

**Community Health Endowment  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 24, 2020, 1:30 pm  
Zoom Conference Call**

**Minutes**

**Trustees Present:** (14) Kathy Campbell, Preeta Bansal, Eric Buchanan, Don Herz, Dan Marvin, Kim Moore, John Reinhardt DDS, Marilyn Moore PhD, Janice Walker, John Thompson, Derek Vance, Michelle Petersen MD, Russ Gronewold, and Pat Lopez

**Trustees Absent:** (1) Rusty Vanneman

**Staff Present:** (3) Lori Seibel, Marcia White, and Jodi Loos

**Welcome:** Ms. Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

**Approval of the Agenda.** K. Moore moved approval of the agenda. Second by Reinhardt. Yes (12) Lopez, Gronewold, Vance, Thompson, Walker, M. Moore, Reinhardt, K. Moore, Marvin, Herz, Bansal, Campbell.

**1. Approval of the Minutes for May 27, 2020.** Ms. Bansal requested the following revision on page 2 (President’s Report. Item C). ~~“Ms. Bansal added that the provision of equipment and direct assistance to organizations with unique access to individuals was also a common request.”~~ “Ms. Bansal added that that provision of some limited support to organizations with access to unique communities was also a common request in order to help with outreach to individuals from such communities and refer them to other community resources for direct assistance.” **Motion:** Moved by Marvin to approve the minutes with Ms. Bansal’s revision. Second by K. Moore. (12) Campbell, Bansal, Herz, Marvin, K. Moore, Reinhardt, M. Moore, Thompson, Walker, Vance, Gronewold, Lopez. No (0). Abstain (0).

**2. Chairman’s Report.**

Dr. Petersen joined the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

A. Discussion: “COVID-19 Targets Communities of Color.” Ms. Seibel stated that the article describes COVID-19 and racial/ethnic inequities. She noted that the inequities are due to not only increased exposure to the virus, but also underlying health conditions and social determinants. She provided a map, based on Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department data, which showed the correlation between COVID-19 and race/ethnicity in Lincoln. Ms.

Lopez noted that a large number of COVID cases in Hispanic and Asian populations are due to employment in the meatpacking industry. Ms. Lopez noted a concern about a lower prevalence of testing in the Black population.

Ms. Campbell noted an article submitted by former Trustee Jose Soto regarding income/wealth. Ms. Seibel added that the article describes how multi-generational wealth, or the accumulation of wealth over several generations, benefits some races.

- B. COVID-19 Update. Ms. Lopez noted that almost 70% of the positive COVID-19 cases in Lincoln are among racial and ethnic minorities. Test Nebraska is continuing to provide testing services in Lincoln. An alternate testing site is under consideration to replace the North Star location due to school re-opening in the fall. She stated that Centro de las Americas and a local church have assisted in screening events for the Hispanic population. Test Nebraska has encountered some difficulty in enrolling individuals due to privacy concerns. In addition, the site is not user-friendly for non-English speakers. Ms. Lopez stated that LLCHD and local hospitals are seeking testing options for individuals who are homebound. She stated that long-term care facilities are in a phasing stage and family members may soon be allowed to visit. Ms. Lopez noted that the Lincoln's outlook is encouraging in comparison to other areas of the country. This outlook will be influenced by a return to school and increasingly flexible restrictions.
- C. Trustee Appointments. Ms. Campbell noted a letter to Mayor Gaylor Baird regarding Trustee appointments/reappointments. Ms. Seibel noted that Mr. Vanneman will have completed two terms on August 31, 2020, and is not eligible for re-appointment. Ms. Walker, Mr. Buchanan, and Mr. Marvin have served one term and wish to be reappointed. Ms. Seibel stated that she has asked the Mayor to make appointments by August 31, 2020. She asked Trustees to contact her with suggestions of possible candidates with a focus on board diversity.
- D. Other. Ms. Seibel stated that staff returned to the office on June 8, 2020. There have been no concerns about maintaining recommended distances. Use of the CHE conference room remains restricted.

Mr. Vance joined the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

### **3. President's Report.**

- A. Monthly Summary. Ms. Seibel stated that a Summary of Activities for April-May, 2020 was included in the Board packet and offered to answer questions.
- B. Federal COVID-19 Supplemental Appropriations (Nebraska Plan). Ms. Seibel stated that the State of Nebraska expects to receive approximately \$1.25 billion for a Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). She reviewed the Governor's plan for distribution of the funds, and noted that

\$85 million is designated to Community CARES grants. These grants will be awarded to organizations who provide food, housing, personal protective equipment, disinfecting supplies, and mental health services. Ms. Seibel and other community funders met with the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services System (DHHSS) to be briefed on the CARES funding and learned that the funds will be distributed in three waves, with applications accepted in June or early July. Ms. Seibel noted that some CHE-funded projects could be impacted by CARES funds.

- C. Other. Ms. Seibel stated that Bluestem Health has added the Piedmont Clinic on the Bryan East campus.

#### **4. Funding Committee.**

- A. Fall Funding Strategy. K. Moore stated that the Funding Committee met to discuss options related to funding priorities and strategies. The establishment of a Resiliency Fund is recommended by the Funding Committee with a focus on Health Equity, Human Connection and Embracing Opportunities.

