

Board of Directors, Minutes, May 7, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the corporation), was held May 7, 2015, at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas 75204.

Attendees

- Directors Present: Nell Gaither, Simone Stevens, Terry Allen, Bret Camp
- Directors Absent: Pocahontas Duvall
- Guests Present: Audrey Burns and guest Ashley, Starr Rodriguez

Call to Order

- Chair Nell Gaither called the meeting to order at 6:11pm. Nell Gaither recorded the minutes in the absence of Corporate Secretary Jamila Davis (no longer a director sitting on the board). A quorum of directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Announcements

- Nell mentioned that TPI is now an approved HHSC Community Partner
- Nell mentioned the healthcare article that should be out in the DMN soon
- No further announcements

Reports from Officers

President

- Noted that TPI was awarded \$5000 from TJFP for shelter; thanked Audrey for work on that
- Noted briefly the April 9-10 trip to DC to meet with Surgeon General
- Update on work with TDCJ and incarcerated trans persons

Secretary

In the absence of the Secretary, acting Secretary Nell Gaither provided the following:

- Presented the minutes from February 5 meeting for approval.
 - There were no comments.
 - Terry motioned to accept the minutes; Bret seconded; vote to approve unanimous.

Treasurer

- Treasurer noted all filings for 2014 state and federal requirements have been completed.

Unfinished Business

This is basically what we need to be working on now.

- noted client taken to deHaro Parkland clinic was refused hormone therapy (has letter); was told to go to Amelia Ct (although she is HIV-); Nell's appt with same end of May
- **Shelter work**
 - MDHA teams with TPI for presentation and homelessness forum
 - Terry: not much done on shelter work
 - Nell: hasn't had time to arrange with Charles Gulley for insurance and apartment connections
 - discussed suggestion of Harryette Ehrhardt party as fundraiser for a shelter
 - Nell noted Give Me a Chance no longer a place to refer clients to boarding house.
- **Anti-violence work:** Nell noted discussion with NCAVP that there may be funding during next OVW grant cycle (2016)
- Audrey noted that text of harm reduction self-med brochure almost done
- Sheriff's Office trans prison policy, Nell noted the "final" is not bad, developing comments
- Nell noted that TPI submitted on the small DSHS grant for \$3k
- Bret mentioned we need to develop an "opportunities timeline" for planning (who can do?)

New Business

- **LifeWalk**—Nell noted that we didn't have anyone to do the partner, so couldn't participate
- **2015 health fair**—Nell noted there may be some partner participation with the Women's Coop/Women's Alliance; we discussed whether to do this year; Nell said no time, everyone else wants to, so will do a subcommittee led by Terry; discussed using several rooms at CCC
- Nell mentioned we need to think about a policy on events we share?

Open End

- Nell asked others to think about how we can justify labor rates for proposals when we can't afford to pay anyone. Current rate is \$50.
- Nell mentioned whether pressing Texas Wins, Texas Competes etc was in our scope and should we prompt them to add language stating they wouldn't support trans exclusion

Adjourn meeting

Simone moved that the meeting be adjourned; Bret seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nell Gaither, acting Recording Secretary

Date