

HRDC Board of Directors Meeting
September 24, 2015
Miles Building Livingston MT

Members Present: David Kack, Scott Malloy, Pierre Martineau, Al Maurillo, Vicki Pikul, Peter Schmidt, Gene Townsend and Linda Young.

Guest Present: Robert McMahan

Members Excused: Mitch Bradley, Ron Brey, Chris Budeski, Kris Moos, Billie Warford and LeRoy Wilson.

Staff Present: Jeff Rupp, Heather Grenier, Kristin Hamburg, Whitt Hampton, Sue Cook, Marjorie Hennessy and Mary Martin.

Members met at the Community Café at 8:30 am to ride a Streamline bus to Livingston for a tour of HRDC properties. Properties viewed were Summit Apartments, Land Trust Homes, Head Start Center, Shane Center Pre-School Classroom, Sherwood Inn Apartments and Miles Building. At each stop members were given a brief overview of the property, its history, funding sources and description of customers served.

I. Call to Order – Miles Building Community Room

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman David Kack.

II. Public Comment

No public comment was offered

III. Consent Agenda

David reviewed the following items contained in the Consent Agenda:

- * Minutes of July 30, 2015.
- * New Contracts: DOE, LIEAP, Section 8, Title III, Foster Youth, Housing Counseling, LISC – Midtown Village, MDT-Streamline.
- * Monitoring Reports: OPA School Nutrition Program, Miles Housing Tax Credit Compliance, LISC, DPPHS LIEAP & Weatherization.
- * Information Memorandum and Program Instruction: Mandated Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect and Supervision and Transitions from Administration for Children and Families.
- * Rural Development Budgets: HRDC Central Office, HRDC Annex, Bozeman Head Start Center, Livingston Head Start Center and Belgrade Head Start Center.
- * Financial Reports: HRDC Income Statement, Budget to Actual, Balance Sheet, Treasurer's Report and Investment Summary.

After review Pierre moved to approve the Consent Agenda items discussed. The motion was seconded by Al. Upon a vote the motion passed.

* Head Start Reports: Jeff discussed the pending request for a reduction in the matching funds required for the Head Start grant that closed in March 2015. At this time we do not

have a definitive answer from the Regional Office. He pointed out that with 36% of the current year elapsed we have only raised 10% of the required match and this is a concern.

Jeff also addressed his worry regarding the request for a reduction in enrollment, stating he has instructed staff to fully enroll at our current approved level. Both of these issues could negatively affect future grant applications.

Jeff expressed his frustration with the lack of coordination between our Head Start staff, the Office of Public Instruction and our local schools. Jeff feels our staff have a very territorial mind set and is not viewing this partnership as positive for our Head Start families. He specifically feels the vision of the future, which is in-school partnerships, is not shared by Ken and therefore is not embraced by line staff.

Vicki asked how the Policy Council could help improve communication. Jeff stated, first the vision must be shared by all. Additional discussion followed among the Board concerning our Head Start leadership. Jeff said he is addressing the issues and will keep the Board apprised.

The Federal Financial Report and the Credit Card statement were reviewed. It was also noted that we have paid in full the Rural Development loan for the Bozeman Head Start Center.

Gene moved to approve the Head Start report. Linda seconded the motion. Upon a vote the motion passed.

IV. HRDC Update

* Strategic Plan and Management Action Plan review were postponed until the next meeting due to technical difficulties with the presentation.

* Heather presented resolutions for the submission of a grant to the HOME Program for assistance in the renovation of Big Sky Villa. She explained the HOME request is in conjunction with the submission of a request to the Montana Board of Housing for tax credit funding. Scott moved to approve the HOME resolution. Gene seconded the motion. Upon a vote the motion passed.

V. Social Enterprise

Upon return to the Community Café from Livingston the Board was treated to lunch and a presentation by Trevor Huffmaster regarding Social Enterprise.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 by Chairman David Kack.

David Kack, Chairman

Date