JCCMHFB Special Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 19, 2020  Time: 8:00 am  Location: Festus 2nd Floor Conference Room

Board Attendees: Jerry Rogers; Mark Mertens; Dr. Josh Isaacson; and Dennis Gannon
Staff in Attendance: Sue Curfman, CEO and Amy Rhodes, CFO
Not in Attendance: Dr. Steven Crawford; Audrey Mitchell and Kelly Steffens

1. Open Meeting
The JCCMHFB Meeting was called to order by Josh Isaacson, Interim Chair at 8:15 am with a quorum of members present.

2. Approval of Agenda
The February 19, 2020 board meeting agenda was reviewed with no changes requested.
Recommendations: “I, Mark Mertens, move that the February 19, 2020 agenda be approved as presented.” Dennis Gannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Work session on Bylaws
The bylaws were reviewed by each article and changes made during the discussion. Jerry Rogers brought up that COMTREA should be fighting for the funding. There was discussion on why changes need to be done and Josh Isaacson stated that with the awareness brought about changes need to be made. Jerry Rogers spoke of the schools and the SL and how that was a promise made at the time to get the funding. Mark Mertens stated that the board was set up years ago and was a conflict of interest. Jerry Rogers stated that he does not see
the conflict, COMTREA’s clientele have to go to the courts. Dennis Gannon stated that COMTREA was clearly in the ballot language and drive to get the funding. Sue Curfman spoke of the internal resources and energy to devote and its felt that no more can be added to plates. Sue Curfman does not want to divert internal or legal resources. Josh Isaacson stated how does the future board look and having the historical documents available for future boards. There is no guarantee that COMTREA will receive any of the funding and Sue Curfman stated that programs are under risk and ASP cannot support without these funds. Dennis Gannon asked when the RFP’s are done how they can be done to limit the applicants. The administrator is COMTREA and this needs to be brought up for the legal review. Jerry Rogers stated that he hates what is happening. Sue Curfman stated that her concern is that individuals that are not aware of what COMTREA does are making decisions.

4. Vote to present amended Bylaws for legal review
Josh Isaacson would like thoughts on who should do the legal review and how will this be funded. There was discussion on maybe sending some preliminary bylaws and that they are being submitted for legal review. Josh Isaacson mentioned trying to get pro bono work on the legal review and would anyone be willing to approach anyone to ask this. Dennis Gannon suggested Kevin Roberts’s firm. There was discussion on Dennis Tessero, Forest Wegge, and Mike Turlie as possibility. Josh Isaacson asked that everyone send him any additional recommendations. Mark Mertens and Josh Isaacson will reach out to some of the individuals recommended and Dennis Gannon will have the county legal counsel review.

Recommendations: “I, Mark Mertens move for the JCCMHFB to send the revised bylaws for legal review.” Jerry Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Adjournment
There was a discussion on giving the Senator an update. Sue Curfman mentioned whether the bylaws could keep a dedicated funding stream for some programs to protect some programs. Example ASP. Dennis Gannon stated that this needs to be discussed with the attorney and a list needs to be developed on what programs need to be protected. There was discussion that Amy Rhodes or Sue Curfman may need to be at the discussion meeting with the counsel to give some of the historical information.
Amy Rhodes brought up again that COMTREA is the only place that has the designation from DMH that the statute states.
With no other business to discuss.

**Recommendations:** “I, Mark Mertens move to adjourn.” Dennis Gannon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

☐ Minutes approved  

(Signature of JCCMHFB President)  

(Date)