Board Vote: Current Officers

Motion from Nominations Committee to continue forward with the existing executive slate, adding Susila Jones as ex-officio.

Motion to move forward, second from Michael Barrett, all in favor.

Two resignations to formally accept- Christy McMurphy and Kimberly Henderson.

No objections to the two resignations

A new board member to add- Jackie Lynn with KCKPD. Has prior lived experience, on the homeless outreach team, has been solely focused on outreach. Very interested in data.

Jameson- What does the onboarding process look like?

MW- Would like to expand onboarding process to include HUD 101 information. As it pertains to board functionality, there should be onboarding/training that comes from the board.

Matt- motion from the nominations committee, Second from Precious. All in favor.

#### 4. Board Retreat Follow-up

Matt- Created assignments on Boardable for Members after the Board Retreat.

Will have more conversations around board terms, as well as a stronger calendar for those items. These tasks are centered on creating a healthier board.

MW- overall we are doing reasonably well when it comes to the organization. There are a lot of mismanaged papers and files that I am trying to make sense of. Some of my concerns had a lot to do with that, but we are working on finetuning.

MW- the only tasks assigned are those that were discussed at the retreat. As the Executive Committee works through the tasks, there may be items that will be assigned to other members.

##### a. Non-Profit Checkup Action Items

##### b. Status Update: Board Retreat Tasks

#### 5. Org and Staff Update

Will send a communication out to remind the community that we need to adhere to social distancing guidelines to protect our clients. This population is more medically vulnerable.

Looking for 10 day isolation shelter for those with COVID.

COVID-19 numbers are dramatically higher amongst unsheltered people than they were at the beginning of the pandemic.

Emergency Rental Assistance- Because of burdensome reporting standards, providers are getting overwhelmed with this program. There is an emergency call scheduled today with Congressman Cleaver's office to discuss ERAP.

Precious- the documentation is daunting for those asking for it, for landlords, and for us. It is cumbersome. We have let the bureaucratic process stand in the way of giving out resources.

MW- HUD has spoken with the Treasury to ease some of these requirements, but it needs to be done locally. Applicants do not have a way to check their application status which also causes additional anxiety.

KCMO has released RFP for more innovative housing- repurposing existing infrastructure for new units (i.e., school buildings, hospitals, hotels, etc.)

Mental Health 101 and Impactful Street Outreach training for neighborhood stakeholders went very well. Had participants from all over the globe.

Staff created a Youtube channel for recorded trainings and see this as a potential way to elevate the community and agency's public profile.

#### HMIS

Desiree and MW sat in on another HMIS database presentation. Very impressed with the functionality.

Test drove PadMission- search engine for housing location, as well as landlord engagement. In order for this to work, we need a robust landlord engagement program. Healthy Blue Missouri is willing to fund staff and subscription to pilot this new tool (brought to the table by reStart).

##### a. Executive Director Report

##### b. Local Homeless Initiatives Updates

Approached by the Downtown Council regarding the building that was formerly occupied by Street Medicine KC. In the process of being vacated. Proposed GKCCEH utilizing the building for a co-working space for the homeless sector. Could fulfill the match obligation within our grants. Downtown Council would fund this project.

Utilize for Coordinated Entry where the navigators can share the space and conduct assessments and determine eligibility.

Shared space with Care Beyond the Boulevard, Nourish KC, and Downtown Council

Currently in the proposal stage.

Matt- when this comes to fruition, how are we vetting who is joining this initiative?

MW- Start small with our two organizations, think about scale and build from there. Start with a visioning session on how we want this space to be utilized.

Matt- We should then implement an application process for new collaborators to share the space so it is fair and equitable.

##### c. 2021 NOFA Update

Has not happened yet. The NOFA is supposed to happen within the calendar year. The process will be abbreviated, but we do not believe it will be a pass through "non-competition" like last year.

##### d. Board Vote: Proposed Coordinated Entry Committee Slate

Had nominations open for CE Governance Committee- about 30 applications

CE Staff, Co-Chairs of CE Governance Committee, and clients with lived experience met and narrowed down to 15 members. There are existing members as well as those new to the community.

Precious- What did it look like to involve those with lived experience?

Amber- redacted names and organizations, went to clients house, read descriptions and wrote down strengths and concerns. Both individuals who assisted in this process will work with the CE Governance Committee, with an approved stipend.

Matt- Motion to accept slate

Motion from Cara, Second from Susila, all in favor.

**6. Finances**

**June Financials**

The planning grant that we were waiting for reimbursement has been deposited into our account.

**Budget Updates**

Several items up for discussions. We've talked about the need for more capacity. Identified a part time administrative position.

Michael Barrett- Will the finance committee meet before the next board meeting?

MW- Yes. There are too many things on the list to approve without insight from the committee.

**a. July 2021 Financials**

**i. Amended FY22 Budget**

**7. Next Meeting Date & Action Items**

Michael Barrett- The Midwest Center has a pot of money dedicated to homelessness. If the board is looking for training and additional assistance, that money could be subsidized. Worth discussing at this meeting. Is this something the board would be interested in? There is also training for Executive Directors. Would like to set aside time for them to discuss this at the September board meeting.

Matt- Always open for opportunities.

Precious- I believe this would be worth our while to see how they can support us.

Jameson- I think this would be good for the Board, Marqueia, the Organization, and the community.

Michael Barrett-The Midwest Center is doing a research project on mapping the ecosystem around homelessness. Not only looking at formal organizations, but informal organizations as well. Would like our support, and would like to meet with Marqueia and our board to walk through this project.

Meeting adjourned 9:46am.

Nexting meeting- September 3rd, 2021.

**8. Executive Session (If Applicable)**