

# Board Meeting Agenda, July 24, 2024

## *Call to Order*

### *Check-In and Announcements*

- Introductions and announcements.

## *Reports from Officers*

### *President*

- Our web host had changed it's policies, then changed our web service to a much more expensive plan, then when we conformed to the new policy said they couldn't just move us back to our original plan. Customer service had become really bad. Searched and discussed options and moved web service to InMotion Hosting. Price about the same after discount for first two years, and technical assistance has been wonderful.
- Any questions for the president about activities since last meeting?

### *Secretary*

- Provided: minutes from February 15, 2024 meeting.
- Interest in secretary position: Alexis Cabrera.
- **Action:** Questions, comments, and approval of minutes from February 15, 2024, meeting.
- Any questions for the Secretary about activities since last meeting?

### *Treasurer*

- Reports provided: bank reconciliation detail and summary reports for Jun 2024.
- Any questions for the Treasurer about activities since the last meeting?

## *Committee Reports*

### *Fundraising Team*

- In July 2024, TPI was notified that we received a \$20k general operations grant from Borealis Fund for Trans Generations plus \$10k in organizational development funds, for a total of \$30k.
- Also July, had a Venmo donation from anonymous, of \$5000
- Any questions about the Fundraising Team work?

### *Action Team: Prison Support*

- We are still able to keep up with the prison letters, backlog about 30 days.
- The lack of incoming letters has allowed us to take on other tasks:
  - Sending complaints concerning the new digital mail problems and PREA auditor complaints.

- Documenting about 140 specific correspondence interference incidents, and filing complaints on about 40, with requests for investigation to lege (both House and Senate corrections committees). Found original RFP that requested kickbacks.
- Adding a topics field to letters as another means of documenting issues where we don't have enough info to record an incident. Working on making this retroactive to 2020.
- We have completed 14 PREA auditor deficiency complaints overall. We now have two templates, a longer form for facilities where we have pretty good information, and a shorter one addressing mostly audit inaccuracies instead of basing the complaint on our data.
- Still working on compiling housing resources for persons being released.
- Project 103 (see 103.tpride.org)
  - Project now likely over, attorney McGiverin unethically taking almost all the funds.
  - After ending our service agreement contract and getting no response on returning our retainer, TPI filed request for mediation with the State Bar Client Attorney Assistance Program. That resulted in finally getting a response that McGiverin was billing the entire retainer for services under Project 103, which was explicitly stated multiple times not to be done. However, probably can't argue that because they will only look at the contract.
  - Will need to determine what to do with remaining funds.
- New project called "Making it Official" by Dan Bustillo will work to develop and provide affirming IDs to incarcerated trans persons. This is an extension of TPI and other's contributions to Dan's doctoral thesis research (TPI is in the thesis in part for our ID card modifications we have provided), and is funded by a project of trans historian and author Susan Stryker.
- Any questions about the prison committee work?

### **Action Team: Healthcare Committee**

- Parkland Discrimination Project
  - HHS had promised to provide FOIA responsive materials by June 14, 2024, then did not provide and now refuses to provide info or respond to emails and calls.
  - TPI submitted a mediation request to NARA FOIA Ombudsman Feb 6, 2024, but the response was vague, and apparently meant that they would not do anything unless HHS specifically refused to provide materials. Seems to mean as long as HHS claims the request is "in process," they won't do anything. When I asked NARA if that was true, they did not answer, but contacted HHS and asked them to respond, and that is when TPI was given the no-later-than June 14 delivery date.
  - Last board meeting, Bret suggested contacting Clay Jenkins, but this is the federal HHS that is delaying, not county. Per vague indication from the HHS FOIA office, some party could be trying to object to the release of info, so that could be Parkland or the local HHS OCR, but I have no definite indication of that. Consider contacting US House or Senate members? Other suggestions?
  - TPI may consider legal action if they continue to refuse. Board will be consulted before doing so.
- Any questions about the healthcare committee work?

## *Other teams and committees*

- No reports; any questions?

## *Unfinished Business*

- Per agreement at the April 19, 2022, board meeting, the status of a search for a Secretary will remain unfinished business until someone is identified to replace Max and fill the position.
  - We have one person who has expressed interest in the Secretary position, Alexis Cabrera. Suggesting to let her see how it works performing duties on interim basis and consider at later date.
- Any ideas about how to add programs so that we can put our funds to use rather than just sitting on them?
- Idea about if TPI has to cease operations, or a means of expanding to use our funds, should we consider maybe adding or converting to a Community Land Trust for the benefit of Dallas trans community? Could property and funds be held until someone able to develop for purposes established in the trust?
- Any other unfinished business that needs to be discussed at this time?

## *New Business*

- Set time and date for next meeting.
- Question for James about fees for payment processing: Are landlords required to offer non-fee option?
- Any new business that any board member wishes to bring up for consideration?

## *Open End*

- Any other open end discussion?

## *Adjourn Board meeting*