

Board of Trustees
May 22, 2024, 1:30 pm

Community Health Endowment
250 N. 21st Street, Lincoln, NE 68503

Minutes

Trustees Present: (13) Blake Anderson, Quentin Brown, Tyler DeJong, Michael Ferris M.D., John Goldrich, Russ Gronewold (**2:30 p.m.**), Kim Moore, Marilyn Moore Ed.D., Michelle Petersen M.D., John Reinhardt D.D.S., Michelle Suarez, John Thompson, Scott Young

Trustees Absent: (2) Preeti Bansal, Pat Lopez

Staff Present: (4) Lori Seibel, Emily Kluver, Kyra Nilson, Morgan Hermanek

Guests Present: (2) Dennis Meyer, Lancaster County Budget and Fiscal Officer

Welcome: M. Moore called the meeting to order at 1:33pm and welcomed the guest speaker, Dennis Meyer, Lancaster County's Budget and Fiscal Officer.

Approval of the Agenda.

Motion: **M. Moore called for a motion** to approve the agenda. **T. DeJong moved, and K. Moore seconded. All voting members (12) were in favor** (Anderson, Brown, DeJong, Ferris, Goldrich, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

Approval of the Minutes for April 24, 2024.

Motion: **M. Moore called for a motion** to approve the minutes. **K. Moore moved, and B. Anderson seconded. All voting members (12) were in favor** (Anderson, Brown, DeJong, Ferris, Goldrich, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

1. Chair's Report.

- a. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: ARPA Funding in Lancaster County. D. Meyer provided an overview of the distribution of ARPA funding in Lincoln and Lancaster County. He reviewed many of the organizations who have received ARPA funds and the county's plans for the distribution of the remaining APRA funds.
- b. Other. There were no other discussion items.

2. President's Report.

- a. Summary of Activities. L. Seibel referenced the staff's summary of activities (beginning on page 7).

She noted that E. Kluver attended the Justice in Action's Nehemiah Assembly, a church-led, activist movement. Their focus is on improvements in mental health, criminal justice reform, and affordable housing. More than 1,200 people attended the Assembly. E. Kluver added that the group is passionate about these issues, and she is hoping for a collaborative approach with public officials.

L. Seibel noted that she was invited to a Roundtable Discussion sponsored by Congressman Flood. The topic was loneliness. The Congressman stated that he supports additional research on this topic. Attendees encouraged him to consider best practices. M. Moore inquired who was invited to the meeting. L. Seibel noted that it was medical, aging, non-profit, and long-term care stakeholders.

L. Seibel stated that the most recent EDI Conversation was excellent. She encouraged Trustees to participate in future EDI Discussions.

L. Seibel noted that the Youth Fitness, Sports, and Opportunity Task Force had their first meeting on May 21, 2024. There was excellent attendance and engagement. B. Anderson noted that technology and "screen time" was raised by the group as a main challenge to improving youth fitness.

L. Seibel noted that the Malone Center's early child care center recently achieved a Step Up to Quality rating of 5, the highest possible score. She commended Karla Brown for the achievement. Q. Brown acknowledged the accomplishment as well and provided some additional information.

L. Seibel welcomed comments, questions, or feedback from Trustees.

- b. Upcoming Meetings and Events. A list of upcoming meetings and events was included in the board packet (page 12). Ms. Seibel noted that there is a Community Conversation scheduled for May 31, 2024, regarding "Youth Mental Health and Social Media Use in Lincoln" as a follow-up to the U.S. Surgeon General's visit. Participation by Trustees is encouraged.
- c. Other. L. Seibel provided an update on the Cultural Centers of Lincoln Collaborative (CCLC) capital campaign. The project recently received a commitment of \$2.5 million from the Sherwood Foundation as a match to CHE funding.

3. Investment & Finance Committee.

- a. Treasurer's Report for April 2024. B. Anderson provided an overview of the April Treasurer's Report (page 13) which represents 67% of the fiscal year. Administrative expenses are on target at 63%. Community disbursements are below budget but will increase after July 1 when grant payments are scheduled for distribution.

M. Moore acknowledged the Treasurer's Report.

- b. Year-End Fiduciant Monthly Performance Report for April 2024. B. Anderson discussed Fiduciant's performance report (page 17). CHE's return on investments was down in April, with a

one-month return of -3.3%, and a YTD return of 1.6%. Large cap equity (the largest portion of the CHE portfolio) was down -4.1%, mid- and small cap were down about -5.5%. The real estate portion of the portfolio was negatively impacted by interest rates.

