

IMAGINE! BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2010

Eldridge Room, Coal Creek

7:00PM

Present:

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Whitney Blair, Diane Carroll, Bob Davis, Joe Hansen, Annette Higgins, Kevin Nelson, Natalie Smutzler, Bill Sabin, Susan White, Mark Zentner.

Absent: Scott Doyen, Donna Fairchild, Lisa Fiero, John Frisbie, Jerry Rudy

Staff: Mark Emery, John Nevins, Leslie Rothman, Jodi Walters, Mia Sanchez-O'Dell, Sterling Wind, Kevin Harding, Greg Wellems, Caroline Siegfried.

Minutes:

Correction: Change "Mutual of America is changing its investment policy benchmarks." To "Imagine! is changing its investment policy benchmarks." Diane Carroll made a motion to approve the September 2010 minutes as corrected. Whitney Blair seconded the motion. Minutes approved as corrected.

New Business

Mark Zentner announced the beginning of the Imagine! holiday gift collection and distributed gift tags for consumers.

Committee

Reports

Foundation

Since Susan LaHoda was absent, Mark Zentner read her note requesting that the board approve a grant to Verizon. Verizon requires this approval prior to grant submission. Whitney Blair made a motion to approve the submission of the grant. Natalie Smutzler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President's Report

The Executive Committee discussed the tenure of current board members and noted that Annette Higgins will complete her third and final term in February of 2011, Jerry Rudy will complete his third term in September of 2012 and Diane Carroll, Lisa Fiero will complete their third terms in 2013. In addition, Bill Sabin will complete his second term in January, 2012. The board will begin researching new members in the spring of 2011.

The Human Services Alliance political forum held at Imagine went well.

Imagine! closed on the Juniper Street house a week late.

The committee discussed the 2011 slate of Imagine! officers.

CEO Report

Mark Emery announced that Imagine! was not awarded the Health and Human Services grant it applied for but that it was a good exercise for the company.

Mark warned the board to expect that a great deal of financial mitigation will take place in the state before the end of the fiscal year. Things are changing very quickly now and we are likely to see significant rate reductions in comprehensive services next year. These cuts are hurting the people we serve and hurting Imagine! and there is currently nothing we can do.

Mark noted that Imagine! has purchased the Juniper Street home, the major modifications are complete and we may have the license by the end of next week.

Imagine! communicated with the Longmont mediation service to work with the Juniper Street neighborhood. A neighborhood representative asked Imagine! to *cease and desist*. It is possible they will hire an attorney but unlikely there is anything they can do to keep us out of the neighborhood.

The Imagine! Foundation would like an editorial to the Longmont paper. The article will discuss Imagine! successes rather than repeat what has already been discussed about Juniper Street. Diane Carroll suggested asking neighbors of other houses to write editorials in support of Imagine!. Annette Higgins, Diane Carroll, Bill Sabin and Mark Zentner recommended *letting sleeping dogs lie* and not submitting an editorial unless something else happens.

Community centered boards are still puzzling over how to allow families to be paid for the care of their dependents with disabilities in their own homes. A CCB would need to be willing to bring a family in as an independent contractor but so far there has been no support from the state on how to accomplish this.

The Department of HealthCare Policy and Finance (HCPF) is writing a grant to allow money to follow the person it is attached to. If successful, this could redesign the entire service delivery system over the next five years. Imagine! has 3 employees who have applied to be on this committee.

Adjourn: Joe Hansen made a motion to adjourn. Susan White seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Frisbie, Secretary