**KRHA Board of Directors Minutes**

**May 10, 2017**

1. Attending: Andrew Bledsoe, Denise Bingham, Noel Harilson, Melody Nall, Todd Schiavone, Ernie Scott, David Bolt, Tracey Antle, John Isfort, William Betz, Martha Pleasant, Tina McCormick (Ex. Director), Julian Cunningham (Governance Committee Co-chair)
2. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2017 Board Meeting

Motion made to approve minutes: David Bolt, Second: Bill Betz, Motion passed.

1. Committee reports
2. Public Information – Andrew reported on behalf of Taylor Rednower. Please continue to send rural health related articles to Taylor for the blog.
3. Finance -Todd Schiavone shared the financial report. CD - $80,572.92, Checking - $88,917.91 David Bolt made the motion to accept the finance report. Bill Betz seconded and the motion passed.
4. Legislative – Andrew reported for Rosmond. The committee continues to meet while monitoring national health care legislation. The committees is exploring how to develop information in a timely manner for membership regarding any changes and how it will affect rural providers.
5. Education/Programs – Ernie Scott reported that the annual conference planning is on track and the committee continues moving ahead. He reported that the committee will accept more proposals for breakout sessions as they are coming in a bit slow. The committee is beginning to look forward to the 2018 conference and Ernie and Melody welcome volunteers to assist with site selection and dates for the 2018.

Andrew reported that a NRHA supplemental grant has been submitted to assist with a series of regional summits to discuss “The State of Rural Health in KY” with existing members and in hopes of increasing membership across the state. The result of each regional summit would be to leave with an action plan to work on at least one local issue. If the NRHA funding does not come through, money has been allocated in the existing budget to move ahead with the summits. KRHA will look to partner with KORH, KHA, AHEC’s, KPHA, CEDIK and other statewide organizations in each area to provide quality information and assist with local engagement.

1. Nomination Committee - Denise Bingham – no report at this time.
2. Membership Committee - Bryant Hileman unable to be on the call. Andrew reported that the committee is looking at the pricing of KRHA sponsorships.
3. Governance Committee Julian Cunningham reported the committee is submitting the following items for board approval:
4. General use of the policy manual – Melody Nall made the motion to accept, John Isfort seconded, motion passed
5. Change to Bylaws – Art.VII, Sec. 4 – mandating active participation of board members on one or more committees. Denise Bingham made the motion to submit this to membership at our annual meeting. Martha Pleasant seconded and the motion passed.
6. Board representation policy plan based on geographic regions and categories, tracking board members names and organizations – request to add to the policy manual. Motion: Denise Bingham, Second: Martha Pleasant. Motion passed.
7. Request to change voting for board members prior to annual meeting. Discussion – This would need to begin in 2018 after bylaws are changed allowing electronic voting by the membership – Tabled
8. Student Chapter Committee -Lucy Juett – not on the call
9. Executive Committee Report - Andrew Bledsoe reported the executive committee approved to spend silent auction dollars to support a WKU KRHA Student Chapter member to attend NRHA annual conference in San Diego to receive an award for the rural video the students submitted for National Rural Health Day.
10. Executive Director Update - Tina McCormick reported that planning continues on the Hepatitis Conference ($25 registration) for July in Lexington (she serves on every committee). KRHA Annual Conference in November and the Immunization Conference ($100 registration) in December plans continue to take shape.
11. Other Items:
    1. Foundation Dissolution – It is not necessary to keep the foundation as we are transitioning to 501c3 status. Motion to dissolve the foundation: David Bolt, Second: Martha Pleasant. Motion passed.
    2. Student Funds for NRHA Conference – addressed in Executive committee report.
    3. Health Communications Intern – Andrew reports that eh Public Information Committee has the opportunity to share an intern with Southern KY AHEC. The cost to KRHA will be $1000. Taylor will supervise the student. David Bolt made the motion for KRHA to host the student intern, Noel Harilson seconded, and the motion passed.
    4. Executive Director Contract – Andrew discussed the evaluation procedure with the board members and reports that the executive committee recommends to keep the current status and statement of work for the executive director for this budget year. In addition, it is proposed that a deeper look into the statement of work be planned as we move forward to evaluate if KRHA would be ready for a full time director. David Bolt made the motion to accept the recommendation. Denise seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding increasing the ED’s salary and how to do that now. David Bolt amended his motion to include providing a one time bonus with restructure of the ED salary for next year. Motion passed.
    5. Board member resignation – Bill Betz is retiring from Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine and will be resigning from the KRHA board effective May 31, 2017. The board expressed its appreciation for his service to KRHA and to rural health in KY.
    6. Budget – Proposed new budget at $167,910.00. An opportunity to increase revenue for KRHA will be to increase the conference exhibitor fee to $350. The finance committee reviewed and approved the budget proposal. David Bolt made the motion to approve the recommendation from the finance committee with the addition of the ED’s one time bonus. Denise seconded. Motion passed.
12. Upcoming meeting dates:

July 12 – Executive Committee

1. Adjourn: 1:05 pm (ET)

Motion: David Bolt

Second: Noel Harilson