

**CLARK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION
MARCH 7, 2013 BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Randall Comer, (Vice Chair), Brock Burcham, Judy Hoy, Jerry Newport, Frank Otway, Melissa Patsiavos, Roseann Pratt, Darrin Spitzer, Gail Welsh

Mental Health & Recovery Board staff: Nancy Chiles

OPENING REMARKS:

Randall Comer, Vice Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming all those present and stated that Chair, John Federer, was unable to attend the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Melissa Patsiavos, seconded by Roseann Pratt to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2012 Board meeting as submitted.

Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Nancy Chiles reviewed the financial information as of December 31, 2012, representing the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2013, as prepared by staff of the Springfield Foundation. Total net assets as of December 31, 2012 are \$249,524, reflecting an increase of \$9,108 as compared to September 30, 2012. Nancy pointed out that the Interest and Dividend Income for the six month period totals \$4,211, which is significantly higher than the previous year.

Randall Comer then explained that Suzie Carey, Accountant for the Springfield Foundation, provided information regarding the Return on Investment Calculation. This calculation reflects an appreciation of \$88,687 over the corpus of \$278,980, resulting in an average annual increase of 3.83% over the 8.3 years that the Springfield Foundation has handled our investments. The membership felt this was very positive especially with the downturn in 2008.

It was moved by Melissa Patsiavos, seconded by Judy Hoy to approve the financial report as submitted.

Motion carried.

FUNDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Randall Comer reported that the Funding Committee met on January 30, 2013 to discuss and review the final results of the fall 2012 letter campaign and to develop the plan for the spring/summer 2013 letter campaign. Below are the results of the fall 2012 letter campaign.

- Approximately 1,400 mailed
- Eight board members (including Kent) put personal notes on 379 letters (27%)

- Total of \$8,280 in gross revenue was generated
- Total direct costs were \$134; results in net revenue of \$8,146
- Total of 124 donors, averaging \$67 per donation
- Of the 124 donations received, 84 or 68% had a personal note on the letter
- 68 of the 124 donors (55%) gave in previous years

This represents the third year for a fall campaign and represents the highest donations received in the three years.

The committee discussed other fund raising options and determined that the spring/summer campaign should be continued for a second year, primarily due to the success of the campaign in 2012. Randall reported that John Federer, Nancy Chiles, Kent Youngman and himself had met with Don Warner and Ron Green of Oesterlen to determine if there was a youth project that could be targeted for the 2013 letter campaign.

Nancy then distributed a document received from Oesterlen explaining their proposed project – construction of a greenhouse. This greenhouse would be erected on their campus which will offer hands-on individual and group experiences to hundreds of children each year through spring, summer and fall. Many of the largely urban clients may experience planting and growing something for the first time. They will learn to nurture a living plant, appreciate the growing cycle and experience deferred gratification. The plan is to grow vegetables and flowers, which can be transferred to outside beds as they mature. Caring for the beds and seeing a project through from beginning to conclusion are tremendous lessons for youth suffering from behavior disorders and having very short attention spans. Outdoor tasks that expend energy are very helpful to otherwise sedentary youth. Healthy eating lessons will be incorporated as the vegetables are grown and the flowers will be carried to nursing home patients, who are already visited as field work experiences.

The goal is to raise \$4,300 to construct the greenhouse. The construction project itself will become a therapy activity, as youth plan their work, and submit “plans” to Oesterlen’s staff, who will help guide the project.

Nancy reported that the Executive Committee of the Mental Health & Recovery Board does not meet until May 10th. At that meeting a recommendation for matching funds will be addressed.

It was moved by Brock Burcham, seconded by Roseann Pratt to conduct a spring/summer letter campaign in 2013 for the benefit of Oesterlen Services for Youth.

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

The next Board meeting will occur on June 27, 2013 at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Jerry Newport, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Chiles
Secretary/Treasurer