

LIFELINE CONNECTIONS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 25, 2019

Center for Community Health
Second Floor, Mod B Conference Room

Members Present: Rusty Williams, Ginger Schmidt, Harry White, & Edie Blakley

Members Absent: David Artz, Kasandra Early, Matt Lee, Bob Poole, & Brian MacKenzie

Staff Present: Jared Sanford, Ashley Costello, & Krysta Pennington

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda items will be brought to the next Board meeting for approval, due to a lack of a quorum.

BOARD EDUCATION: DETOX/SOBERING

Ashley Costello, the Director of Sobering and Withdrawal Management, was introduced to the Board members. She then gave an overview of both the Sobering and Withdrawal Management units. She noted that the SURV van with the Sobering unit is still having staffing issues, but we anticipate having it up and running again within the next month or so. Withdrawal Management now has more competitors in the region, which has prompted changing policies/procedures for the unit. This could include letting patients wear their own sweats, changing food menus, and repainting.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

The February financials will be brought to the next Board meeting for approval, due to a lack of a quorum. It was noted that the Aberdeen, South Bend, and Centralia locations are continuing to struggle financially and with staffing.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Open Enrollment for agency benefits will be held in May, with a July 1st effective date for changes. With the annual benefit rate increases, Lifeline will continue to keep the split of costs. A new benefit we are providing is paid meals for inpatient staff during their shifts. The MyStrength site is now available for both staff and patients to utilize, which provides resources for different areas of wellness. Jessica Hall, HR Director, will be coming to a future Board meeting to provide a demonstration to the Board members. There has been one application already received for the agency's sabbatical program. A wellness fair for staff is going to be held later in the year. Merit increases and department bonuses will also be given out in the next couple of months.

FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Everything is on track for the Light in the Storm fundraising event. We are currently working on ticket and table sales, and have already raised more money than we did last year. The proceeds from the fundraiser will be going towards helping start Camp Mariposa. The centerpieces are complete, as well as a finalized menu for the breakfast. Smaller events are in the works, such as the Bellingham hike and supply collections for the pregnant & parenting women's program.

NEW BUSINESS

Whatcom County Update: Whatcom County would like Lifeline to take on more programs in order to better meet community needs. One of these programs would be a recovery house, which is a step between

residential and outpatient. This would house approximately 12 individuals, and the house would be rented. Whatcom County currently has a detox and a stabilization center in their area. However, the County would like Lifeline to apply to provide these services instead. With this, there is a possibility of hiring the staff that are already there.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Service Activity: This will be brought to the May Board meeting for discussion.

OTHER DISCUSSION

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm.
Respectfully Submitted, Krysta Pennington

Kasandra Early - Secretary
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