



Minutes

GKCCEH Board of Directors Meeting

📅 Fri December 3rd, 2021

🕒 8:30am - 10:00am CST

📍 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83948913646>

👥 In Attendance

Jameson Auten, Michael Barrett, Heather Bradley-Geary, Victoria Hardy, Cara Hoover, Susila Jones, Jackie Lynn, Simon Messmer, Michael Simmons Jr., Precious Stargell Cushman, Matt Watkins

I. Call to Order

Jameson, Barrett, HBG, Cara Hoover, SJones, Jackie Lynn, Simon, Mike Simmons, Precious, Matt Watkins, Victoria Hardy

II. Approval of Minutes

Request for comments or questions. Motion to approve Jackie second confirmed by Michael Barrett.

III. Board Governance

- GKCCEH Bylaws
- Board Member Onboarding
- Organizational Audit
- Nonprofit Checkup Action Items
- Administration & Finance Committee Succession Planning
- NOFO Funding Review Committee)

Bylaws- pushing to community ratify next meeting.

A. VOTE: New Board Member Nominees

Quite a few folks are rolling off. HR and workforce development. We are interested in having an attorney.

HBG- as mentioned I will be rolling off. We need to start training someone I'm the chair of the admin committee.

MB- maybe create a checklist. for the new folks

HBG- I do have a job description and whatnot already.

Cara- we need HR still and Attorney for the board.

1. **Melissa Douglas**

Mckinney Vento liaison. She will be a wealth of contacts and energy. nomination brought second from Michael. All in favor

2. **Erik Washington**

PLE role. nomination brought second from Jackie Lynn. All in favor.

IV. **Org and Staff Update**

MW-NOFA we would love to have PLE weigh in on these steps. With HBG is rolling off it's a big undertaking. I was hoping to distribute so that person is not undertaking it all. Since we are talking about succession. Onboarding schedule a training there may be new board members today. After the first of the year, we should schedule a sit-down. A draft was submitted in Oct. Was hoping for dates for that.

A. **Executive Director Report**

PDF of my monthly report. New things coming, but focused on NOFA and tying up loose ends. Working with KCMO on a few things, the policy is frustrating. Municipal ordinance about folks camping the city manager needs to come up with a good procedure. KCMO sat with the legal team and came up with a more humane perspective. We are still working with them to soften the language. We have community feedback regarding Caseworthy. we will have an RFP for Jan. We have kicked off our app for street outreach. We are testing in KCK. Show the way should be ready for PIT. Bar K Dec 8th, Matt is going to be MC. Raise awareness for what we are doing around PIT. We had quite a few items at Hope Faith, and they are now missing. We are hoping for funds since we are now out of stuff.

Michael- how do we account?

MW- I do have a list of things we had. I will work with their director to figure out what happened

Michael- do we keep track of inventory? Things we need to track.

MW-it was a one-off since we had flex funds from CARES we had harm reduction things like first aid kits. I had the list of things. Nontypical items. Dec 21 will be Homeless Person's Memorial Day.

AB- this year we wanted to take it to the crowd and go to where they are. Washington Square Park, Tuesday evening. They get meals that day already. Hoping more folks will come since we are doing this in the evening. We have a link for folks to memorialize those that lost their lives.

Kaylee- I will share the link

MW- please pass on so we can have as many names on the list. A person that was beloved in the WYCO area passed. Tommy had finally got housed and passed away shortly after. A memorial is this weekend. Central UMC 10am. Argentine and Shawnee rds.

AB- Kaylee please share all our events.

MW-I spent the last PIT looking for him. On that note, Jan 26 and 27th is PIT this year. We will be using volunteers from our agencies. Because we require through our MOU our agencies give at least one volunteer. We have more folks acclimated already. We will not need outside volunteers. In Feb we will be attending the NAEH single individual conference. A lot of our work is grounded in anti-racism, we will also be bringing our first PLE.

Matt-just focusing on funds our burn rate is higher. just being realistic about expenses.

MW-CE grants have been granted. HUD HMIS waiting on independence CPDO office next week. We have been using our planning grant to cover some of these things. Cash flow issue that gets us stuck sometimes. We can talk more about finance.

Matt-if everyone could pay their dues. that would be helpful too.

B. **Board "Team Building" Outreach Trip**

Jameson- would love to do a group outing to get on the ground would be great for us. I have not ever done this and would like to get our feet on the ground to see things for ourselves.

Matt- it would be a great team-building experience

Jameson-I will coordinate and get back.

Jackie Lynn- we go between 6-8 on Wed in WYCO

AB- I can help coordinate and make connections. it's so important!

Precious- this demonstrates we want to be out in the community same with PIT count

MW-We really like PIT to build community. if anyone wants to do street outreach. We would be happy to do a training for outreach. Tricks of the trade of course most is relationship-based.

AB- since we require all our HUD agencies to outreach we are updating training material on PIT trauma-informed care and interview and basic street outreach.

C. **Homeless Initiatives Updates**

- Cold Weather
- Encampment Sweeps/Remediation
- Point-in-Time 2022
- Show the Way Implementation

Cold weather planning, WYCO might have a location pinned down.

Rob- yes there is a location

MW- rob is focusing on training folks. The city manager for KCMO both have requested agencies to create overflow shelters. in addition, the city got 650k to augment staff at existing shelters to build capacity. they are focusing on families and women. They are looking for more space. Houseless tasks force us to have a kick-off on higher-level immediate priorities, assets mapping, and community mapping. I encourage real physical things now while we do that backend work. Providers are stretched thin and sick of being surveyed with nothing happening. The Assistant county executive is doing a needs assessment in WYCO. WYCO really does have their act together with collaboration. Some folks in WYCO want to speak to the board to create a structure to have a regional council just for WYCO. LA has one large COC then smaller sub groups within that. WYCO is asking specifically. Met with TAC to do a look at PSH, we are waiting on a menu for us. Staff is working with agencies that have CE to create mutual aid agreement high-level goals to collaborate and designate to the appropriate agency. Revamping with Kim Wilson for CE. Finance did not meet last month we will start FY23 next month. our 990 is due March 15

V. **Finances**

waiting on BKD Audit firm for a consult. 990 is due in March Pretty good shape. We do have misalignment and untangling all of that.

A. **October 2021 Financials**

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

First Friday in Jan, please come to Bar K on Dec 8th.

Onboarding training. any non-started days.

Precious- just for new board members?

MW- up to you.

Precious-there hasn't been a lot of interactions and having older members join these meetings to bring new folks in would be good team building.

VII. **Public Comment**

no comments

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

n/a