

**Board of Trustees  
October 23, 2024, 1:30 pm**

**Community Health Endowment  
250 N. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68503**

**Minutes**

**Trustees Present:** (11) Blake Anderson, Tyler DeJong, John Goldrich, Russ Gronewold, Kim Moore, Marilyn Moore Ed.D., Michelle Petersen M.D., John Reinhardt D.D.S., Michelle Suarez, John Thompson, Scott Young

**Trustees Absent:** (3) Quentin Brown, Michael Ferris M.D., Pat Lopez

**Staff Present:** (3) Lori Seibel, Emily Kluver, Kyra Nilson

**Welcome:** M. Moore called the meeting to order at 1:39pm

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion:** M. Moore called for a motion to approve the agenda. **K. Moore moved, and J. Reinhardt seconded. All voting members (11) were in favor** (Anderson, DeJong, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

**Approval of the Minutes for September 25, 2024.**

**Motion:** M. Moore called for a motion to approve the minutes. **M. Suarez moved, and J. Goldrich seconded. All voting members (11) were in favor** (Anderson, DeJong, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

**1. Chair's Report.**

- a. November Board Meeting. The November Board of Trustees meeting will take place on December 4, 1:30-3:30 pm, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- b. Appointment of a Nominations Committee. M. Moore referred Trustees to a memo in the board packet. The CHE Nominations Committee appointments are: K. Moore, M. Moore, J. Thompson, and J. Reinhardt. The Committee will present a slate of officers at the Board of Trustees meeting in December.
- c. Board Officer Interest. Trustees who are interested in officer positions or committee chair positions should contact M. Moore or L. Seibel.

- d. Trustee Appointments. Dr. M. Moore noted that Yinka Akinyemi and Kerry Kernan will join the Board of Trustees at the January 2025 meeting. Y. Akinyemi will appear before the Lincoln City Council in December. K. Kernan has been appointed by virtue of her position as Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Her appointment is effective November 1, 2024.
- e. Belmont Redevelopment Plan.\* M. Moore stated that the funding request for the Belmont Redevelopment Plan is the result of Board of Trustee discussions and will be considered separately from the Fall 2024 grant applications. E. Kluver referenced the memo included in the board packet. On October 21, 2024, Peter Hind and Jennifer Hiatt from the City of Lincoln's Urban Development presented to the Belmont School Neighborhood Advisory Council (SNAC). The Belmont SNAC unanimously endorsed collaboration with Urban Development and their consultants to initiate a Redevelopment Plan process in the Belmont Neighborhood. E. Kluver noted that funding requests to CHE (\$60,000) and the Lincoln Community Foundation (\$60,000) would support the plan, including consultant costs, community meeting costs and neighborhood leadership. L. Seibel answered questions from the Board of Trustees.

**Motion:** M. Moore called for a motion to approve funding of up to \$60,000 for the Belmont Redevelopment Plan. K. Moore moved, and J. Reinhardt seconded. All voting members (11) were in favor (Anderson, DeJong, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

- f. Other. M. Moore stated that revisions have been made to Ms. Seibel's employment contract, and it has been extended to December 31, 2024.

## 2. President's Report.

- a. Summary of Activities. L. Seibel provided an overview of the Summary of Activities (page 12 of the board packet). She offered to answer any questions.
- b. Youth Fitness Task Force Update. L. Seibel distributed draft recommendations from the Youth Fitness Task Force. She noted that the Youth Fitness Task Force met with Lincoln Public School's Equity Cadre on October 23, 2024, to gather youth experiences and perspectives. The Youth Fitness Task Force will meet again on December 4, 2024. The Task Force expects to complete their work after 1-2 additional meetings in 2025.
- c. Upcoming Meetings and Events. L. Seibel noted upcoming meetings and events (page 16 of the board packet). L. Seibel noted that CHE will participate in a press conference on November 19, 2024, to announce CHE's latest Legacy Project, Brave fACEs, at BraveBe.

E. Kluver noted that Ms. Seibel's retirement party is scheduled for December 12, 2024.

- d. Other. No further discussion.

## 3. Investment & Finance Committee.

- a. Treasurer's Report for September 2024. B. Anderson noted that the budget statement represents September 2024, or 8% of the budget year. Personnel and some operating expenses were slightly overbudget due to payment timing of anticipated expenses.

B. Anderson noted that the grantmaking budget of \$3.1 million for 2024-25 includes a \$2 million earmark for the Cultural Center capital campaign project.

