



DHHSC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

6pm December 8, 2020

- I. Call to Order – 6:02
Board members Present: Jaime Johnson Clay, Serena Johnson, Nicole Hurt, Trisha Houston, Salvador Garcia, Steve Longo,
Absent: Jessica ---- Patty Parker
- II. Approval of Agenda Items
- III. Approval of October board minutes
- IV. President's Report – Trisha Houston

It's hard to believe that we are reaching the end of 2020 now. A lot of things have happened in this year. For current board members and community members, please do reach out and ask for help if necessary. We can only look forward to 2021 with new changes and more.

At my work, Fresno State, I was able to work with my ASL 4 students in their Service-Learning projects, and some of them were able to fundraise money for DHHSC, and some of them raised awareness of this agency and the services it provides. I am proud of my ASL 4 students for working hard on their projects, learning about civic engagement and enduring with the challenge of online classes. I am also appreciative for you as the community supporting the students in their endeavors.

I don't have much to report at this time but please have a safe and relaxing holiday season.

- V. Vice President's Report – N/A
- VI. Secretary's Report – Serena Johnson
- VII. Treasurer's report – Steve Longo
 - a. In consultation with our financial advisor, we have \$383,501 outstanding, and we believe the delay is due to Covid-19. The hope is that in January we will be able to receive those funds.
- VIII. Executive Director's report – Michelle Bronson

Budget Updates:

We applied for a \$20K grant through “Save Our Non-Profits” with City of Fresno and waiting for a response.

We are thrilled to share that our Communication Assistance Program (CAP) grant was once again approved, and I want to thank the Board for your 100% contributions because that made the difference. Monterey Peninsula Foundation would not have funded us otherwise. Also, a big thank you to Monterey Peninsula Foundation for supporting our CAP for the fourth year, especially because this grant provides interpreting services for our Salinas staff.

Our First 5 Merced grant was also approved, in which we will develop parenting videos for Deaf parents with hearing children and hearing parents with D/HH children. A big thank you to First 5 Merced for supporting this grant.

As you know, #GivingTuesday was on December 1st and we raised \$3424! I understand more checks are coming in, and we are grateful for everyone’s support of our fundraiser. A donor donated \$2K, and we are hoping to raise the other \$2K to make for an even \$4K or more. The donor wants us to match the \$2K so it is my goal to get more donations. Fingers crossed, and again, a big thank you to everyone who supported DHHSC. Funds raised will support new laptops for staff, gently used laptops to loan to clients for services, and needed Zoom Pro accounts for staff.

Want to let you know that we will be again applying for a grant with United Way of Tulare, which will be due on Jan. 15th. We will need your participation as we update our Standards of Excellence, which we have done in the past. May also need to have you involved with a UW of Tulare meeting, if they want to ask questions. They have done site visits in the past, but now due to COVID-19, the meeting may be via Zoom.

Agency Updates:

On December 16th from 12 to 2 p.m., the Fresno office will be hosting the Holiday Car Parade. However, due to the impending stay at home order, we are unsure whether or not we will be able to proceed. We are investigating that and gathering information, and so we will let you know. We are appreciative of Sorenson’s sponsorship of this event. We will plan on distributing enough food for 100 people and stuffed animals for the children, in addition to PPE and COVID-19 related information. We want to keep our community as healthy and safe as possible during the holiday season. Our three outreach offices will host Zoom events, such as holiday storytelling, arts & crafts, skits, etc.

A big thank you to Sorenson for sponsoring our Harold Foxx Live! Show on Nov. 20th. Because of their sponsorship, which covered Harold Foxx’s fee, ticket sales became profit for us. We raised \$400, which helps us during these challenging times. Thank you everyone for joining us that evening!

I would also like to thank Fresno State students for their fundraising efforts as part of their Service Learning Projects. One group hosted a yoga fundraiser, which brought in more than \$600, and other groups brought in funds through t-shirt/soap sales and Disney Trivia night. The students' support meant a great deal to us, especially since they were unable to do in-person events or workshops as in the past, and fundraising is more crucial these days. Their projects raised funds for our ROCK and YES! Programs. They worked hard and their energy, creativity, and efforts were much appreciated!

We are planning on having our Martha's Vineyard event as virtual, since we do not believe that a vaccine will be available or ready for a large event in March.

IX. Fundraising report – N/A

X. General Board comments

- a. Local schools have been providing free lunch, and placing the food in trunks to reduce person to person contact. So that might be an option for us if we want to distribute food during the car parade. We are making signs so that people know to pop their trunk and so that windows are not rolled down. Board member Jaime Johnson-Clay mentioned similar protocols of placing items in the trunk for receiving services at the library. We will be taking all of these methods into consideration in the hopes to be able to still host this food distribution event.

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. Trisha – Fill in vacant positions
 - i. We would like to host the Vice President election this evening. Nominations were entertained.
 - ii. Board member Salvador Garcia provided a self-nomination, in a desire to give back to the organization and community that has given so much to him.
 - iii. Steve Longo moved that we close nominations. Discussion ensued regarding the nominee, and then discussion was closed. A vote was called. A unanimous vote resulted in Salvador Garcia being voted into the position of vice-president.

XII. New business – The proposed 2021 schedule for board meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm: January 12, April 13, October 12, December 13. Board member Nicole Hurt brought to our attention that winter break occurs in January and spring break in April. Due to Covid-19, the board indicated that schedules have changed and we do not feel that the school break time will be a concern. Our August (Community Comments) meeting is typically on a Saturday, which would fall on August 7, 2021.

XIII. Public comments: 3 minutes

- a. Board member Nicole Hurt asked how the board can continue to support DHHSC. ED indicated making individuals aware of our Giving Tuesday campaign which will still accept donations through the end of the calendar year, December 31. The Giving Tuesday fundraiser will collect funds for new laptops for our staff as well as a Zoom

pro account that will allow us to hold meetings longer than 40 minutes with our clients.

- XIV. Announcements
- XV. Closed session (if needed)
- XVI. Adjournment- 6:53pm