

Administrative Board
Minutes from January 15, 2019

The Boulder County Division of the Community Action Programs Administrative Board met in regular session on January 15, 2019 in the Public Health Baltic Room.

Present: Nadia Ali (by phone), Robin Chavez, Tracey Jones, Susan Boucher, Stephanie Burke, Brittney Willburn, & Melanie McGinn

Absent: Gina Barajas, Tahlia Bear, Amy Maziarz, Tallis Salamatian, Manuela Chavez, & Courtney Schwartz

Staff Present: Maciel Leon

Tracey began the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Quorum Present (7 of 12 board members present)

Public Comment: Rep Singer was going to host a resource fair for furloughed federal employees but Boulder County is already doing a lot in that respect. If there is anyone on the board that has resources to share, please send them to Susan Boucher. There are a lot of low-income furlough employees.

November Minutes: Approved by Melanie McGinn and Brittney Willburn 2nd the motion. One correction was pointed out. Tracey Jones was listed in attendance when in reality she was absent from December's meeting.

Directors Report:

MCAB 2019 – Reservation to the JCC will be made before the end of January. Currently working on getting the division manager on the bank account that is used to make all MCAB purchases.

Board Positions – We received four applicants and the director would like to take some time during the board meeting to review each application with everyone in attendance.

The director went over the 2019 Board calendar so that the board can see if all the dates looked good to them. Susan mentioned that the board usually takes the month of August off. That was noted by the director and 2019 Board calendar will be e-mailed to the board in the next 2 weeks.

CAP Programming – The director has made the decision to phase out Circles USA. There are 2 remaining co-horts and Circles programming will continue through the end of 2019 to finish those two groups.

Circles USA takes a lot of time and money to run with very little output results. It has been in the county for 6 years and it has served its purpose. It is time to develop something that produces results, increases peoples' economic and social independence, and steers participants towards activities and opportunities where they can impact their community. The director is looking at 2Gen models and programming that takes into consideration the entire family as a whole.

Open Discussion:

The board reviewed the following board applicants: Mariana Grosz, William Benjamin, Elizabeth Antus, and Bhola Katuwal.

Tracey Jones and other board members mentioned that in the past prospective board members would be interviewed by one of the current board member's. The director stated that she was not aware of that process and was following the direction she received from the commissioner's office. The director stated that she would look into this and follow up with the board.

Susan Boucher would like to conduct a phone interview with William Benjamin because out of all the applicants, there was not enough on his application to make an appropriate recommendation.

The board had met Mariana Grosz at December's meeting. Mariana was thinking about joining the board and decided to attend December's meeting to see if it was a good fit. The director shared with the board that Mariana had also met with her in person and had a discussion about the board and Mariana's interest to be on the board.

A few board members were familiar with Elizabeth Antus and were happy to see that she had applied to become a board member. Tracey shared with the group that Elizabeth had been a former Circles leader and that through that process, she witnessed Elizabeth make great strides in her personal growth.

Bhola Katuwal was also another familiar name to one of the board members. Tracey shared that Bhola had done all the programming that CAP offers; getting Ahead, Circles USA, and bought a home with the help of the PIE program. Tracey shared that he moved to the US without knowing a word of English and is now fluent and currently going through the Longmont Fellows program. She went on to say that he is an amazing person and very impressive.

Adjourn: Tracey motioned to adjourn at 7:25 pm The board approved.

Submitted by Maciel Leon