

**WHITE RIVER HEALTH DISTRICT
1605 GEORGE JACKSON RD., MAUPIN, OR
DESCHUTES RIM CLINIC FOUNDATION (Steering Committee Meeting via ZOOM)
March 16, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Knapp, Dennis Beechler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Manning, Andrew Houck, Jim Holycross

STEERING COMMITTEE: Karletta Carrithers, Merle Hlvaka, Bill Aarnio

Westby Associates, Inc: Beth Ernst, Michael Wilson

GUESTS: Kathryn Mahler Doan

DRHC:

I. CLINIC BUSINESS UPDATE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Community Outreach: Clinic provided an article to the WampinRock. Clinic website continues to be 'off-line' due to licensing issues, etc.
- MCMC – DRHC Update: Briefly reviewed the 2/26 Zoom call between DRHC (Dennis, Sue, Mike P. Nina) and MCMC (D. Knox, Serene, and other program heads). Mike Pendleton led the discussion on School-based health clinics. Also discussed was MCMC's approach for outreach to underserved populations and health education, health care provision opportunities, co-branding, HR oversight and desire for a tour for MCMC staff. Mike Westby will meet with Dennis Knox soon and desires bullet statements on foundation and clinic status. Also include the link to the foundation's new website. Dennis K. has mentioned DRHC in his conversations with MCMC's foundation board and hospital board.
- Operational Update: Dennis stated the clinic is 'humming along'. Kathryn provided patient numbers indicating a gradual uptick in March. COVID vaccinations has increased from 20 to 40 doses for each vaccination day, which takes a lot of time.
- Board/Steering Committee Update: Board elections – recap of who is running and positions that are open (all of them). Sue is a candidate. Dennis will not run as he has already served 14 years on the WHRD board but may stay involved with the foundation. Deadline is March 18.

II. FOUNDATION:

- Pledge Recovery Update: Received a pledge payment from the Ross's; a thank you letter was sent.
- USDA Loan Update: Kathryn discussed her actions to send information regularly to the CPA and Art Hill (feasibility study) and the proforma she is working on (CPA has agreed to review). The protracted additional data/information gathering is due to a USDA request based on new application format that started at the beginning of the year.
- Grants Update: The Autzen grant (\$20k) was postponed. Beth indicated while foundations ask for different information for their respective grants, some information is the same. The Collins Foundation will want to know our approach to addressing diversity, equity and inclusion (our DEI lens). Sue and Beth hold weekly calls to discuss grant application needs.
- Operational Update: Sue will work on the Foundation budget soon. She reviewed February's financial position (\$816k). The DRHC did not make it onto the list of selected projects for MCEDD's Community Enhancement Projects. Pinnacle Architecture's new timeline was reviewed, with potential construction starting in mid-June after permits have been obtained (and contingent on approval of the USDA loan). A new 'conditional use permit' request will be

brought to the Maupin Planning Commission on 4/13; suggestion was made to request a fee waiver, as was done last time. Michael expressed concern over the significant increase in construction material costs which will create a larger budget gap to fill.

- Fundraising: Maupin Daze has been cancelled so will lose this as a fundraising opportunity (just the plant sale will go on).
- Website: Feedback on the new Foundation website was positive. Sue explained it will be formally placed on its own WIX site. Having a Facebook page was recommended as it is another venue for receiving donations and providing timely updates.
- Ground-Breaking Event: It would be best to push back to mid to late June (instead of late May) due to the uncertainty of the USDA loan approval. This will be discussed further at the 3/19 ground breaking meeting.
- Communications: Sue continues to write the foundation's monthly article for the WamPinRock.

III. WESTBY ASSOCIATES:

- Workplan: The community campaign will need to start back up (as soon as we know if the USDA loan has been approved).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MEETING AJOURNED. NEXT MEETING IS **APRIL 20 AT 11:00AM**:

Respectfully submitted:
Sue Knapp