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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
January 25, 2018

Members Present

Mike Ehrmann
Dean Wingfield
Joe Kinnie
Eva Bruns
Linda Heller
Heike Petersen (Phone)
Jeri Spear (Phone)
Howard McCormick (Phone)
Kent Jostes (Phone)

Members Absent

Laura Teague
Rod Pelton

Others Present

Rhonda Roth
Traci Schrade
Tona Felzien
Leeah Key
Louise Buchholz

ROLL CALL: Michael Ehrmann, President, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made and seconded (Bruns/Spear) to approve the December 14, 2017 minutes with noted corrections. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Board Re-appointments
Election of Officers
Update on Early Intervention

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Franklin Program presentation: Leeah Key, Vocational/Residential Director & Behavior Specialist was in attendance to give an overview of the Franklin Program.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Finance Director Schrade presented the November & December 2017 financials. **Motion** was made and seconded (Wingfield/Bruns) to accept the financial reports (see attached reports) as presented. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase Request for Application Server: Les Archuleta, *Platinum Technology*, presented three proposals for updating internal servers, offsite storage (private cloud), and refresh all needed hardware (see attached proposals). Motion was made and seconded (Wingfield/Petersen) to accept the bid for updating hardware and putting the data on offsite storage (private cloud). All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

Board Re-appointments: Dean Wingfield, Kent Jostes, Joe Kinney, Eva Bruns, Linda Heller and Laura Teague are up for re-appointment. Laura Teague has declined a consecutive term and the Morgan County Commissioners have recommended a community member to replace Laura. Rhonda will contact Morgan County Commissioners for the name of the person recommended and invite this person to the next meeting for a possible nomination to serve on the Board. **Motion** was made and seconded (Bruns/Petersen) to accept these appointments, each for another three year term. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries.

Election of Officers: **Motion** was made and seconded (Bruns/Petersen) to keep the same officers for the upcoming year. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries.

Early Intervention Update: Continue to have little direction from the state regarding the lack of Medicaid providers in our 10 counties. All EI providers must become Medicaid providers whether or not the child in services is on Medicaid. We are waiting to see if BOCES will become a Medicaid provider, if they choose not to do so it will be a huge issue for Eastern as BOCES is our only provider in many counties we serve. We are not sure if we will be able to pay this agency for the services they provide for 6 of our 10 counties if they are not a Medicaid provider.

Vision: Comprehensive and SLS HCBS Waiver services has historically paid for vision services for clients. In January, Melissa Dassaro received an email stating that the Medicaid state plan must pay for vision exams starting in October of 2017. All folks in HCBS Waiver services must have a Medicaid Provider for these services, this should not be a problem. We have informed our Service Providers and Case Managers of this change.

Update on Services: ECS is serving three new people in Comprehensive Services. ECS started advertising open positions on *indeed.com* along with posting on our Facebook page. As a result, 15 direct care providers, a Registered Nurse and a LPN have been hired in the past month!

The retirement plan audit is scheduled for the Monday 1/29/18.

Business Continuity Plan Information: Executive Director Roth updated the board on latest information on Conflict Free Case Management. ECS has received the guidelines for the Business Continuity Plan (BCP) that is due July 1, 2018. We are still waiting to hear if we will get the rural exemption, should hear sometime in March, but will need to start working on our BCP soon.

Public Comments: There were no audience/public comments.

Meeting adjourned.

As a reminder: *the telephone conference number is 1-877-820-7831 and the Participant Pass Code is 8058169, followed by the # sign. The Board meeting for February 22, 2018 will begin at 6:30 pm at the Administration Office, 617 South 10th Avenue, Sterling.**