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August 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Pigg called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Department to order at 3:03pm

ROLL CALL

Tim Pigg, Chairperson - Present
Dennis Diehl, Vice-Chairperson – Present
Tammy Stidem, Secretary-Treasurer – Present
Dr. Amber Henry, Member – Present
Susan (Suzy) Davis, Member – Excused

OTHERS ATTENDING

Kelley Vollmar, Executive Director
Steve Sikes, Deputy Director Operations
Jennifer Pinkley, Deputy Director Admin.
Christi Coleman, Legal Counsel

Others in attendance:

Brianne Zwiener, Public Communications Officer Jaclyn Brown, ASPEN Coordinator Derrick Good

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Stidem seconded. Hearing no discussion, the motion carried, and Chairperson Pigg announced the motion had passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Act on Director's recommendation to approve Intellectual Property Contribution Agreement

Dr. Henry made a motion to approve the Intellectual Property Contribution Agreement. Mr. Diehl seconded. Hearing no discussion, the motion carried, and Chairperson Pigg announced that the motion had passed, 4-0.

Act on Director's recommendation to approve Services Agreement

Mr. Diehl made a motion to approve the Services Agreement. Dr. Henry seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, the motion carried, and Chairperson Pigg announced that the motion had passed. 4-0.

Ms. Vollmar first thanked the Board for taking the time to come in for a special meeting today. We have been developing the ASPEN program for several years and have worked steadily to get it ingrained within the Jefferson County school system. There has been a lot of interest and a lot of great feedback in terms of our work with the schools and as well as starting to reach out to first responders.

ASPEN has been covered by grants up to and including through this current stage but what we have hit at this point of time is a due to the limitations of being only able to serve within our own county the limitation of growth of what ASPEN is capable of doing. The sustainability of the program has reached a limit. JCHC can allow ASPEN to separate into a 501c3, and in return Jefferson County Health Department will retain the services to be able to have for Jefferson County schools so all of our schools and our recipients will continue to be able to receive those services. This will allow funding outside of the County to help support the program. The program has received numerous grants within the County, but as this starts to expand further there are outside agencies that have an interest in being able to support this and be able to support the mental health care needs of their children and their communities as well.

We have looked into what opportunities there are as far as sustainability of the program put together a draft transition plan on how this could happen. In the end this will greatly benefit not only the use of ASPEN within the state of Missouri but then as well it will also benefit the JCHC with continued access to this vital program, while not carrying the full weight and burden of trying to continue as this program is growing exponentially.

This is a tremendous program, and it is a tremendous asset to our youth. We are prepared for a Jefferson County specific staff member to continue the work within our county coordinating services, continuing to update the resource directory, and work with all of our contracts. This will also enable Jackie to step back from her role with Jefferson County Health Department and take on a separate role with the 501c3 - supported outside funding sources.

Mr. Good stated this gives the ASPEN program the ability to serve on its own and serve children outside of the county.

Ms. Coleman states that by statute we are only allowed to provide services to Jefferson County residents because that is where our tax base is, so this would allow the program to be utilized outside of the County and remove the restrictions that are on the program right now. We are not health care providers; we are public health - there is a large distinction in that we have limited means of providing health care to residents. So theoretically moving forward and asking them to go beyond what we have the ability to do would allow the program, through its own self-governing and funded 501c3, to provide more actual services, which several Board members have expressed a desire to see happen.

Chairperson Pigg read Resolution 23-8-15-1, which approves the 2 Agreements previously approved individually by those present, unanimously.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Center (JCHC) held on the 15th day of August, 2023, at which a quorum was present, the following resolution was adopted,

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Health Center ("JCHC") operates as the Local Public Health Agency for residents of Jefferson County, Missouri, and has been the recipient of grant funding in order to develop the Intellectual Property (IP) needed to create and distribute the ASPEN Program as a program of the JCHC, and

WHEREAS, the ASPEN Program has received many accolades throughout the State of Missouri and inquiries regarding provision of such services to other Missouri schools, and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of mental health initiatives for all Missouri residents, JCHC is desirous of allowing the ASPEN program to be utilized across the state by its developers, and

WHEREAS, the creator and developer of the ASPEN Program has created a 501(c)(3) organization, ASPEN Network, Inc., in order to provide services throughout the State of Missouri, and

WHEREAS, the JCHC finds that no taxpayer funds have been used to develop the ASPEN Program as a program of JCHC, but that all costs have been provided through specific grants for the program, and

WHEREAS, JCHC desires to transfer the IP developed through grant funds for the creation of the ASPEN Program, to the ASPEN Network, Inc, so that these vital resources may be used to improve mental health access for citizens of the State of Missouri.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements and covenants contained herein and for other consideration, the JCHC hereby approves the Services Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A. Further, the JCHC hereby approves the Intellectual Property Contribution and Assignment Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit B. Further, the JCHC hereby directs its Executive Director to prepare a Program Transition Plan to effectuate the transfer of the properties outlined in Exhibit B.

Dr. Henry made a motion to approve Resolution 23-8-15-1. Mr. Deihl seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pigg, yea; Mr. Diehl, yea; Ms. Stidem, nay; Dr. Henry, yea. Motion carried and Chairperson Pigg announced the motion had passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Dr. Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Diehl seconded. Motion carried unanimously and Chairperson Pigg announced the motion had passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm.


Secretary-Treasurer