**M. Moore acknowledged the Treasurer's Report.**

- b. Fiducient Monthly Performance Report for September 2024. B. Anderson discussed Fiducient's performance report. He noted that CHE's portfolio experienced a 1.7% return in September, bringing the quarter-to-date return to 6.4%. CHE's total ending market value on September 30, 2024, was approximately \$75.4 million.
- c. Quarterly CPI Calculation. B. Anderson stated that CHE is at 100% of inflation-adjusted value. He noted that the \$5 million unpaid commitment to the Cultural Centers would reduce the inflation-adjusted value to approximately 94%. B. Anderson noted that CHE may be able to discontinue the 10 Recovery Plan within 1-2 years.
- d. Other. No further discussion.

**4. Funding Committee.**

- a. Fall 2024 Grant Recommendations.\* M. Petersen reviewed the Funding Committee's recommendations for Fall 2024 grant awards. She noted that the Funding Committee has recommended funding for 11 projects, for a total of \$346,985 over three years. Information about each project and the recommended award amount was provided under separate cover prior to the meeting. E. Kluver provided a presentation to the Trustees that outlined CHE's funding priorities, a summary of applications, and information about recommended grants.

**CHE Priority Area: Healthy Food Access**

- **Lincoln Fresh** (Food Bank of Lincoln) - \$75,000 (3 years)

**CHE Priority Area: Youth Fitness**

- **Soccer for Success** (Nebraska Extension) - \$5,000 (1 year)
- **South Haymarket Park** (Lincoln Parks Foundation) - \$150,000 (3 years)
- **Lincoln Youth Football Field Expansion Project** (Lincoln Youth Football League) - \$10,000 (1 year)
- **Healthy, Fit and Connected at Meadowlane Pool** (Meadowlane Park Association) - \$40,000 (1 year)

**CHE Priority Area: Mental Wellness and Human Connection**

- **ScoutStrong Wellness Initiative** (Cornhusker Council, Boy Scouts of America) - \$7,825 (1 year)
- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training** (Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska) - \$7,277 (1 year)
- **Creative Peer Support Program** (ECHO Collective) - \$3,300 (1 year)
- **Lincoln Littles Workforce Wellness** (Lincoln Littles) - \$10,000 (1 year)

- **Kinship Program at Schroder Park Campus** (Lutheran Family Services) - \$15,000 (3 years)
- **Mom’s Mental Health Matters** (MilkWorks) - \$23,583 (1 year)

First Motion: **The Funding Committee made the motion** to approve one grant, **Lincoln Fresh** (Food Bank of Lincoln) for \$75,000 over 3 years. **In favor (9):** Anderson, DeJong, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson. **No:** None. **Abstentions (2):** M. Moore, Young. **Motion passed.**

Second Motion: **The Funding Committee made the motion** to approve one grant, **Lincoln Littles Workforce Wellness** (Lincoln Littles) for \$10,000 over 1 year. **In favor (9):** Anderson, DeJong, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Thompson, Young. **No:** None. **Abstentions (2):** M. Moore, M. Suarez. **Motion passed.**

Third Motion: **The Funding Committee made the motion** to approve the remaining grants as presented excluding **Lincoln Fresh** (Food Bank of Lincoln) and **Lincoln Littles Workforce Wellness** (Lincoln Littles) due to the noted conflicts of interest. **All (11) were in favor** (Anderson, DeJong, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

- b. Site Visit Report: Amplifying Impact: Mental Wellness/Human Connection through Youth Mentoring (Lincoln TeamMates) M. Petersen noted that on October 9, 2024, CHE Trustees and staff visited Lincoln High School. The purpose of the project is to increase access to mentoring opportunities for youth (grades 3-12), with an emphasis on increasing male mentors and mentors of color, improving graduation rates and community engagement, assuring 75% match retention, returning to pre-pandemic recruitment levels, and providing leadership to the Lincoln Youth Mentoring Coalition. Site visit survey results were included in the board packet (pages 28-30).
- c. Other. No further discussion.

## 5. Correspondence, Announcements and Other.

- a. Other. L. Seibel referenced former Trustee, Preeta Bansal, and her family’s support for a new Head Start facility at 1821 K Street. L. Seibel highlighted a Lincoln Journal Star Editorial Board article about the groundbreaking for the new Malone Center. M. Moore commented on the CHE partner page on HealthyLincoln.org.

## 6. Executive Session.

Motion: **M. Moore called for a motion** to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. **J. Reinhardt moved, and T. DeJong seconded. All voting members (11) were in favor** (Anderson, DeJong, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

Meeting ended at 3:26