

## KsRHA KHA Liaison Discussion

### Meeting Minutes

3.16.2021

#### **Board members:**

Michael Seward, Austin Gillard, Taylor Zabel, Neesa Butler (Montoya), Michael Kennedy, Kelli Stevens, Judy Hodgson, Merrill Conant, Michael Machen, Robert Moser, Chad Austin, Dorothy Hughes.

#### **Attendees:**

Judy Hodgson, Tara Mays, Chad Austin, Neesa Butler (Montoya), Michael Seward, Taylor Zabel, Merrill Conant, Michael Machen, Courtney Darrah.

#### **Taylor Zabel:**

Meeting called to order – 12:06pm.

Welcome.

Motion to approve of previous meeting minutes – Taylor Zabel

So moved – Michael Seward

Second – Judy Hodgson

Unanimous approval – Board.

#### **Tara Mays on KHA Liaison Duties for KsRHA:**

Email sent out to the board from Austin Gillard yesterday, 3/15/21, including the signed memorandum of understanding with KHA and the MOU services provided by KHA in support of KsRHA as an allied organization.

Board members are asked to look through the MOU document to review what services KHA can provide for KsRHA through management level membership – Think of ways KsRHA can take advantage of these services by KHA moving forward.

Tara Mays reviewed with the committee the level of service that KsRHA is signed up for with KHA and reviewed the categories that the Allied Liaison can assist with. She encouraged the committee to keep those things in mind as the continue to plan.

She also gave an update on a few of the legislative items making their way through the process. Rural Emergency Hospital Bills (SB 175/HB 2261) SB 175 established the REH licensure passed on a vote of 39-0 and is now in House Health up for final action this week where it is likely to be merged with HB 2174, creating a rural hospital innovation grant program. 340 B Legislation (SB 128/HB 2260) which wasn't able to be heard by the Health Committees so we are now looking at budget proviso language that would hit pause on PBM changes to dealing with

340B entities while the more broad policy questions surrounding 340B issues are worked out at the federal level and or looked at more in-depth by the KanCare Oversight committee.

Mays gave an update on Telemedicine legislation contained in House Bill 2206, which allows referrals to specialty services and coordination of care. The bill was the one that KHA requested amendments to and was put on hold while interested parties on payment parity met to further discuss. The legislation was procedurally blessed by leadership in the House when it went to the Appropriations exempt committee and the House Health Committee will be holding a roundtable on the topic this week.

**Taylor Zabel on NRHA Grant:**

Taking a little longer than expected – Meeting with Jennifer Findley on Thursday, 3/18/21, to continue working on the application.

Taylor will notify the board on submission and approval of the grant.

**Michael Seward on Primary Care Needs Assessment (PCNA):**

Currently continuing to go through editing lists of survey questions – KDHE hopes to finalize this summer.

2 areas of focus – The community as a whole and healthcare institutions individually.

Purpose to identify needs within the community and within healthcare institutions.

KDHE is spearheading the effort – Waiting to learn how they plan to disburse the surveys and how KsRHA can help.

Dorothy Hughes – Helping with phase II after the surveys are completed.

The Providers – Film focusing on the challenges and struggles of rural physicians and communities – KDHE looking for help in promoting this film.

More information and link to trailer - <http://theprovidersdoc.com/>

**Neesa Butler on the Financial Report:**

KsRHA account is sitting at \$8,079 currently.

\$20 domain fee for the website and \$5 monthly bank service fee for recent expenses.

**Taylor Zabel on New Business:**

Membership – How can KsRHA solicit membership engagement?

Dues structure proposal from Taylor from a previous board meeting:

Student- \$0

Individual- \$50

Business- <50 employees \$100

Business- >50 employees \$200

Sponsor \$500-1500

Chad Stewart – KHA to look into other allied organizations similar in size to KsRHA to help in determining a similar structure – Suggests a strategic planning session in order to develop a framework of KsRHA activities that members can participate in.

**Next Board Meeting:**

June 2021 – (Doodle Poll) – This meeting will serve as a strategic planning session for 2-3 hours to discuss short and long term goals as well as the overall structuring of the organization.

**Closing:**

Motion to Adjourn – Taylor Zabel

So moved – Merrill Conant

Second – Chad Stewart

Unanimous approval – Board.

Meeting adjourned – 12:53pm.