

Kids Hope Alliance - October Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023

1. Welcome and Updates

Kevin Gay, Meeting Chair

Kevin Gay called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He began by greeting everyone and introducing Jason Peoples, JAMS Program Manager, and two talented students in the JAMS Afterschool program. The students explained the positive impact JAMS has had on their lives and performed a monologue and musical production.

Mr. Gay then provided a historical overview of KHA from its impetus to today which included an explanation of the essential service categories, RFPs and funding. He commended Dr. Grass, Mr. Darity and KHA Staff for a job well done!

Members Present - Kevin Gay, Marsha Oliver, Lawrence Dennis, Meredith Chartrand-Frisch (via Zoom), Connie Hodges, Cynthia Nixon and Carson Tranquille.

Liaisons Present - Chief Morris Halyard III, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Diana Johnson, Public Defender's Office, Reece Wilson, Office of General Counsel.

2. Icebreaker: My Community, My Service

Regine Denis, C. Robinson and Associates

Regine Denis led an Icebreaker for Board Members and Liaisons which enabled the audience to become better acquainted with them including why they feel committed to improving the quality of life for Jacksonville's children, youth and families.

3. Highlights of the Past Year's Work

a. Gap Analysis and Needs Assessment

Katie Bakewell, NLP Logix

Katie Bakewell provided an overview of the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis that was performed in 2022. The overview included the purpose of the assessment, the role of Results Based Accountability and their recommendations.

b. KHA Services Plan

Conchita Robinson, C. Robinson and Associates

Conchita Robinson explained the process used to develop the KHA Services Plan which included workshops with providers, the community, staff and the Board. They used this feedback to create a draft of the plan which the Board amended and adopted.

c. RFPs and Awards

Kenneth Darity, Chief Programs Officer, KHA

Mr. Darity provided an overview of the four RFPs released Spring/Summer of 2023. This discussion included provider eligibility requirements, the scoring process and primary services offered.

4. Future Presentation Topics Discussion

Conchita Robinson, C. Robinson and Associates

Conchita Robinson led a discussion regarding future topics which the Board would like to further explore. Areas of interest include the State of our Children, Provider, Staff & Student Feedback and Civics programs (Council Page Program).

5. Public Comments

Normally public comments are taken at the beginning of the meeting for all items that will be voted on at the meeting. This is because the items have already been discussed, had individual public comment taken and been voted on in committees. Because committee meetings did not occur a consent agenda cannot be presented; therefore comments will be taken on each item.

*Items with an * below are those that require a vote. The options for voting are listed at the end of each action item document.

Mr. Gay opened the floor for public comment throughout the meeting by explaining that comments would be taken on each item and at the end of the meeting.

6. Approval of August Minutes *

Kevin Gay, Meeting Chair

Mr. Gay asked for a motion to approve the August minutes.

Motion - Marsha Oliver

Second - Connie Hodges

Approved - 7-0

7. Finance Reports

Shari Shuman, Consultant, KHA

Shari Shuman provided an overview of KHA's finances which included a budget comparison of FY23/FY24, an Operating Fund analysis thru 10/9, a depiction of Grant funding and the proposed budget for FY23/24.

8. Board Action Items

Kevin Gay, Meeting Chair

a. Achievers for Life Contract *

Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Executive Officer, KHA

Melanie Patz, CEO United Way of Northeast Florida

Dr. Saralyn Grass and Melanie Patz provided an overview of the United Way Achievers for Life program which began in 2007. It has benefited 7500 students

and is currently operating in 10 middle schools. Achievers for Life is a dropout prevention initiative that targets sixth grade students who are exhibiting risk factors. The program provides students with family support, mentors and assistance at school. Melanie Patz also shared data which reinforced the success of the Achievers for Life program.

Mr. Gay asked for a motion to approve this action item.

Motion - Cynthia Nixon
Second - Connie Hodges
Approved - 7-0

b. EDA Recompete Pilot Program Grant *

John Everett, Director of Workforce Development, KHA

Dr. Grass and John Everett provided an overview of the EDA Recompete Grant which targets areas where prime age employment significantly trails the national average. The funding will provide communities with strategy development planning grants and large, flexible implementation awards. The purpose of the grant is to create jobs, connect workers to jobs and support economic development.

Mr. Gay asked for a motion to approve this action item.

Motion - Carson Tranquille
Second - Marsha Oliver
Approved - 7-0

9. Nominating Committee Discussion

Kevin Gay, Meeting Chair

Mr. Gay and Dr. Grass provided an overview of each Officer position and the Governance and Finance Committees. The Board elected to complete a Survey indicating their interest in Officers and Committees and to further discuss these topics in a upcoming Nominating Committee meeting. Dr. Grass conveyed that Deborah Sibley would send a Survey to Board Members within 48 hours.

a. Officers

b. Committees

10. Site Visits and Next Meeting Date

Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Executive Officer, KHA

It was determined that Deborah Sibley would provide a list of site locations which Board members can elect to visit within 48 hours. The next Board meeting date will be determined at the Nominating Committee meeting.

11. CEO Report

Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Executive Officer, KHA

Dr. Grass provided a report which highlighted the additional funding KHA could potentially receive from the Mayor's Office. This funding totals \$6,000,000 and will cover areas such as additional afterschool/summer seats, literacy, Jacksonville Journey, Cultural Arts, Civic Engagement, the Mayor's Youth at Work Program, the Mayor's Literacy Challenge, a Book Mobile and pediatric mental health.

Dr. Grass also shared that on November 13th a City Council Quarterly meeting will take place featuring KHA and DCPS. Finally, KHA received a \$1,000,000 grant for a children's mental health initiative. Dr. Grass ended her report by acknowledging the hard work performed by KHA Staff this year.

12. Public Comments

Mr. Gay asked for additional public comments. A representative from the Mayor's Youth at Work Program thanked the Board and KHA for funding and shared the growth that the program has experienced over the last two years.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Gay at 4:00 pm.