- c. Other. Representatives from Fiducient will visit Lincoln on August 27, 2024. The Investment/Finance Committee will receive more information about this meeting in the near future.

4. Funding Committee.

- a. Funding Recommendations. M. Petersen reviewed the Funding Committee's recommendations for Spring 2024 grant awards. She noted that the Funding Committee recommended 13 projects for funding, for a total of \$872,909 over three years. Information about each project and the recommended award amount was provided under separate cover prior to the meeting.
- b. E. Kluver provided a presentation to the Trustees that outlined CHE's funding priorities, summary of applications, and information about recommended grants.

CHE PRIORITY AREA: Early and Adequate Prenatal Care

1. **Strengthening Prenatal Care for Immigrants, Refugees, & Native Americans** (Asian Community and Cultural Center) - \$99,022 (1 year).
2. **Healthy Lincoln Adequate Prenatal Care Project** (Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln) - \$59,423 (1 year).

CHE PRIORITY AREA: Healthy Food Access

3. **People's Pantry – Nutrition Equity** (Center for People) - \$60,000 (over 3 years)
4. **Freshen Your Plate** (Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach) - \$30,000 (over 3 years)

CHE PRIORITY AREA: Youth Fitness

5. **FiftyOne Commons** (Family Service Lincoln) - \$50,000 (1 year)
6. **Get In the Game – Sports Leagues for Elementary Students** (Lincoln Community Learning Centers) - \$169,300 (over 3 years)
7. **Tomorrow's Bike Kitchen** (Lincoln Bike Kitchen) - \$25,000 (1 year)
8. **Summer Soccer Program** (Lincoln International FC) - \$10,000 (over 2 years)
9. **Mahoney Park Inclusive Play Space** (Lincoln Parks Foundation) - \$15,000 (1 year)

R. Gronewold joined the meeting at 2:30pm.

Mental Wellness and Human Connection

10. **The Parent Place** (Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties) - \$179,278 (over 3 years)
11. **Peer Support** (HUB) - \$117,736 (over 3 years)
12. **Hope Village Community Center** (Bridges to Hope) - \$50,000 (1 year)
13. **CenterPointe Strong Communities Initiative** (CenterPointe) - \$8,150 (1 year)

First motion: The Funding Committee made the motion to approve one grant, **The Parent Place** (Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties) for \$179,278 over 3 years.

In favor (11): (Anderson, Brown, DeJong, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions (2):** J. Reinhardt and M. Suarez. **Motion passed.**

Second Motion: The Funding Committee made the motion to approve one grant, **Get in the Game – Sports Leagues for Elementary Students** (Lincoln Community Learning Centers) for \$169,300 over 3 years. **In favor (11):** (Anderson, Brown, DeJong, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions (2):** M. Moore and M. Ferris. **Motion passed.**

Third Motion: The Funding Committee made the motion to approve one grant, **Healthy Lincoln Adequate Prenatal Care Project** (Partnership for a Health Lincoln) for \$59,423 over 1 year. **In favor (12):** (Anderson, DeJong, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions (1):** Q. Brown. **Motion passed.**

Fourth Motion: The Funding Committee made the motion to approve the remaining grants as presented excluding **The Parent Place** (Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties), **Get In the Game – Sports Leagues for Elementary Students** (Lincoln Community Learning Centers), and **Healthy Lincoln Adequate Prenatal Care Project** (Partnership for a Health Lincoln) due to the noted conflicts of interest. **All (13) were in favor** (Anderson, Brown, DeJong, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** none. **Motion passed.**

- c. Schroder Park Wellness Campus Contract. A grant contract for the Schroder Park Wellness Campus was brought forward for consideration. This contract transfers a balance of funds (\$70,000) from one grantee (Lutheran Family Services) to a new grantee (Mourning Hope) for one year period.

The Funding Committee made the motion to approve the Schroder Park Wellness Campus contract with Mourning Hope. **All (13) were in favor** (Anderson, Brown, DeJong, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, K. Moore, M. Moore, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** none. **Motion passed.**

6. Correspondence, Announcements and Other

- a. Other. L. Seibel directed attention to a note from Gehan Wheeler (page 29) regarding her presentation to the Board of Trustees in April. She expressed her passion for assisting potential students achieve their educational goals.

Executive Session. The meeting adjourned and went into Executive Session at 2:55 pm.