



TRANSITIONS OF PA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
 Remote Meeting Held via Zoom
 October 27, 2020

MINUTES COMPILED AND SUBMITTED BY: Aquene L. J. Prindle

NOTE: All attachments and reports are on file with the Secretary.

ATTENDANCE: P = PRESENT IN PERSON C = ON CONFERENCE CALL A = ABSENT L = ON LEAVE

	BOARD MEMBER		BOARD MEMBER		BOARD MEMBER
P	Amy Gronlund, President	P	Christine Dotterer	P	Stacy Richards
P	D. Toni Byrd, Vice-President	P	Harvey Edwards	A	Sherri Rippon
P	Ed Sigl, Treasurer	P	Marsha Lemons	A	Linda Treese
P	Mary Louise Schweikert, Secretary	P	Tamara Normington	A	Mark Wolfberg
P	Susan K. Mathias, CEO	P	Helen Nunn		
P	Kendra Aucker	P	Jacquelyn Paul		
P	Rob Cook	P	Stacey Pearson-Wharton		

STAFF PRESENT:

Mae-Ling Kranz
 Aquene Prindle
 Tara Day Ulrich

AGENDA ITEM/SUBJECT	DISCUSSION SUMMARY	ACTION & REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP
CALL TO ORDER (Amy Gronlund)	The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Board President, Amy Gronlund.	
STAFF PRESENTATION – HOUSING (Tara Day Ulrich)	<p>The meeting began with a self-introduction of Programs Director, Tara Day Ulrich. Afterward, Tara led a presentation and discussion of the Housing Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Obama administration’s commitment to ending homelessness enabled changes that improved services offered through increased funding to various federal and state programs. They also recognized that domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and families, which resulted in funding being made available <i>specifically</i> for domestic violence survivors. • Transitions is a part of the Eastern PA Continuum of Care, which is a group of 33 counties/5 Homeless Advisory Boards that work together to identify local homeless priorities and goals and to develop strategies for competitive funding. • HUD featured Transitions’ Rapid Rehousing Cohort in a national brief as an example for domestic violence programs which offer housing. • Transitions’ Housing program has been built up to a robust set of services offered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rental application fees ○ Security deposits ○ Rent ○ Utilities ○ Things needed to set up housekeeping ○ Homeless prevention ○ Flexible funding • Transitions’ housing funding, services and staff have more than doubled since 2017. In the past year, 90% of the people in the program moved on to permanent housing. 	

<p>CEO/AGENCY REPORTS (Susan Mathias)</p>	<p>CEO and Agency reports for October, 2020 were distributed to the Board previously. Susan highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff continues to follow the Pandemic Policy in regards to hand washing, wearing masks and social distancing while continuing to responsibly and successfully serve clients. • Three new staff members have been hired. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joni-Lynne Bloom, Legal Assistant ○ Evan Collier, Union County Legal Advocate ○ Heather Kelly, Contract Attorney • North Penn Legal Services is undecided if they will continue to represent our clients in regards to PFAs. One of the things Heather Kelly will be working on is to get clarification on this topic. • Domestic Violence Awareness Month ends this week. There will be a candlelight vigil on Wednesday, October 28th, for the people who've passed away as a result of domestic violence in Pennsylvania. • Susan encouraged the members of the board to review Transitions Values. This list of values was created to educate and remind people of the culture Transitions is committed to uphold. 	<p>Members should read the CEO/Agency reports and contact Susan with any questions.</p>
<p>STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <p>Auction (Sheri Rippon)</p> <p>Development/Public Relations (Marsha Lemons)</p>	<p>No report submitted</p> <p>Marsha Lemons, Committee Chair, extended an invitation to board members to join the Development/Public Relations Committee.</p>	<p>Members should read the Standing Committee reports and contact the Committee Chairperson with any questions.</p>

<p>Education (Harvey Edwards)</p> <p>Finance – TIAC (Toni Byrd)</p> <p>Governance (Marsha Lemons/Jackie Paul)</p> <p>Personnel (Mary Louise Schweikert)</p>	<p>Board members are requested to safely come in to the office to add personal notes and sign the Annual Appeal letters.</p> <p>To refresh the mailing list, Susan requested that board members provide 5 to 10 new names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers for the mailing list.</p> <p>Susan shared that other organizations are not planning for in-person events before fall of 2021. The decision for Transitions will be made in January, but at this point it looks like Transitions’ 2021 Annual Auction will be a virtual event.</p> <p>No report submitted.</p> <p>Members were asked to read the attached Transitions Investment Advisory Committee report.</p> <p>No report submitted.</p> <p>No report submitted.</p>	
<p>NEW BUSINESS (Amy Gronlund)</p>	<p>Due to ongoing pandemic concerns, the annual Board and Staff Social Gathering will not be taking place.</p> <p>December’s meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 8th, at 7 PM, via Zoom.</p>	

NEXT MEETING DATE (Amy Gronlund)	<p>There will be no November board meeting. The final meeting of 2020 will take place on 12/08/2020 at 7 PM. Members should plan to attend via Zoom.</p>	<p>Staff and Committee reports are due Tuesday, December 1st, at noon.</p>
STAFF MEETING PARTICIPATION BY BOARD (Amy Gronlund)	<p>Staff meetings have been updated to bi-weekly Zoom meetings. Members of the Board are encouraged to participate.</p>	<p>Members should contact Susan with dates they would like to participate.</p>
EXECUTIVE SESSION (Amy Gronlund)	<p>Staff was excused from the Board of Directors meeting while the Executive Session took place.</p>	<p><u>Motion by Rob Cook:</u> To adjourn into Executive Session at 8:13 PM. <u>Seconded by Toni Byrd.</u> <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p><u>It was moved and seconded that the Board adjourn into Regular Session at 8:35 PM.</u> <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.</p>	

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