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Minutes – III-A Board of Trustees Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, December 10, 2020 @ 1:00 pm MT

Location: Zoom Meeting Call in: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 815 7541 5524

Password: 500582

Trustees Present: Rick Watkins, Dan Hammond, Ruth Bailes, Gary Aldous, Tyler Lewis, Traci Malvich, Suzanne McNeel, Danielle Painter, Patty Parkinson, Jacob Qualls, Pat Riley, and Lori Yarbrough

Trustees Absent: Grant Gager

Also Present: Charlynn Harless, Suzi Budge, Amy Manning, Lisa Fritz, Susan Lasuen, Cherese McLain and Megan Smith

Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m.

Chairman Rick Watkins—Call to Order, Introductions & Agenda Revisions

Pat moved to amend the agenda per Idaho Code 74-204(4)(c), there is a time sensitivity to getting the First Responder support line up and operating. The motion is to amend action item 3, to include review of the contract by a benefits attorney. Tyler seconded. Passed unanimously.

1. Shift Wellness Information

Amy gave an overview of the information that was shared by Dr. Stephen Odom and forwarded to the Trustees. The Medical Review Committee interviewed Dr. Odom, and a staff member from his organization, Shift Wellness. Jacob inquired if the resources would be available for volunteer fire fighters. Amy stated that it is currently only available for the III-A members, but we could work with agencies to add the support line. The agencies would be billed for the service.

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2. ACTION ITEM: Contract with Shift Wellness

Amy explained that the contract with Shift Wellness is a consulting contract and is the first step in the process of creating a mental health program for the Trust. Local providers, vetted by Shift Wellness, will be used to provide follow up to individuals using the Support line. Any crisis that occurs before we have providers established, Shift Wellness will respond to in person, as requested.

- Dan moved to approve the contract with Shift Wellness; Danielle seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. ACTION ITEM: First Responder Support Line contract reviewed by Benefits Attorney

Pat explained that the contract was reviewed from a Public Agency perspective, by our attorney. The Medical Review Committee recommends that it be reviewed by a benefits attorney to confirm the language is appropriate for the support line. Cheresé agreed that it is important to have it reviewed since the person calling the support line is already in a fragile state. Charlynn feels the benefits attorney needs to confirm that we are not neglecting responsibility letting the contract not state any liability and make sure we have the items needed to protect us from a lawsuit.

- Jacob moved to approve the Executive Director to find a benefits attorney to review the support line contract and allow Chairman Watkins to execute the contract once reviewed and/or edited by the attorney; Ruth seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. COVID medical expenses update

Suzi let the Board of Trustees know that we have been working with the Governor's office about reimbursement for COVID costs. The request has been prepared and will go before the CFAC committee next Wednesday with the support and representation of Mayor John Evans, the Association of Idaho Cities representative. She feels this is the time to request before the money is redirected throughout the State.

5. Ruth moved to adjourn; Gary seconded.
Adjourned @ 1:43 p.m.

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