

MINUTES, VA FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (VA-FACT) Board of Trustees Meeting, March 27, 2019

Trustees Present: Allison Lawrence (Vice Chair), Frank Blechman (Secretary), Judy Kurtz (Treasurer), Yvonne Bibbs, Robert Bolling, Beverly Crowder, Linda Gilliam, Jennifer Gillyard, Lilliana Hernandez, Tarina Keene, Kay Kovacs, Yasmin Taeb. **Trustees Absent:** Mary Riley (Chair), Carter Batey, John Oliver, S. Duke Storen (Commissioner). **Staff Present:** Nicole Poulin (Executive Director), Meghan Resler (Research Associate), Michelle L'Hommedieu (Attorney). **Guest Present:** Susan Fincke & Erinn Portnoy (Hampton Roads TICN)

Opening: Acting Chairperson Allison Lawrence called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM, at the FACT offices at 1604 Santa Rosa Drive, Henrico, VA. After introductions, the Vice Chair noted that a quorum was present and therefore regular business could proceed.

Decisions and Actions: The following actions were approved by the Board unanimously unless otherwise noted.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 2018 Board meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Gilliam, seconded by Gillyard.

By-Laws: On a motion by Gillyard seconded by Keene, Article VI, Section 4 of the by-laws was amended to define a quorum as a simple majority of appointed members of the Board. One member (Bolling) abstained

Nominating Committee: Blechman moved and Kovacs seconded a motion to appoint Robert Bolling, Jennifer Gillyard and Tarina Keene as the nominating committee to propose a slate of officers for election at the June Board meeting.

VDH funding: Bolling moved and Crowder seconded a motion to accept \$5,000 from VDH to develop a report covering the definition, function and elements of Trauma Informed Care Networks (TICNs).

Ad Hoc Grants: Bolling moved and Keene seconded a motion to approve the following five requests for conference and training support at \$2,000 each:

1. GACAAA Annual Training: Resources for Investigating and Prosecuting Adult Abuse ; Greater Augusta Coalition Against Adult Abuse (GACAAA); May 8, 2019; Weyers Cave, VA
2. Rural Summit for Childhood Success; United Way Southwest Virginia, Rural Childhood Success Project; May 23, 2019; Abingdon, VA
3. VCPEA 25th Annual Conference, Breaking Barriers: Empowering Older Virginians; VA Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse; May 29-31; Williamsburg, VA
4. The Intersections of Violence: Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Conference; Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; July 15-17, 2019; Hampton, VA
5. Beyond ACEs, Building Community Resilience Summit: The Impact of Race, Culture, and Poverty; Crater Health District, Southside Trauma-Informed Community Network; August 8-10, 2019; Petersburg, VA

Special Project Grant: Gillyard moved and Kovacs seconded a motion to approve a grant of \$1,000 to support scholarships for childcare providers to attend the conference of the United Way of SW Virginia.

Future Grant Priorities: Bolling moved and Gilliam seconded a motion to allocate 100% of the next grant cycle funding to support TICNS provided that the RFP emphasize the need for equity and inclusion, and encouragement for small and emerging networks.

Special Capacity Building Project: Gillyard moved and Hernandez seconded a motion to authorize staff to draw up to \$25,000 from reserve funds to support capacity building support (such as fundraising, grant-writing, or Board development assistance) for small and emerging potential applicants.

Child Abuse and Neglect Priorities: Bolling moved and Crowder seconded a motion to renew attention on the five issues raised last year in a letter submitted to the for Virginia Department of Social Services from

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the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Advisory Committee Citizen Review Panel to meet the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act requirements and to include a request review of two additional issues:

- Child on child sexual violence
- CPS authority on Child trafficking.

Adjournment: Bolling moved and Keene seconded a motion to Adjourn at 2:40PM.

Discussions: The following reports and discussions did not conclude with formal proposals for action, except as noted above. However, they do highlight areas of substantive discussion on which the Board may want to act in the future.

Donations: All trustees were reminded that 100% support for FACT is needed. Any Board members who have not made a contribution in this fiscal year should do so before June 30th. Several Board members expressed their belief that goals and expectations should be more defined for Board minimum contributions the future.

Membership: John Oliver is moving to California and will be leaving this Board. He has been an active member of the FACT Board and the co-chair of the Child Abuse and Neglect Advisory Committee and his valuable work in child welfare across Virginia will be missed. A "Thank you card" was circulated and signed by all. Several people have expressed interest in appointment, including Dr. Ginny Powell who bring outstanding knowledge and commitment.

Executive Director's Report: The full report of the Executive Director was provided in the meeting package. Highlights included:

- Introductory conversations continue with potential corporate and agency partners.
- The ED participates in many planning and advisory groups including the Governor's TICN task Force and the Children's Cabinet.
- All grantee quarterly reports are up to date. Monitoring visits will begin over the summer.
- We have provided nine scholarships for the upcoming Voices TICN Summit. These have been much appreciated and will allow participants from rural areas.
- ED and other state level stakeholders met with members from the Richmond area African American Nonprofit Leadership group to discuss the importance of engaging minority voices in the development and implementation of trauma informed community efforts
- There are now 19 or 20 TICNs. Twelve participated in a recent statewide meeting.
- The DMAS/VCU project to develop and provide TIC training for senior care workers is finally underway. Board members Crowder and Gillyard are involved.
- The ED is showing our flag, distributing literature and promoting our work at many events.
- The ED is participating in grant reviews by other agencies.
- One benefit fundraiser just concluded with another to potentially take place in April.
- The FACT Award event (4/19/19) is underwritten. We will not have to draw any reserve funds to support this.
- The CAN two day conference (4/8-9/19) is coming up.
- We are still looking for a Small /Minority/Woman owned business (SWaM) marketing consultant to hire.
- We hope to get significant FACT money in the Governor's budget next year.

Treasurer's Report: The full report as presented in the meeting packet was received by the Board. There were no questions or comments.

- The financial review which we thought would be completed is not yet done. We expect it in April or beginning of May
- The DMV has added a promotion of our Kids First License Plates to their social media calendar in honor of Child Abuse and Neglect Month in April.
- Revenue from tax checkoff is already above last year's number.

TED Talk: We watched a TED talk by Dr. Nadine Burke-Harris who will be the featured speaker at the Voices TICN Summit next month. In it, she recounted her personal journey learning about ACEs and

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TIC and developing a medical center that screens for and responds to ACEs just as any other public health risk. Further, she asserted that this was not just about clinical best practice, but a movement to change the way we understand and interact.

Editorial & Publishing Report: Linda Gilliam reported that the next issue briefs will continue a focus on trauma but through the lens of structurally embedded inequalities. The name of our series will be *Systems of Trauma: how societal injustices affect and cause traumatic stress*. The intro was released in February, and a brief about racial trauma will be released in April. The next two addressing economic trauma (specifically how it relates to domestic violence) and gender-based trauma will be released by the end of calendar year 2020. Enthusiasm about this series has been very strong. The one-page summaries of the three TIC Issue Briefs in our last series on Trauma-Informed Care and our Intimate Partner Violence's Effect on Children Issue brief were completed and distributed in January.

The Child Abuse and Neglect Committee: DSS has responded to our advisory letter of May 2018. Follow-up questions have been submitted and further discussions are underway. These exchanges have been positive and productive. As noted above, two new issues were added to our agenda.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the FACT Board will be held on June 19, 2019

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Blechman, FACT Secretary