

EAST TENNESSEE HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY, INC.

Policy Council of the Board
ETHRA Executive Offices
9111 Cross Park Drive, Suite D-100, Knoxville, TN 37923
March 8, 2022

The Board meeting of the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency was held on March 8, 2022, at ETHRA Executive Offices, 9111 Cross Park Drive, Suite D-100, Knoxville, TN 37923.

The following Board members were present:

Mark Potts	Jefferson County
Joseph Brooks	Claiborne County
Brian Langley	Morgan County
E.L. Morton	Campbell County
Ed Mitchell	Blount County
Terry Frank	Anderson County
Larry Waters	Sevier County
Trey Dykes	Newport, TN
Mike Byrd	Grainger County
Omer Cox	Oliver Springs, TN
Ron Williams	Farragut, TN

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Mark Potts opened the meeting and asked if there were any public comments. There being none, the meeting was called to order.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mark Potts, called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed and e-mailed to members as part of the agenda package.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RON WILLIAMS AND WAS SECONDED BY E.L. MORTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION PASSED.

FINANCIAL REPORT

County Executive Brian Langley presented the financial reports for the period ending January FY 2022. County Executive Langley asked if there were any questions regarding the financial report. There were no questions.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT ETHRA'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY FY 2022. MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE BROOKS AND SECONDED BY RON WILLIAMS. THE MOTION PASSED.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Holiway introduced Mike Sokol, the new Choices Manager. Mr. Holiway noted that Mr. Sokol had been with ETHRA just a few weeks and was already doing a great job.

Mr. Holiway reported on the Community Corrections RFGP that had been sent out by Tennessee Department of Corrections (TDOC). This new RFGP has been revamped and completely changed from the RFP in years past. ETHRA Community Corrections has been working diligently along with Administration to apply and meet all deadlines for Q & A. Both Katie Somoza and Jessica Stewart are in Nashville this week attending a conference on this RFGP. ETHRA will be notified by TDOC by May 20, 2022 if we are awarded the contract. Mr. Holiway asked the board to provide letters of support on behalf of ETHRA Community Corrections application.

Mr. Holiway asked Mr. Aaron Bradley to give a report on the 4-year Area Plan on Aging and Disability. Mr. Bradley gave a presentation on the new plan and handed out a packet for all to review. He noted that the plan would be implemented for the next 4 years and needed to be filed by April 4, 2022, with board approval.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE 4-YEAR PLAN ON AGING AND DISABILITY AND TO FILE BY APRIL 4, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE BROOKS AND SECONDED BY RON WILLIAMS. THE MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Holiway reported that Janice Johnson, previous Senior Nutrition Manager had retired and Ms. Alicia Davis had been hired. Ms. Davis will report to work next week and we feel she will do an excellent job.

Mr. Holiway mentioned that members of ETHRA staff would be flying to Washington, DC for to meet with Congressman and Senators from our district and if anyone on the board would like to attend, please contact Cindy Miles as they were welcome to join.

Mr. Holiway noted that while in Nashville last month, Cindy Miles had conversation with Representative Kelly Keisling regarding auditing of ETHRA programs being done via remotely over the last several months. She requested that all audits be reverted to an in-person audit. Mr. Keisling stated he would assist with that request.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought before the board.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TREY DYKES TO ADJOURN. BRIAN LANGLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED.



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