



Minutes

GKCCEH Board of Directors Meeting

📅 Fri November 5th, 2021

🕒 8:30am - 10:00am CDT

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

👥 In Attendance

1. Call to Order

MW, Matt Watkins, Amy Copeland, Amber Bauer, Susila Jones, Michael Barrett, Shida McCormick, Haley White, Simon Messmer, Precious Stargel, Mike Simmons, Cara Hoover, Victoria Hardy, Note taking: Patricia Hernandez

2. Approval of Minutes

Matt - Any questions or comments

No questions or comments.

Matt-Motion to approve notes-passed

3. Board Retreat Follow-up

MW- released new by-laws for public comments, waiting on those responses.

a. Non-Profit Checkup Action Items

MW- Michael had identified to button up our procedures and meeting minutes, during our meetings and make sure those have been published on our website. we are unable to find some months though.

Michael- great, anything you're missing let me know. I will look in my documents

MW- we need executive session minutes, last summer and this time last year. we need those minutes as well.

i. **GKCCEH Board Bylaws**

Public Comment Period

Waiting on feedback for bylaw- public comments.

b. **GKCCEH Board Member Onboarding**

BOD onboarding and training, we will have new members soon.

c. **Organizational Audit**

BKB will do its best for our audit. We did ID issues, funds allocated incorrectly from grants. Timelines do not match.

d. **Administration & Finance Committee Succession Planning**

We need to discuss succession. We do have new agencies at that table and need to come up with a good plan. Executive committee would take that on.

Matt- we are discussing new folks

4. **Org and Staff Update**

MW- Cold Weather planning- board members go out in the field to do street outreach. Board education and get to know the folks we are working with. We have new people and want to make sure they are aware of the signs and symptoms of hypothermia. Matt and I talked about a post card with a handwarmer and treat to start the conversations, and for the BOD it changes the perspective and a good team builder. PIT is good in a sense that its great to be out in the field. I spoke with Hope Faith, he said we could use the hope buses, one in KCMO and one for WyCo.

SJ- great idea! and not just a field trip.

MW- I'm trying to promote precious to be able to talk. Then I will wait for jameson for general ideas for dates and things.

a. **Executive Director Report**

MW- I submitted it all to you. the gist is coordination and advocacy trying to get a handle on what the city and UG are doing. Lots of great conversation and becoming disjointed. We are working to connect those dots, most of our time has been to NOFA. We have gotten press on PBS and other articles. there's a lot of media attention we have been on the news and such recently. Our lease had to be renewed and I had to go a testify at joint committees with the council and was passed. We also secure additional office space. Our team is growing we now have 6 people and have an

intern. We have a zoom room and co-working space and break room. We wanted PLE to have spaces. Ours has gone up, it was very cheap I brought that up and our lease increased rent. We do have at least 3 years left. We have kicked off the new Show the Way launch. it'll be released in WyCo, they have a really tight outreach team.

SJ-I think it's going to be a great tool for outreach workers to communicate and to be able to locate folks

MW- "counting US" app syncs to this that we use for PIT. We are able to use GPS tech and as we canvas through the year we know who should be at what camps it should help with resources. HUD is rethinking PIT covid really changed thinking of it. Our law enforcement and other first responders. This brought independence to the table with data.

AB- Bar-K, Informational younger professional happy hour going what homeless looks like, in their area, we will be meeting with owner and MW next week. We will center around PIT to get donations. We want to gather stories and wanted to get their people to see what's going on. We want them to see barriers when folks with pets. They will want to work with us more in the future. Dec 8th. They will do a raffle, live music, and discuss what we do. and partner with other non-profits for education agencies that are in the area of the bar.

MW- our first meeting we discussed that dogs are a common denominator for folks who don't socialize well. dogs can be a good connection with folks the barrier to housing is real if you have a pet, there are animals that come into play in almost every instance when we work with folks. Bar K are dog lovers.

Precious- therapy animal policy had to be implemented we are seeing a rise of DV and animals are a part of that family, and staying in situations longer.

