

Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2018 10:00a.m.

E. L. Richardson Health Center ~Bohan Auditorium

Board Members Present - (Via Conference Call)

The Honorable Jeff Rader, Chair

Dr. Sonia Alvarez Robinson

Mrs. Delphyne Lomax Taylor

The Honorable Edward "Ted" Terry

Absent

Dr. Clyde Watkins, Jr., Vice Chair

Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones, Parliamentarian

Dr. Vasanne Tinsley

Absent

District Director - S. Elizabeth Ford, M.D., M.B.A.

Staff and Guests

Reggie Batiste

Terri James

Brenda Smith

Dianne McWethy

Dr. Leslie Richmond

Dr. Sentayehu Bedane

Darryl Richards

The special called DeKalb County Board of Health meeting was called to order by Board Chair Rader at 10:02 a.m. The meeting was conducted by teleconference.

Actions

I. Approval of Minutes

Not applicable.

II Approval of Contracts and Amendments

1. Agreement with Someone Cares, Inc., Contract #: 18-0509-Co 136-00

This special called meeting will address three (3) contracts for approval. All are related to the Atlanta Comprehensive HIV Prevention Program. The first one is an agreement with Someone Cares, Inc. Chair Rader asked the board members if they had reviewed this specific proposal and they had. Chair Rader asked for a motion to approve the Someone Cares, Inc., contract. Member Terry made the motion and Member Lomax Taylor seconded. Chair Rader called for a vote and the contract was unanimously approved.

2. Agreement with Empowerment Resource Center, Contract#:18-0509-Co 137-00

Dr. Alvarez Robinson raised a question concerning the format of this contract. Her focus was on the technical approach in terms of program management, measures, accountability metrics and consistency across all contracts going forward. She suggested that, when dealing with a similar set of objectives, we take a side-by-side approach in terms of program management, structural support, technical information and measurable deliverables. Dr. Richmond deferred to Dr. Bedane for questions. Dr. Bedane talked about specific deliverables in attachment D of the contract. Dr. Alvarez Robinson acknowledged attachment D and referred to missing identifiers in the technical approach. Darryl Richards offered insight into the target populations and demographics of the heterosexual African-American male and female community and its HIV morbidity. Dr. Alvarez Robinson raised the comparative issue of the clear articulation and identifiable deliverables within the Someone Cares contract juxtaposed to the missing markers within the Empowerment Resource Center contract. Dr. Alvarez further suggested that, going forward, we implement our particulars with consistency in terms of structure. Chair Rader asked Mr. Richards and Dr. Bedane to provide follow-up that addresses Dr. Alvarez Robinson's concerns to the board and thereafter, incorporate the board's input going further. Mr. Richards mentioned the close oversight, with monthly reporting from the Georgia Department of Public Health, and Chair Rader questioned our level of oversight in an effort to make changes to achieve our goal. Dr. Robinson said that she would be comfortable if there were a way to create some type of consistent approach across all three (3) contracts. Chair Rader asked for a comparative framework that will track the execution of the contracts and wants that information brought to the board's attention initially and subsequently, given periodic progress updates. Dr. Alvarez Robinson said that she was ready to move forward on voting. Chair Rader called the question for a vote and the contract was approved unanimously.

3. Agreement with Positive Impact Health Center, Contract #: 18-0509-Co138-00

Chair Rader asked for a motion to move on the Positive Impact Health Center contract. Member Alvarez Robinson made a motion and Member Terry seconded. Chair Rader called for a vote and the contract was unanimously approved.

I. Public Comments

n/a

II. Board Comments

Dr. Alvarez Robinson said, "Good work on the program side."

III. Adjournment

Chair Rader called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Lomax-Taylor made a motion and Member Terry seconded. Chair Rader called for a vote to approve the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Rader at 10:20 a.m.

Submitted by:



India Dyer, Recording Secretary

Approved by:



The Honorable Jeff Rader, Chair