**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**7/30/20**

**Members Present Members Absent Others Present**

**Mike Ehrmann Linda Heller Rhonda Roth**

**Terry Hofmeister Ron Smith Kasha Sheets**

**Eva Bruns Kent Jostes Traci Schrade**

**Alice Hilzer Leeah Key**

**Mark Turner**

**Jerri Spear**

**ROLL CALL:** Mike Ehrmann, President, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present, all board members called in.

**Public Comment:** None

**Agenda Additions:** None

**Executive Session:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Financial Report:** No financials at this meeting, will get them when we have the audit report in October presented by Logan, Thomas and Johnson, LLC.

Alice Hilzer, Member, asked to speak. She suggested we have a public forum in every county once a year. Board President, Mike Ehrmann, let Alice know we hold the public forum in different counties every year and it might be difficult to do this every meeting. Alice responded that several people did not receive a post card regarding the Morgan County meeting. Rhonda, Executive Director, reported this was a community meeting that was requested last month at the board meeting because several parents wanted to voice their frustration and thoughts. The Board decided at the last meeting putting the information in the newspaper, on our website and Facebook would be adequate. Alice felt this was a miscommunication, Rhonda said when we have the Public Forum in the spring we will be mailing out invitations along with using the newspaper, website and Facebook for notification.

**Old Business:** Morgan County meeting was an opportunity for open communication. Rhonda Roth, Mike Ehrmann, Alice Hilzer, Leeah Key, Lori Araujo, and three parents attended. Alice reported she can help mediate between the agency and the parents/guardian, if needed. She reported one parent was talking to her attorney and is waiting for adult protection findings. APS is taking a long time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Alice is hoping the other parent will follow through with the case manager to get her frustrations resolved, as discussed in the meeting. Rhonda reported the meeting allowed the parents/guardians to talk about their concerns and we were able to develop a plan of action regarding many of their concerns. There are several follow-up steps that will be completed as well.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made and seconded (Wingfield/Bruns) to approve the June 25, 2020 minutes. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

COVID-19 update: Retainer payments have stopped as of 7/18/20. The State is still very restrictive on what the Day Program needs to look like.

**New Business:** Rhonda presented the FY 20/21 Board of Directors schedule. There was some discussion of the location of the meetings and it was decided to keep the Sterling location for all meetings except for the Public Forum. The Public Forum will be at the Kelandy Center in Yuma, CO in April. Motion was made and seconded (Bruns/Turner) to approve the FY 20/21 schedule. All in favor: none opposed. Motion carried.

Final Settings Rule: Leeah Key, Community Services and Supports Director, provided an update regarding the Final Settings Rule. The Trump administration extended the date of compliance to this rule. We are waiting to hear what the State of Colorado will do. Will keep the Board posted on the decision, when made.

The FY 20/21 budget was discussed. It has been difficult to get a budget developed due to the unknowns. We do not know when we will be able to open day program again which makes it difficult to know what income we can expect. The Finance Department has been working on a budget and will present what they have with the 1% decrease in rates. The 2% merit raises were left in the budget as we all felt strongly we needed to keep this for staff retention. It will probably be a deficit budget. We do have the PPP loan that will help. Board President, Ehrmann, asked that we send what we have in the board packet to discuss it in August.

Meeting adjourned.