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COMMUNITY OPTIONS, INC.
51ST ANNUAL MEETING – 10/10/2023
Tom Turner Administration Building

PRESENT:

Darcy Arnold
Mary Turner via Zoom.
David Lane
Dr. Lou Dwyer
Mike Schottelkotte
Lorraine Van Gemmert

ABSENCES:

Mary West
Carolyn Rettig
Anne Pratt

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Pelligra
Kevin Sowder
Aimee Pruitt

I. Call to Order:

President Darcy Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Board Members/Officers:

David Lane, Treasurer, read the rules for voting and the nominating process. The Nominating Committee recommended the re-election of three current board members: Mary Turner, Mike Schottelkotte, and Dr. Lou Dwyer, as well as new board member Lorraine Van Gemmert. There were no nominations from the floor. David Lane motioned to re-elect the three current board members, seconded by Anne Pratt. All in favor, motion carried. David Lane motioned to elect new board member, Lorraine Van Gemmert, seconded by Mike Schottelkotte. All in favor, motion carried.

Slate of Officers: Darcy Arnold – President; Mary Turner – 1st Vice President; Mary West – 2nd Vice President; Carolyn Rettig – Secretary; David Lane – Treasurer. Motion was made by David Lane and seconded by Mike Schottelkotte to elect this slate of officers. All in favor, motion carried.

III. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn put forth by Mike Schottelkotte. The 51st Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Submitted by:
Aimee Pruitt



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2023

Present:

Darcy Arnold
Mary Turner via Zoom
David Lane
Dr. Lou Dwyer
Mike Schottelkotte
Lorraine Van Gemmert
Anne Pratt
Mary Dull

Absences:

Mary West
Carolyn Rettig

Staff Present:

Jennifer Pelligra
Kevin Sowder
Aimee Pruitt

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:11 by President Darcy Arnold.
- II. Absences: See above
- III. Minutes Review. Motion by David Lane and seconded by Dr. Lou Dwyer to approve minutes from the September 2023 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Public Comment:
 - A. Board Emails: Darcy reminded everyone to check your COI emails.
- V. Executive Director's Report: On 09/18 we had a visit from a CDPHE surveyor, regarding three complaints. Jennifer spent a day and a half with them and none of the complaints were substantiated.
 - The Acoustic Eidolon concert is coming along wonderfully. The tickets will go on sale 10/23 and can be purchased through Eventbrite, we will advertise when they go up.
 - There isn't a whole lot of new information regarding CM Redesign. Jennifer and our current Case Managers met with RMHP and have a meeting scheduled with Montrose County DHS (10/19) to discuss where we're at, what we have to offer, and some expectations. The Case Management team found it comforting to know they have options and a bit more security after these meetings.
 - COI received approval for the third round of retention bonus funding for Case Managers, which like the last two rounds, we pay out and the state reimburses us.
 - We completed the Better Supervisors training with Melanie Hall and have received excellent feedback. One on one sessions with senior management are still ongoing. The general consensus is what we learned will go a long way to help improve our



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- culture and we received tools to help cope with burnout for supervisors and staff. The whole team was thankful for the opportunity to be involved in this training.
- Jennifer and Kevin had a meeting with the City of Montrose last Wednesday (10/04) it will be interesting to see how they're willing to support us, it was a positive meeting.
- We had a great party today, there were games and food. All of the group homes and both Day Programs got together at Park Place, there were games and food, everyone had a good time.
- There is an RFP coming out for bids to keep EI. November first is the tentative opening date; you can only apply if you're a provider and we will probably have thirty days to apply. The state hasn't been really clear if they're going to subdivide the county's catchment areas. Jennifer and Margaret sat in on the listening sessions and this shouldn't be a difficult process.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance/Audit Committee: Kevin presented financials for August 2023. With the help of a \$35K unrestricted grant and a \$7,500 restricted grant, we are \$27K in the black for August. If we took out the \$42K, we would have a deficit of \$24K.
- Personnel is where we expect it to be. Food continues to go up, no surprise there. The Unallowables flush out mentioned in last month's meeting went through.
 - There is no balance sheet this month we are still waiting to close out last fiscal year.
 - Our auditor may have the stamp on our audit by the end of the week we will need to call a special meeting when that happens. The compliance officer from the state would like to see our audit posted by the end of October if possible, Jennifer has been staying in contact with them.
 - Cash is holding out well.
 - David Lane moves to accept the financials from August 2023 as presented, seconded by Mike Schottelkotte. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. PR/Fund-Raising Committee: Lori Sharp was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but she did receive notification that we were turned down for a \$20K grant from The Denver Foundation Care Fund. Lori thinks we should be nailing this one because it's pretty specific to what we do so she will be looking into why we've been turned down twice.
- C. Program Committee: Went over Nominating report in Annual Meeting.
- D. Sustainability Committee: Won't meet again for 2-3 months.
- E. Governance Committee: Mike Schottelkotte went over our by-laws. Jennifer will send a copy to the rest of the Board to look over for discussion at a later date.

VII. Old Business: None.



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VIII. New Business: None.

IX. Announcements: Darcy thanked everyone for staying on the Board.

- Mike S. thanked Kevin for his help with some research.
- Mary Dull announced she is thinking about going to college for Early Childhood Development. Genevieve took Mary to the Colorado Mesa campus here in Montrose for a visit. Mary will be applying for the FAFSA, but the state is fully funding some career certificates. Kudos to Mary from the entire Board.

X. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn put forth by Mike Schottelkotte. Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Pruitt