

Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County ~ EITAS

Board of Director's Meeting

May 26, 2009

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| Attendance | Tom Davis, Don Saxton, Anita Parran, Bill Anderson, Barbara Winkler and Becky Sandring, Board Members. Rosetta Robins and Matthew Levi, Absent. Jake Jacobs, Earlene Clayton, Michael Haseltine, Catherine Sterrett, Nancy Nicolaus and Kathleen Ganaden, Staff. Guests: Melody Harder, Ken Slagle, Charlene Adams, and Brian Hogan | |
| Call to Order | Tom Davis, Board Vice-President called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM at the Administrative offices of Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - Eitas, 8508 Hillcrest, Kansas City, Missouri | |
| Meeting Minutes | Mr. Davis asked if there was a motion to approve the April 28, 2009 Board minutes. Motion: Don Saxton, Member moved and Barbara Winkler, Member seconded a motion to approve the April 28, 2009 Annual Board of Director's meeting minutes. Motion Carried. | Motion: Approval of April 28, 2009 Annual Board Mtg. Minutes. Motion Carried. |
| Treasurer's Report - February & March 2009 Unaudited Financial Statements | <p>Anita Parran, Treasurer opened her report by sharing that the Finance Committee had met earlier in the evening and reviewed the unaudited financial statements for February and March 2009.</p> <p>Ms. Parran reported that there were no unusual transactions in the February 2009 financial statements. The month closed with \$31.4 M in Total Assets, a YTD Net Loss of (\$172,282) and investments at \$6.7 M.</p> <p>There were no unusual transactions in the March 2009 financial statements. The month closed with \$31.4 M in total Assets, a YTD Net Loss of (\$303,495) and investments at \$8.9 M.</p> <p>In closing Ms. Parran shared that Governor Nixon's, Administration Commissioner, Kelvin Simmons held a press conference at the Administrative offices of eitas this morning</p> | |

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| <p>Treasurer's Report - February & March 2009 Unaudited Financial Statements Continued</p> | <p>to announce the award of \$2.4 million in additional statewide funding of locally based services for Missourians with developmental disabilities. A bill signed by Governor Nixon will send additional Recovery Act dollars to Senate Bill 40 boards around the state, including more than \$250,000 for eitas.</p> <p>Motion: Upon completion of this report the Finance Committee moves to accept the February and March 2009 Unaudited Financial reports as presented. Motion Carried.</p> | <p>Motion: Approval of Unaudited February & March 2009 Financial Statements Motion Carried</p> |
| <p>Agency Report Blue Valley Industries</p> | <p>Brian Hogan, Executive Director for Blue Valley Industries (BVI) came before the Board and introduced BVI employees Melody Harder and Ken Slagle. Mr. Hogan shared that BVI is a 501 © 3 nonprofit organization that provides the community with employment and training options for persons with disabilities, a majority of who have developmental disabilities. BVI provides solutions to community businesses who have a need to outsource production or handwork activities and who have an interest in community re-investment.</p> <p>Ms. Harder shared that the mission of Blue Valley Industries (BVI) is to provide employment, training and access to support services for adults with disabilities while enhancing their dignity, encouraging independence, maximizing opportunities and fostering community integration.</p> <p>BVI services are provided to individuals with developmental disabilities and include, but are not limited to: Extended Sheltered Employment, Skills Development and Enhancement, Advocacy, Individualized Support Plans, Vocational Case Management, Service Referrals, Individualized modification of job tasks and a Community Speaker program.</p> | |

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| <p>Agency Report Blue Valley Industries Continued</p> | <p>Eitas funding enables BVI to provide a safe working environment, individualized supports, a quality of services on an ongoing basis and to make a positive impact in the lives of the persons receiving those services, their families and their support networks. There are 92 persons currently being served at BVI with 96% of these persons being eligible for eitas funding and services.</p> | <p>Information</p> |
| <p>Committee Reports – Property</p> | <p>Bill Anderson, Property Committee Chair shared that in lieu of a regular meeting Members went on a bus tour to see the newly renovated Special Neighbor's-White Oaks and new Nova Center facilities. Members were pleased with what they observed and look forward to future tours of other facilities.</p> | <p>Bus Tour to eitas facilities</p> |
| <p>Committee Reports – Planning & Services</p> | <p>Barbara Winkler, Planning and Services Committee Chair shared that members received monthly reports from Support Services and Support Coordination Supervisors. Six new Service Coordinators were hired and are scheduled to begin in June.</p> <p>Members learned that many providers are at odds with the State's Positive Behavioral Support program as it does not mesh well with the Gentle Teaching program. Thus eitas will be petitioning the State of Missouri to have Jackson County exempted from having to participate in this program. The primary difference between the two programs is that Gentle Teaching is about the person and the Positive Behavioral Support program is about behavior.</p> <p>Jake Jacobs, Executive Director shared with Committee Members on how eitas is helping to fund a Children's Mercy Hospital program that assists with the salaries of people with developmental disabilities to go and work at Children's Mercy after receiving invaluable job training.</p> | |

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| <p>Executive Director's Report</p> | <p>Jake Jacobs opened his monthly report by stating that six new buses are due to arrive in June and recently eitas received word that stimulus money may be available to get as many as nine other new buses if eitas wants to come up with the matching funds.</p> <p>The tour of the newly renovated White Oaks residence was quite a success and it was suggested that another tour be set up for those who missed it. A parent suggested that eitas should consider having regular tours of the facilities for parents so they can get a real inside look at how good eitas facilities are.</p> <p>The State Budget was approved with significant increases for caseload growth for developmental disability services. Next year's budget that will start July 1, 2010 will be a difficult one with a projected State shortfall of over \$500 million. Mr. Jacobs does not see how services will escape cuts if that happens.</p> <p>The eitas Habitat for Humanity Playhouse took the Public Choice First Place award and the Children's Choice Second Place award.</p> <p>The old Carriage House residence is undergoing some cleanup and modest repairs. Upon completion of the work the residence will be put up for sale.</p> <p>Mr. Jacobs is awaiting a draft contract from the City of Kansas City Parks Department to proceed with a greenhouse partnership. Once the contract is finalized discussions around that partnership and the various opportunities it presents can begin.</p> <p>In closing, Mr. Jacobs shared that he attended a weeklong Self Determination Conference in May. As self-directed care and funding is the next large issue for Missouri to tackle, he found that representation from Missouri was good with ten people from across that State.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Information</p> <p>Increases for caseload growth for DD services. 2010 Budget projected to be difficult with projected shortfall that indicates possible services cuts.</p> <p>Old Carriage House soon to be on the market.</p> |

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| | <p>It was helpful for Mr. Jacobs to see the success stories that are occurring in other states and the positive effect this is having on people's lives.</p> | |
| New Business | None. | |
| Old Business | None. | |
| Public Comment | <p>Doris Weber of Life Care Planning inquired as to how eitas would be spending the stimulus money that was announced at the press conference this morning by Administration Commissioner Kelvin Simmons? Mr. Jacobs replied that Board Members would be deciding how the stimulus money would be spent at an upcoming Board Retreat.</p> | |
| Adjournment | <p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Rosetta Robbins, Board Secretary</p> | |