MW- Yes, PH is working with the marketing surrounding this. we really want BOD to be present and bring your dog. I am continuing to have meetings with the city and UG. House America that the mayor signed us up for we wanted to get UG connected. Cold weather

SJ- Matt is super helpful, several different groups to have an overnight option, We are struggling to find a location. We are waiting on a few spaces, we have 3 or 4 locations during the day. We are putting a flyer together.

MW- KCMO 3 strategy shoring up existing shelters to use max capacity, our largest shelter do not take unmarried folks. Gender identity and women are where we are finding issues. LGBTQ do not feel comfortable, our DV are not serving everyone they need to. We do not feel men in DV are being treated well. 2nd strategy is to open up public facilities. 32 or below. 20 and below

is life-threatening, and have universal communication we think they will use 211 and City union mission phone services and red cross as volunteers for donation. They have a list of what outreach workers need. lastly, we are talking to transit to use as communication for folks. printed media information on the buses, we asked for visual consistency so it's all cohesive. At least the major bus lines that go into WyCo. House America and houseless task force we want to combine those, we will be chatting with mayor's office, we want to move away from doing another needs assessment, we want to see some action. We suggested using the KU assessment, they seem to like utilizing that. City manager RFP only 1 has been approved for Amethyst, Hope faith pulled out, and Lotus needs to jump through hoops.

Precious- what happens with hope?

MW- It seemed they smashed together with a few different proposals, lotus has 100 and 900,000 and a supportive cost of 300,000. which isn't true. The city would fund at 30% but it got tangled up and the council did not like that. MP group is lotus hospitality they created a 501c3 and would sell a hotel to themselves, Hope faith was going to house the pallet shelter for over 2mil and 300,000 was offered and they dropped out. We are trying to work and figure out how they will allocate resources, I do not feel they are not communicating well enough. The other municipal ordinance requires the city manager and task force to deal with encampments, some of the practices are inhumane and ineffective. We are trying to colify to this to match up. Nov is national homeless awareness month, we have been working with PLE and learning a great deal. We had the joy to meet a youth PLE we are compensating them, so we met in person, and is buying a car for himself and earned that for himself.

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

c. **Homeless Initiatives Updates**

- Cold Weather Planning
- House America
- Task Force Strategic Plan
- National Homeless Awareness Month
- Persons with Lived Experience Planning

d. **2021 NOFA Update**

final tier listing

i. **2021 Final Tier Listing**

Published 11/1/21

no appeals

ii. **PSH Program Audit**

MW-lookiing into someone to facilitate a PSH audit.

iii. **Collaborative Application Email VOTE**

MW-our goal for public comment is Wednesday BOD by Friday. we are requesting this be done at the same time and be done for the 12th drop day is the 16th. the platform is not good so we wanted it to get it in early.

matt- email vote for when?

MW- Wed and finalize by CODB Friday. The community would have 2 days along with public comments by noon on Friday. BOD would have another few hours. If the platform is working on Sunday ill submit then as it is a glitchy system.

5. **Finances**

MW- board materials should have finacials. We are waiting on funds and are running low. I am avoiding using credit. I am waiting on grant from HUD and HMIS grant. My goal for 22 is ensuring money flow. We are waiting on a lot of money to come in. Moving money around incorrectly we need to make sure this does not happen. In general this is the biggest priority.

Matt- do we need to do more of fundraising plans?

MW- Yes, we arent going down in flames but we do not want to be on the razors edge. I will say one HMIS and CE grants we will be back to a good spot. Planning grants are being used for those things currently. Grants kind of power down in the summer, the gap is long.

a. **September 2021 Financials**

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

Matt- Dec we will have an email vote between now and then. First Friday in Dec.

MW-we want to see folks

Matt- watch for the Bar K event- public comment

7. **Public Comment**

no public comments.

Amber-thanks to simon for being a part of Rank and Review

Simon- thank you for bringing it together it went really really well

Matt-Thank you for leading the effort there's a lot going on behind the curtain and excited to bring new folks in.

MW- The staff is absolutely rocking it. They have been unbelievable with NOFA and office culture they created and am just so appreciative of them.

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

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