

## Better Together Board Meeting: Agenda

Friday, June 23, 2023 - 12 pm - 1 pm  
School of Social Work, Room 203 / Zoom

**Purpose: provide updates on hiring process for Associate Director position, special projects budget, outreach efforts to Network Partners, Youth Wellness Committee, Give Five Program, City Health Dashboard**

Meeting called to order at 12:03?

Present in the room were Anna Donihoo, Mario Torres, Hart Hintze. On virtual call were Jordan Bridges, Michelle Key, Dr. Dies, Terrence Reeves. Dr Avant dropped in for a few minutes while on break from another meeting. Quorum has been established.

1. Approval of minutes for last board meeting...minutes approved.
2. Update to Board roster
  - a. Resignation of Stacy Dicks...Stacy resigned her position d/t time restraints related to her new position at work. Will still remain an supportive/active community member. We have 12 members now, require 7 to meet quorum
3. Associate Director position
  - a. Dr Avant...Job title was changed to Associate Director which allowed a salary grade increase in line with what we voted on. Position has been posted, but SFA system was down for a week or so. No applicants so far.
  - b. It was also discussed how to further market the job, Facebook and BT web-site, highered.com, DEI website, Encore, American College Health Association, indeed.com. Dr Avant asked for a follow-up email with these ideas and then he would look at how to do them. We can spend some of our budget on this.
4. Special Projects Budget
  - a. Anna Donihoo...we have \$148,516.75 left over from the first few years of the grant that needs to be rolled over into the current account. We will have extra left over from this year and we will be getting a new disbursement in July. Dr Avant has been in contact with the Hogg Foundation to get necessary paperwork in place for the rollover. Each time a disbursement comes it goes into a new account.
  - b. Anna opened up discussion to board on ideas for special projects. Mario would like to put some funds into Blue Zone projects and recommended we do a Visioning Workshop for the budget so we can move from ideas to carrying out the projects. Board discussed possibility of doing such a workshop in the fall after school has started back.
  - c. Terrence asked for mental health project
  - d. Michelle recommended Nac Safe Place...Anna gave recap of last meeting when Alana spoke. They are getting their 501c3 status and financials in place. Board was in favor of supporting the venture once they get things organized.
  - e. Mario (and Erin prior to the meeting) suggested helping school districts with SEL (Social Emotional Learning)
  - f. Mario suggested bringing in a rep from downtown master plan. It is being discussed and will be approved or denied at the end of the summer. Board voted to have someone speak at our next meeting.
5. Outreach to Network Partners
  - a. Anna Donihoo...encouraged board to take the summer newsletter back to any of the network partners listed in the common agenda to update them on our progress.
  - b. Burke Center...Jordan and Anna are coordinating this, more information will be sent out soon

- c. United Way...Anna has been in touch with Caroline and will be pursuing setting up a FTF meeting.
6. Youth Wellness Committee
- a. Dr Dies...gave update on discussions he has had with different entities. Will utilize access to SFA students and Nac ISD for mentorship program. Terrence said the Concerned Black Men has had a mentorship program going for the last 5 years, would be a good connection, and also John Cannings with Solid Foundation. Michelle recommended speaking to Matthew Malloy also. Mario brought up the Blue Zone principle of involving addressing adult behavior. Andrew agreed, they have considered this, want to do a two-pronged approach. Hart suggested involving churches but then Mario cautioned not to rely heavily because they are often over-extended. Andrew said the program would be based on the 7 dimensions of wellness which includes a spiritual/religious aspect.
7. Give Five
- a. Erin Windham...Erin wasn't present so Anna gave update. This is in the works. Springfield United Way will be coming down for a chamber Eggs and Issues event at some point soon. CARRI is going to pay the initial \$25K but they will be able to use it for their entire 12 county region.
8. WRC Annual Grant Partner Meeting
- a. Will be held in Falfurrias, TX on August 30-31 (Wed and Thur)...Anna let the board know the dates and some of the details, travel cost should be covered by our budget. The timing is tricky, will happen right when school starts back. Anna is able to go, rest of the board will consider. Hogg foundation is wanting each collaborative to send 4 people at least.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40?