

MINUTES OF MEETING OF KINGSBURG TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: February 9, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Kingsburg Tri-County Health Care District – Via live Cisco WebEx Meeting
1425 Marion Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Members Present:

Arlie Rogers, Chairman
Todd Thompson, Vice-Chairman
Lori Sanders, Secretary
Tiffany Dix, Treasurer
Gary Nelson, Member

Also Present:

Moses Diaz, Attorney
Shereme Watson, Administrative Clerk, Deputy Secretary

Members Absent:

None

Item #1: Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rogers at 4:00 p.m. Members Rogers, Sanders, Dix, Thompson and Nelson were present. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Item #2: Public Comment

Betsy Tunnell, acting as a “taxpayer advocate”, expressed concern about what she sees as a perceived loop-hole in the grant application and process. She also expressed her dissatisfaction that receipts weren't required from nonprofit sporting organizations within the health care district each receiving a \$1K sponsorship.

Items #3 and 4: Approval of Consent Calendar

Member Nelson made a motion to approve the expenditures. Second by Member Thompson.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Dix, Thompson and Nelson

Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Member Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Member Dix.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Dix, Thompson and Nelson
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Item #5: Ratify and signing of the Code of Ethics, that was adopted by the Kingsburg Tri-County Health Care District, by all board members.

Member Nelson suggested the document be titled Code Of Action. He also stated that taking the oath of office is sufficient to declare his compliance in following all rules of being a board member, and that he would not sign the document. He disagreed with taking complaints to the Chairman for discussion as stated on page 2 of the document and said that he was treated unfairly months back when being removed from the ad-hoc committee for the Herb Knight Center. Member Thompson explained that this Code of Ethics will pave the way for complaints to be brought before the board for discussion.

Member Thompson shared his frustration with Member Nelson about Member Nelson's insistence the board use a document Member Nelson created in place of the Code of Ethics already approved by the board. Betsy Tunnell expressed her displeasure with the document and taking complaints to the board chairman as well, stating she felt it was targeting only one individual board member. Member Sanders interjected that this document should be targeting each individual board member, holding everyone accountable to act in a professional and honorable manner when dealing with all things related to the board, both in and out of meetings. Ms. Tunnell presented the board with a list of questions regarding the enforcement and disciplinary actions listed in the Code of Ethics but left the meeting prior to discussion regarding them.

Item #6: Quarterly financial and marketing update and report from Valley Health Team

CEO Derek Hayashi gave a financial update to the board. The After Hours Urgent Care has changed from outsourcing doctors for the Urgent Care to hiring them as actual employees. This move has produced a significant savings in operating costs. He also shared that the new VHT facility should be open for business in January of 2023.

Item #7: Quarterly financial update and report from Kingsburg Fire Department grants

Chief Perkins gave the board a quarterly financial update and shared that 20% in additional revenue was captured in January of 2022 over January of 2021 due to the additional paramedic staffing. This additional staffing is funded at 50% by a grant through the health care district, with the other 50% coming from the city of Kingsburg. He also gave an update on ongoing programs the district has, and is currently, funding.

Item #8: Chief Dan Perkins to present on general information for the Kingsburg Fire Department for long term commitment.

Chief Perkins shared some possible grant requests for the future, as well as reasons for possibly requesting a two-year term commitment for the last two years of the current grant agreement rather than needing to reapply each year for the remaining two years.

Item #9: Presentation by Aida Rushing with KCAPS regarding current grant agreement.

Aida Rushing, executive director of KCAPS, highlighted all the wonderful services the organization provides to the communities of Kingsburg, Traver and London. She shared the extreme need for additional counseling services in all three communities and explained that she has interns who are working toward getting their degrees in counseling. She came to the board to ask if existing grant funds for counseling would be able to be used for supervision by Tim Zavala, with New Path Center, of these interns while they fulfill their required intern hours working with individuals seeking counseling services through KCAPS. Moses Diaz assured Aida that the funds will be able to be used in that fashion.

Item #10: Quarterly financial update and report from Herb Knight Community Center grant

Myra Bolland gave a presentation to update the board on how grant monies are being spent. She shared that financial classes being offered for students will be starting soon, as will cooking classes. Students will learn how to budget their money, pay bills, open a checking and savings account, start saving for college, and many other important aspects of becoming fiscally responsible as the mature. The kids are also excited about their cooking class at the end of February!

Four high school student volunteers attended the meeting and each gave a testimony as to how their experiences working and being at the center have changed their lives. Kayla thought her time at the center was just going to be something to do for the summer, but she “found a family I never knew I needed” instead. Marissa told of the bright spirit at the center and that working with the elementary kids “...makes my day all the time”, and that “I feel like I'm doing something with my life.” Georgina has been volunteering for a year and shared how she's been involved with so many new experiences which have presented new opportunities for her as well. Katelyn thought she would volunteer at the center so she would be able to list community service on her college applications but has experienced so much more. She said it's a lot like a family there and the opportunities and new doors which have opened for her are more than she could have experienced on her own. She shared that the center is a comfortable place to go.

Item #11: Discussion and potential action on Missionary Supply Lines' request for assignment of grant agreement to Community Missionary Outreach.

Grant Thiessen with The Landing reached out to Chairman Rogers and informed him that Missionary Supply Lines, the nonprofit The Landing operated under, is ceasing to exist. A new nonprofit named Community Missionary Outreach has been established for The Landing to operate under. Grant asked if the current grant agreement with Missionary Supply Lines could be assigned to Community Missionary Outreach.

Discussion was held on Community Missionary Outreach board members and positions. Lori Sanders was asked to reach out to Grant Thiessen to ask about possible restructuring of the board and requiring two signatures instead of one on all checks. The issue will be revisited by the board in 90 days.

Tiffany Dix made a motion to approve assigning the current grant agreement with Missionary Supply Line, and all rights associated with it, to Community Missionary Outreach, and that the KTHD board secretary have the authority to sign such assignment. Second by Gary Nelson.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Dix, Thompson and Nelson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Item #12: Ratification of increase of salary or pay for Special District Deputized Clerk/Executive Administrator

Chairman Rogers recommended making Shereme's recent pay raise retroactive to when the item was first on the agenda on October 20th.

Todd Thompson made a motion to make Shereme's raise retroactive to October 20th, 2022. Second by Lori Sanders.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Dix, Thompson and Nelson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Item # 13: Discussion of potential Town Hall meeting regarding health-related needs within the community

Tabled to future meeting.

Item # 14: Discuss and possible action of sponsorship for the 2021 Dala Horse Trot (Swedish Festival)

Member Sanders presented the board with the sponsorship form she received regarding the Dala Horse Trot. The board participated as an Elite Member sponsor for the 2021 Dala Horse Trot.

Lori Sanders made a motion to sponsor the 2022 Dala Horse Trot at the Elite level. Second by Gary Nelson.

Ayes: Rogers, Sanders, Dix, Thompson and Nelson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Item # 15: Update on All4Youth proposal

Tammy Frates with All4Youth informed Shereme that funding is no longer an issue, and they will therefore not need to partner with the district.

Item # 16: Board member reports, updates and items of interest

Chairman Rogers shared information he had received on a conference with Insure The Insured Project, but that we were too late to participate.

Chairman Rogers shared information about Kingsview Mental Health Providers and asked that Shereme Watson will reach out to them for information regarding their services. The Kingsburg Task Force was also discussed, with Lori Sanders informing the board of the group's purpose.

Item # 17: Staff and/or consultant reports and updates

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lori Sanders, Secretary