

Tidewater Youth Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021

Attending: Dr. Cynthia Blakeslee, Mr. Azeez Felder, Ms. Katherine Grimm, Ms. Pamela Little-Hill, Ms. Olymphina Perkins, Ms. Beth St. John, Ms. Kimberly Jennings, & Mr. Carl Faison, Mr. Rusty Jordan

Not attending: None

Staff: Ms. Jenny Hodge

Guests: None.

Call to Order: The Chair, Katherine Grimm, called the July 12, 2021 meeting of the Tidewater Youth Services Commission to order at 11:30 a.m.

I. Review of the previous meeting minutes:

Carl Faison moved to accept the minutes as written. Dr. Cynthia Blakeslee seconded the motion. The members voted and the motion was carried.

II. Items Carried Forward:

A. Tidewater Youth Services Foundation

Jenny Hodge reported that TYSF has been cultivating new community relationships. They have started a relationship with Tidewater Wooden Boat Builders. This association has given the youth in each program a week free at Tidewater Wooden Boat Builders and Jenny is looking into the possibility of a paid internship program with this organization. She stated that the Foundation is trying to keep the youth in the residential programs occupied during the summer months. She also stated that the Foundation is working on getting a CRM system in place so that they can expand their donor relationships in order to diversify their funding sources. The Foundation Board approved \$12,000 to come out of their endowment to help fund programs this summer. They have been able to take youth to a Tides Game with free tickets from the Orioles Organization. Jenny also reported that she is looking into whether or not they can extend a Drug Court Grant for Virginia Beach and asked if any other district may be interested if this grant is not extended by OJJDP.

B. Tidewater Youth Service Commission Update:
No report

C. Items from Members or Staff: None

III. New Business

A. June Financials – No report

B. Motion to go into closed session to consider personnel issues was made by Katherine Grimm. The motion was seconded by Pamela Little-Hill. The roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative. A motion was made to come out of closed session and seconded. The roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the Board came out of closed session at 1:05

C. Appointment of Interim Executive Director

A motion was made by Rusty Jordan to appoint Jenny Hodge as the Interim Executive Director, transition to begin on 8/16/21 and to become acting on 8/27/21. The motion was seconded by Olymphina Perkins. The members voted and the motion was carried.

- D.** A motion was made by Rusty Jordon to accept the advertisement for the position of Executive Director as written with the noted changes. The motion was seconded by Carl Faison. The members voted and the motion was carried.
- E.** It was discussed that the Board will be notified if a meeting is needed in August.
- F. Items from Members or Staff:** None
- G. Adjournment:** There being no further business, Pamela Little-Hill motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Cynthia Blakeslee seconded the motion. All board members were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth F. St. John
Secretary/Treasurer
Tidewater Youth Services Commission Board