



Commission Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 20, 2010

Chairman Robert Marshall Jr. called the Commission Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 10:24 am in the Indiana Government Center South, Conference room 130.

Roll Call

Kenneth Allen, Laura Heinrich, Mindy Lewis, Virgil Madden, Robert Marshall, Elijah Neal, Adrienne Shields, Lynn Smith, Dr. Vernon Smith, Wayne Wellington

Guest – Shatana Nixon w/ Division of Family Resources (DFR) Comptroller's Office, Demetrees Hutchins w/ Indiana University, Leah Cain (intern) & Caz Day w/ Neighbors Organized To Assist Humanity (NOAH), Troy Crayton w/ African American Male Equity Project (AAMEP) @ Indiana University

Staff – James Garrett Jr., Malika Mays

Prayer

Kenneth Allen

Adoption of Minutes

Virgil Madden moved to accept the September 15, 2010 minutes; Kenneth Allen seconded the motion; minutes were approved unanimously

Financial Report

Shatana Nixon briefly went over the budget summary. The usual operational expenditures were made from the Appropriations (1000) account; included was a \$57.82 Staples supply order; the month of September had three pay periods. Total operational expenditures for the month are \$12,470.99. There were no expenditures from the Donations (6000) account in the month of September. The Donations (6000) account remaining balance is \$72,642.34. Wayne Wellington moved to accept the financial report; Laura Heinrich seconded the motion; financial report was approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Garrett briefly went over his report and provided commissioners with a copy for their review. He also shared information about an idea that the Chairman would like to explore in regards to making changes to our logo and creating a more user friendly and informative website. Resource providers would have the opportunity to visit our site for more information; Black males would have the capability to get on the site and share the challenges they are facing, find resources or someone to talk to. Commissioner Smith agrees, and says he has mentioned the idea of the commission becoming a clearinghouse. Commissioners briefly discussed this idea and feel it needs to be added to the agenda for further discussion. The Chairman says he will put something together to present to the commissioners.

Old Business

Annual Report 2009-2010 Update and Draft Review

Mr. Garrett provided commissioners with a copy of the revised timeline and the recommendations page for the annual report. He informed commissioners that a draft copy of the annual report will be sent to them electronically and requested they send back all comments and modifications to the commission office before the close of business on October 25th. Commissioners briefly discussed the timeline and feel it does not provide enough time for them to look over the report and respond back; an updated timeline was discussed; November 1st is now the due date for all comments and modifications to be sent to the commission office before the close of business. On November 10th, Mr. Garrett will send

commissioners a copy of the modified report; the November 17th board meeting will be used to review and discuss the changes made to the report; Mr. Garrett will also provide commissioners with a copy of the updated timeline. Commissioners expressed their concerns about the report with Ms. Hutchins; they would like to have a report that is cohesive and credible; a boilerplate that we can keep and update each year. Ms. Hutchins feels that our recommendations can easily be done if partnerships are formed and we hold someone accountable. Commissioners' state that is the reason why they had the recommendations separated into community and legislative actions. She will provide members with an updated copy of the recommendations page before the close of business on Friday, October 22nd, to include the separated actions.

Commissioners also explored the idea of having links placed in the report to provide updated or more information on the subjects placed in our report.

Dr. Smith also suggests we contact Garco Printing in Gary, IN for the printing of our annual report.

Men & Women of Color Leadership Conference, Nov. 12-13 Update

Mr. Garrett informed commissioners that the Men and Women of Color Leadership Conference had to make some changes to their agenda. Unfortunately, they will not be able to cater their agenda to the women or youth this year. With this change, that means we are no longer going to be co-sponsors for this event, as we were going to be the co-sponsors of the youth's agenda.

Action Task Registry Update

- Mr. Garrett says he and the Food Stamp Policy Manager held their meeting with the Muncie Commission on October 12th; they provided the members with fact sheets and information to assist with initiatives they are looking into. Dr. Smith says he has offered a bill previously in regards to ex offenders convicted of selling drugs having the ability to receive assistance. He will look into this and report his findings back to the board. Adrienne Shields will also look into the statue created for this bill and report her findings back to the board as well.
- Mr. Garrett asked commissioners what specific information or fact sheets they would like included on our website.
- We are still waiting on Commissioner Brown to provide James with the fact sheets to be placed on our website and shared with our local commissions.
- The Ad-Hoc subcommittee has not had the opportunity to meet.
- Ms. Shields is still waiting to hear back from Commissioner Wynkoop in regards to obtaining ongoing FSSA approval for printing of the annual report using our donations account funds.

New Business

Update on PEW Research Center Justice Reinvestment Council of State Government Justice Center Criminal Code Revision Project

Mr. Garrett informed commissioners that he spoke with Anne Bettsworth, Policy Analyst, a representative with the Justice Reinvestment Project, and they would like to share their findings and solicit feedback on those findings and how to best move forward with a policy framework to increase public safety in Indiana. The Commission will be hosting a presentation on October 26, 2010, here in the Government Center at 11:00am to provide information and engage individuals who serve Black males and solicit possible recommendations.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:25am