IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 4, 2020
CONFERENCE CALL
Dial in #: 605-475-4000 Access Code #: 369313#
3:00 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Chair; Judy Drummond, MA, Secretary; Marilyn Tesconi, MA; and Toni Parks

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Helynna Brooke (Executive Director); and Loy Proffitt (Assistant Director)

OTHERS PRESENT: Winship Hillier; and Liza Murawski

Commissioner Jackson-Lane called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

1.0 CHAIR REPORT

Commissioner Jackson-Lane stated, “We haven’t done anything.”

Ms. Brooke shared, “I was at the Lake House and then here helping my roommate move.”

Commissioner Drummond asked, “Why are we having this meeting if we are totally unprepared?”

Commissioner Jackson-Lane said, “We’re moving forward. What is each person doing?”

No one had done anything.

Ms. Brooke explained, “We are required to have five resolutions per fiscal year, but the City has said it is OK that I draft one resolution then send it for approval to the Commission, then to the City. We have to get approval from Rebecca L. I've talked with her. We'll lose money if our contract is not approved.

Loy and I are working with the City to get conference calls that use DPH email address from each commissioner. I can test it: Idell can use it. The Commission can do meetings, then the public can comment.”

Commissioner Drummond inquired, “What is the resolution we can send in?”
Ms. Brooke responded, “We have to decide that now.”

Commissioner Tesconi stated, “We have to think about site visits. We need to make the visits.”

Ms. Brooke stated, “You’re correct.”

Commissioner Drummond stated, “I took notes on how to set them up. We need to get started.”

Ms. Brooke shared, “I was almost 5150d. I’ll be gone June 1. I was unable to do anything.”

Commissioner Jackson-Lane mentioned, “We were supposed to do tasks, but they were not done because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We did engage with Supervisor Stefani’s aide, Andy, and we can talk to Supervisor Haney.

Can Toni and Marilyn talk to their supervisors regarding the new restrictions? The five (5) resolutions we did before are in the previous contract. The Annual Report will include the five resolutions.”

Ms. Brooke said, ”The Annual Report can include a new resolution. We can do one at the next meeting. We can say we are continually keeping up with the issues. I can write one.”

Commissioner Tesconi stated, "Judith Klain and I went on a site visit to Conard House and brought an issue back to the Commission.”

Ms. Murawski suggested, “Can we let everyone know about the issues?”

Commissioner Tesconi said, “At a subsequent meeting, Helynna, Judith, and I set up a meeting to look at the Cooperative Director. They had replaced John Stewart and are no longer responsible for that site. It didn't get done. Richard Heasley retired in January."

Commissioner Jackson-Lane said, “Stewart leaving has a major impact.”

Commissioner Tesconi clarified, “It's important to have a distinction whether Stewart was responsible for all sites.”

Ms. Brooke said, “Glide fired John Stewart. COVID-19 is making it difficult; there are no tourists or conventions. All departments are being asked to make cuts to keep DPH alive. We can bill $15,000 for the remaining contract.

I haven't told you Carletta, but we got the $28,000 PPP loan. It can be forgiven if you don't fire or lay off your staff.”

Commissioner Tesconi asked, “How did you get the money?”

Ms. Brooke responded, “We had enough money in the bank to pay: $5,000 in payroll and $12,000 in the account. I was able to do payroll with $5,000 left.”

Commissioner Jackson-Lane shared, “Michelle Long is entertaining the 2021 budget, and we have a gentleman's agreement that the money will come to the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC).”
Commissioner Tesconi asked, “Have you sent in your resignation letter?”

Ms. Brooke replied, “It will be done tomorrow.”

Commissioner Jackson-Lane asked, “Are there any other issues?”

Commissioner Parks mentioned, “Supportive housing: folks with behavioral/mental health issues need to get services now because they are not getting any. This needs to be a full Board agenda item.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hillier wondered, "Why were you ashamed: I proposed a resolution not to cancel meetings."

Ms. Brooke stated, "I needed help. I've been here for more than 20 years. I was so ashamed to ask for help. You would all see me differently. I couldn't help with the Data Notebook; they had to do it themselves.

I'm sorry, but I can't help and go back in time and be more supportive of Marylyn."

Commissioner Jackson-Lane said, “Your depression is not the sum total of what you are.”

Mr. Hillier inquired, “Is Rebecca in charge of whether we can have a meeting?”

Ms. Brooke explained, “Because we’re a Commission, there are different rules: we don’t have to audiotape meetings; we can meet online because we are in a critical situation. I’m pretty sure it will be approved.”

Mr. Hillier suggested, “You need MHSA approval. Toni Parks, Marcus Dancer, Richelle Slota, Marilyn Tesconi, and Judy Drummond’s terms all expired January 19, 2020?”

Ms. Brooke replied, "We have approval from the City Attorney to extend their terms. The Rules Committee has to decide what goes on the agenda. I will work aggressively to get these approved."

**MOTION:** To make a resolution about supportive housing to send to the Executive Committee, seconded by Toni Parks.

**Unanimous.**

Adjournment 4:00 PM.