

SHARE Center Board Meeting

November Board Meeting

12/1/22

- I. Opening and Introductions:** In attendance – Katie, Sharon, Richard, Lawanda, Carol
- II. Potential New Board Member** – Joshua Wilder: Josh did not show up
- III. Approval of October Minutes** – Approved by all
- IV. Finances**
 - a. See Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – No major concerns outside of meals deficit
 - b. Meals running at about \$10,000 deficit each month
 - c. Recently received a \$25K donation from ITC’s Corporate Giving Program
 - d. Raised just over \$7,000 from last mailing campaign
 - e. SHARE Center will be one of three non-profits that Wal Greens customers can donate bonus points to. We created an online profile, and the campaign will run for three months. Probably won’t generate a lot of funds but certainly will be great publicity.
 - f. Calhoun Co. did not approve our ARPA request for \$50K – process seemed arbitrary and was not fair or transparent
 - i. Did not even know funds were available until Robert ran into Commissioner Smith at BC Pride
 - ii. Submitted proposal and was in the process of getting a quote from Hunter-Prell when Robert got an e-mail from the County stating they were going to move on without supporting our proposal.
 - iii. Because there was never a deadline communicated with anyone, the County reopened the process.
 - iv. Robert received an e-mail from the county the day before Thanksgiving stating they were still not going to support our proposal for \$50K to cover the remaining costs of building the showers and locker room.
 - v. There was no RFP, communication, outreach, transparency, criteria, or transparency associated with their process.
 - vi. Decisions were made behind closed doors by a handful of people
- V. Director Updates**
 - a. Capital Improvements continue
 - i. Painting has started. Working with City Linc’s Second Wind Program that hires ex-offenders. They are doing a great job so far and will save us a lot of money.
 - ii. Stove/Oven coming Monday
 - iii. New toilets and sinks have been installed
 - b. Spoke with AMBUCs – Business group that supports people with disabilities.

- c. Met with WKKF – Meeting went very well and liaison seemed interesting in helping us mend some holes in the local safety net.
- d. Holiday Party Dec. 16th – Volunteers Needed. Carol and Karen have collected donations and/or bought gifts for the party. Marcus (employee) and his mother also went shopping for gifts. We need more items for adults.

VI. Interns: Sharon has someone in her Women's Group that is studying to be a therapist. She is wondering if she can do an intern at the SHARE Center. Robert stated that we could have her help out with Peer Support and Support Groups, but that she would not get supervisory hours because although Robert has an MSW, he is not a clinical social worker.

VII. Board Bios: Richard and Katie will do.

VIII. How to Help Difficult Consumers: Robert discussed a few consumers who need more help than what is available at the SHARE Center. They never want to bar anyone and only do so when a person's behavior threatens the well-being of others. However, this does not help the offending consumer and can make matters worse for them. One consumer "C" becomes very hostile very easily. He was barred, but Robert spoke with him and C acknowledged his part in the issue and agreed to attend Life Skill classes each week if he could return. Hopefully, that will be a mutually beneficial agreement.

There are two other individuals who have the same issue but become physically violent. We don't want to keep them out in the cold, but we cannot have them threatening staff and other consumers. Unfortunately, this happens every time they are here. We worked with Summit Pointe to have one of them "S" taken for a psych eval. Unfortunately, this did not seem to resolve anything. Both of these other individuals are in toxic relationships that make matters worse.

IX. Next Meeting: January 26th. No meeting in Dec.