Ms. Moore noted that CHE suspended the Spring application cycle. The Fall cycle, or the Resiliency Fund, will feature a one-stage application. Trustees discussed the proposed Resiliency Fund. Ms. Seibel stated that the Investment/Finance Committee has recommended a \$2.5 million allocation to the Fund; however, adjustments may need to be made based on market volatility. Ms. Seibel stated that two funding rounds would be available, with funds available on January 1, 2021, and July 1, 2021. Trustees reviewed the proposed funding calendar.

Ms. Campbell stated that the new priorities would serve the current needs in the community over the next 12 months. K. Moore added that the Trustees would have an opportunity in 12 months to determine if CHE should use prior or new funding strategies.

Mr. Herz inquired if it is expected that there will be a large amount of funding needed in the Fall cycle. He suggested that some thought should be given to capping the amount that could be awarded. Ms. Seibel stated that it may be preliminary to identify a cap. K. Moore stated that the Funding Committee will work collaboratively with the Investment/Finance Committee to determine the appropriate level of awards based on market conditions. Mr. Herz encouraged a cautious approach.

Ms. Campbell stated that the Funding Committee will meet prior to the September Board meeting and will report on the amount of requests received for the Fall cycle. She suggested that the recommendation for a cap could be re-visited at the September Board meeting.

Ms. Bansal suggested that CHE state that they will award “up to” \$2.5 million. Mr. Herz stated that the Investment/Finance Committee will monitor CHE investments and, should the market react negatively between now and September, changes may be recommended.

The Committee revisited the recommended funding priorities and the one-stage application. Mr. Buchanan inquired what Health Equity will look like in the future considering that this is a systemic issue that will require a long-range response. K. Moore stated that Health Equity should be a major determinant as we think about funding and resilience.

**Motion:** Ms. Bansal made a motion to approve the recommended Funding Priorities and Strategy, with a total budget of up to \$2.5 million for Fall and Spring funding cycles. Second by Herz. Yes (14) Campbell, Bansal, Buchanan, Herz, Marvin, Moore, Reinhardt, M. Moore, Walker, Thompson, Vance, M. Petersen, Gronewold, Lopez. No (0). Abstain (0).

- B. Cultural Centers Proposal. K. Moore stated the Funding Committee is recommending approval of a budget request for Phase II of the Cultural Centers Collaborative (\$42,000.) Ms. Seibel stated that the cultural centers are eager to begin Phase II. The funding timeframe is September 1, 2020- March 31, 2021.

**Motion:** A motion was made by K. Moore to approve the proposal and budget. Second by Marvin. Yes (14) Bansal, Buchanan, Herz, Marvin, K. Moore, Reinhardt, M. Moore, Walker, Thompson, Vance, Petersen, Gronewold, Campbell, Lopez. No (0). Abstain (0).

- C. Extension Requests. K. Moore reviewed the requests. **Motion:** A motion was made by K. Moore to approve the extension requests. Second by Marvin. Yes (14) Reinhardt, M. Moore, Walker, Thompson, Vance, Petersen, Gronewold, Campbell, Lopez, Bansal, Buchanan, Herz, Marvin, K. Moore. No (0). Abstain (0).

- D. Upcoming Site Visits. K. Moore reviewed the scheduled site visits. She encouraged Trustees to contact Ms. White if they would like to participate in the site visits.

- E. Other.

## 5. Finance Committee.

- A. Treasurers Report for May 2020. Mr. Herz reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for May 2020. He stated that 75% of the budget year is complete. He stated noted no concerns. Ms. Campbell acknowledged acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report.
- B. Preliminary SSGA Performance Report for May 2020. Mr. Herz noted that returns are slightly below expectations for May. The fund balance increased from \$56.2 million to \$57.7 million, or approximately 2.5%. The 10-year total return vs benchmark is nearly

identical. The CHE fund decreased by 17% during the first three months of 2020, but has recovered approximately 12% of that loss.

C. RFP Process. Mr. Herz stated that the RFP Review Team met on June 17, 2020. Members include CHE's Investment/Finance Committee, as well as former Trustee Mike Tavlin and City Finance Director Brandon Kaufmann. The Team reviewed and finalized a RFP document with a deadline of August 7, 2020. The RFP Review Team will review the RFPs and select 3-4 candidates for interviews in mid-September. The Committee will present a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on September 23, 2020.

D. Other.

**6. Administration Committee.**

A. Draft Annual Report. Ms. Moore announced that CHE will publish an Annual Report for 2020. The report will be posted on the CHE website. M. Moore stated that Ms. White and Ms. Seibel have drafted the report which will feature Health 20/20, the Reflection Process, Legacy Projects, and more.

B. Other.

**7. Public Visibility/Correspondence/Other.** Ms. Seibel stated that the Hub Café received a liquor license for the Union Plaza. The Condominium Association has agreed to pop-up restaurant dining on the Plaza.

The Lux Art Center will place a temporary outdoor exhibition of murals on the wall between the CHE office and Hub Café .

Ms. Campbell announced the CHE Board would not meet in July. The next meeting will be held August 26, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. The Nominations Committee will be appointed at that time to develop a slate of CHE Officers for FY2020-2021.

**8. Analytics.** Ms. Seibel noted the CHE website analytics under tab 8.

**9. Adjourn.** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.