**MINUTES CASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, JULY 13, 2021**

**PLACE: 10820 HIGHWAY 21, HILLSBORO MO**

**TIME OF BOARD MEETING: 6:00 PM**

**PRESENT: Brandon Moonier; Retta “Susan” Tuggle; Sara Govero (via phone); Tammy Ablan; Steve Williams; and Alicia Knickman, Executive Director; Potential Board Members: Margie Passmore and Mary Thomasson (until vote on their induction)**

**Excused: Donna Goede**

**Not Excused: N/A**

1. The meeting was called to order by Brandon at 6:03 PM.
2. Board approved the May 2021 Board Meeting minutes.
3. June Program Update was sent out in lieu of the Board meeting in June 2021. Board approved the June Program Update.
4. Introduction of Potential Board Members
   1. Margie Passmore
   2. Mary Thomasson
5. CASA Program Update:
   1. Five total staff positions – three and a half filled now (intern). Finding it difficult to hire due to COVID and uncertainty of funding when current funding expires September 30th
   2. Recruiting for Fall class – middle of September
   3. Volunteer Coordinators are nearly full with volunteers
   4. VOCA funding – expecting a 30% cut to funding but are not sure what direction it will take
   5. Peer Support remains virtual – may meet in person in August, if possible
   6. VOCA funding is for one year and is renewable for 2 consecutive years if funding is available (unlike previous years where the application is for two years)
6. June Financial Statements – Alicia sent this to the Board with the agenda prior to the meeting.
   1. Board approved the June 2021 Financial Statements.
7. End of year recap
   1. Profit and Loss to budget was sent to the Board with the agenda prior to the meeting
   2. We ended the year in a good position, especially considering the difficulties everyone faced with COVID
8. 2021-2022 Budget review
   1. Provided to the Board with the agenda via email prior to the meeting
   2. VOCA funding is targeted at nearly same but unsure of what we will get
   3. Other grants are targeted based on Alicia’s expectations
   4. 81 volunteers trained and available – we could handle up to 120ish (based on numbers alone) before we need to add another volunteer coordinator position
   5. Board approved the 2021-2022 Budget
9. Grant Status Update
   1. VOCA – applying for grant now
   2. National CASA grant for a new staff was declined with no justification
   3. State program for funding SSFV? In September
   4. Missouri Bar Association technology grant that was accepted quickly for $1,149 to pay for a new TV for our training room and one year of Zoom – TV has been installed
10. Board Membership
    1. Need to continue to look for additional board members, especially in specific fields such as law enforcement
    2. Current Board Members will look for contacts that may make a good Board Member – any leads can be passed on to Alicia.
11. Fundraising:
    1. Story Sponsors – first one was uploaded to Facebook; Rotary is pending
    2. Poker Run – October 9th – we will hold these the second Saturday
       1. Need sponsors
       2. Alicia will distribute the flyers and information
       3. Finalize details in August meeting
    3. Board Appeal – August discussion topic
12. Board approved the addition of Margie Passmore and Mary Thomasson
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

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