

# IMAGINE! BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2011

Eldridge Room, Coal Creek

7:00PM

**Present:** **Board:**  
*Present*  
Whitney Blair, Diane Carroll, Bob Davis, Scott Doyen, Lisa Fiero, John Frisbie, Joe Hansen, Kevin Nelson, Jerry Rudy, Natalie Smutzler, Bill Sabin, Susan White.  
*Absent:* Mark Zentner

**Staff:** Mark Emery, Jan Rasmussen, John Nevins, Fred Hobbs, Mia Sanchez-O'Dell, Liz Smokowski, Kevin Harding, Caroline Siegfried

**Minutes:** August, 2011 minutes: Bob Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2011 meeting. John Frisbie seconded the motion. Minutes approved with no changes.

September, 2011 minutes: Bob Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting. John Frisbie seconded the motion. Minutes approved with no changes.

## Committee Reports

**Finance Committee** Bob Davis noted that there were no surprises in the FY2010-2011 audit and all results were at or above community centered board benchmarks. He recommended that the board approve the 2010-2011 fiscal year audit.

**Foundation** Whitney Blair made a motion to approve the audit and John Frisbie seconded the motion. The audit was approved.

**Executive Committee** The Executive Committee is investigating naming rights procedures to develop criteria for donors. Susan LaHoda and Leslie Rothman will draft a policy and bring it to the Imagine! and Imagine! Foundation Boards for approval.

**CEO Report** The Director of the Division for Developmental Disabilities position is still vacant. I understand there are three candidates. Also noteworthy is the position responsible for managing finances at the Division for Developmental Disabilities is vacant. The manager of Long Term Care Services at Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) is still vacant. This critical opening manages many of the waivers we utilize.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) still needs to address financial shortfalls this year due to structural issues. This month's projection is \$8.87 million. The Division is planning delays in filling vacancies to make up \$4.55

million. After all proposed adjustments, there is still a \$2.5 million shortfall.

After 7 years since five CCBs split off to form CCB Partners, there is hope that they will rejoin Alliance. There are many compelling reasons to have a single voice from the CCB / Provider community and all parties are recognizing the potential to see this happen. A meeting of the two groups was held here at Imagine! on 10/10 to begin this very important conversation. It is no secret that I am a strong proponent to bring the groups together and I am speaking with individual directors at every chance I get to encourage membership to a single organization. So far, so good.

The presentation with the county commissioners went well. There were questions about Medicaid matching, which should not be pursued at this time. Currently, Medicaid matching is not in the best interests of the county or Imagine!, and will not be until the waivers are rewritten. There will be a 2.9% decrease in mill levy funding beginning January 1, 2012.

Last week was filled with an abundance of opportunity for staff development, promotion of Imagine! initiatives and general public relations. Alliance held two meetings at our offices allowing members of our Executive Team and Leadership Development team to sit in their Board meeting. The Six State Summit (Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakotas) held their annual meeting at the Westin, which allowed many of our staff to learn about and discuss issues in those states. At the Annual Coleman Institute's Conference, Greg and I sat on panel presentations and hosted additional round table discussions. The ANCOR Technology Summit included a presentation by Greg and continued round table conversations hosted by Greg and me.

It is easy to be proud of the work we do when we have the opportunity to showcase Imagine!, our staff and our ideas.

Diane Carroll noted that she is interested in seeing SmartHome data, specifically which technology is useful and which isn't.

Scott Doyen said that he would like to see SmartHome technology carried over to employment and other consumer activities.

**Adjourn:** Joe Hansen made a motion to adjourn. Natalie Smutzler seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Whitney Blair, Secretary