### **Kids Hope Alliance**

The Jacksonville Partnership for Children, Youth and Families 1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32206

Board Meeting Minutes					
Meeting Information	Board Member Attendance				
	Υ	Kevin Gay- Chair	Υ	Tyra Tutor	
Date: January 16, 2019	Υ	Dr. Barbara Darby	Υ	Dr. Marvin Wells	
Location: 1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.	Υ	Rebekah Davis	N	Donna Orender	
1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Multipurpose Room	Υ	Dr. Nat Glover-Vice			
		Chair			

<u>Advisory:</u> Jacki Simmons, Duval County Public Schools; Rob Mason, the Office of the Public Defender; Laura Lothman Lambert, the Office of the State Attorney and CM Sam Newby

City Staff: Julia Davis and Dr. Johnny Gaffney

KHA Staff: Joe Peppers, Delores Williams, Dr. Jennifer Blalock, Adam Miller, Cynthia Nixon, Kenneth Darity, Mary Tobin, Tyrica Young, Mary Nash, Lisette Maldonado, Lenora Wilson, Dae Lynn Helm, Ruth Waters, Lucy Farley, Chris McNeilly, Rodger Belcher, Katoia Wilkins, Mari Ganues, Jerelyn Allen, Delphine Brock, Julia Riggins, LaRaya Strong and John Everett.

**Guest: 1.16.19 Guest list.pdf** 

Agenda Items	Action/Outcome
CALL TO ORDER	Kevin Gay called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Chairman thanked everyone for attending. Chairman stated that comment cards are available for anyone wishing to speak to an item or for general comments at the conclusion of the meeting.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	Chairman Gay asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19th meeting. Dr. Darby made the motion to approve and Dr. Wells seconded the motion. Chairman Gay opened the floor for discussion and public comments. With none being heard Chairman Gay asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". All were in favor and the motion passed.
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	Chairman Gay mentioned that Donna Orender, new board member, will head up the Program Committee. Chairman Gay said he was very excited about the two presentations today from the Stop the Violence Mini Grant awardees. Chairman Gay thanked the KHA staff for all that they are doing and for their hard work.

### CEO REPORT Mr. Peppers made his monthly KHA announcements. KHA Christmas celebration December birthdays Site visits and talking with providers Mr. Peppers introduced Rodger Belcher to shared information on the Tableau tool that Kids Hope Alliance will be using. Mr. Belcher touched on the following: KHA will be able to make data driven decisions Measure performance Have quarterly or monthly commentary View programs at the district level and sort by home address Discuss formula used to measure outcomes and being able to change them Mr. Belcher also went over some of the items being measured already. Average Daily Attendance Engagement Units of Service Projected outcomes Mr. Peppers added that the data can help articulate what kids are being served and what areas are in need of services. Kids Hope Alliance is celebrating literacy week and have several events planned. Mr. Peppers plans to attend or has attended the meeting on Child Advocacy at the DuPont Center, segment on River City Live, a spot on Action News for Jax, a book reading with Tenikka Hughes at Lighthouse Beaches, Jax PAL Teen Holiday Celebration, Michael Jacksons' Music Scholarship recipients and a ride along with CM Scott Wilson through District 4. Mr. Peppers presented awards to Chris Connor with Jacksonville ZOO WILD for creating a web application that helps youth with scholarships, job opportunities and academic success and Kyra Feeney, Miss First Coast Teen, for collecting and distributing Toys for Christmas. Delphine Brock and Julia Riggins were both acknowledged for their years of service with the City. Chairman Gay turned the floor over to Tyra Tutor to give the Finance Committee report. **FINANCE** Ms. Tutor gave an update from the finance meeting that took place on **COMMITTEE REPORT** January 14th. The report went through November 30th and a report from the Council Auditors. Ms. Tutor said the Finance Committee took

action on three items that will be discussed later in the agenda and that

she would make the recommendation for approval.

#### GOVERNANCECOMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Gay turned the floor over to Dr. Darby to give the Governance Committee report.

Dr. Darby stated the committee met on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The timeline for the work plan has been updated. Dr. Darby thanked the team and Rebekah Davis for their support and helping to move things forward. Dr. Darby stated that the Governance Committee has three items to present to the Board for approval today. The CEO Evaluation, which Mr. Peppers has reviewed and fully supports. The Kids Hope Alliance Bylaws that was prepared with help from the Office the of General Counsel and the approval of an application request for a Teen Pregnancy Grant. The grant tracking sheet is included and has been updated with pertinent information about the grant.

Chairman Gay thanked Dr. Darby and Ms. Rebekah Davis for their work on the committee.

### NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEM

## Action Item- Dr. Jennifer Blalock introduced Teen Pregnancy Grant Application

Dr. Blalock stated this is Phase I of the grant and that Kids Hope Alliance would like to apply in collaboration with the community when it becomes available. The grant is to help reduce the risk of teen pregnancy and promote healthy adolescents. Dr. Blalock stated she would make sure that the tracking sheet is updated. The response was a reduction in the teenage pregnancy rate and the concomitant costs. Mr. Peppers talked about the rate of teen pregnancy in Duval County. Dr. Darby made the motion and Dr. Wells seconded it. Chairman Gay opened the floor for discussion and public comments. Ms. Tutor asked what would be the return on investment. With no other comments being heard, Chairman Gay asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". All were in favor and the motion passed.

# Action Item- Tyrica Young introduced the Summer Food Service Program Grant

This grant renewal is for the period of June 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2019 with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. It's projected to serve an estimated 170 sites throughout Jacksonville. Ms. Tutor made the motion to approve and Dr. Wells seconded it. Chairman Gay opened the floor for further discussion and public comments. With none being heard, Chairman Gay asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### ACTION ITEM

#### Action Item- Mary Tobin introduced the Contract Extension

The Board is asked to approve the extension of contracts for six months from April 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2019. This will allow existing

programs to continue to operate while KHA staff work on new Request For Proposal (RFP), for the five Essential Services Categories. Mr. Peppers went over a time line for the release of new RFP's. Mr. Peppers said that there will be task force meetings, listening sessions and workshops for the community and partners. The first listening session will start in February. Mr. Peppers hopes to have something for Special Needs in April and ready to present to the Board in August. Early Learning, Preteen & Teen and Juvenile Justice will be sometime in May and ready to present to the Board in September. Mr. Peppers timeline included having an Out of School Time draft by October and ready to be release in November and contracts approved by December. Summer and Afterschool RFP's will come later. Chairman Gay asked for a motion to continue the conversation on contract extension request and then discuss the time line for RFP's later. Ms. Tutor made the motion and Dr. Darby seconded it. Ms. Tutor talked about why it is important to extend these contracts and talked about the turnaround time to be able to release new RFP's. Ms. Nixon went over how the funds for the RFP's are incorporated into the budget and the process for putting together an RFP. Dr. Glover asked about having interval reports on the RFP's so there are no surprises if they are delayed for release. Chairman Gay asked for public comments. Terri Florio and Leon Baxton made comments. With no other comments being heard, Chairman Gay asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". All were in favor and the motion passed

#### **ACTION ITEM**

# Action Item- Joe Peppers introduced the Program Recommendations to be funded using Fund Balance

Mr. Peppers stated that encumbered funds will be used to fund the recommended list of programs and services.

Mr. Peppers talked about the gaps in Preteen and Teen and expanding programs in the Juvenile Justice space. Ms. Nixon explained where these funds come from and how some of the programs on the list came to be. There was discussion on why there was no board input or approval and when will Kids Hope Alliance know if the funds will be available for use. The Board discussed that some programs are listed as reoccurring and others as one time. It was decided to remove the language since the funds may not be available next year or to list them all as one time. Some board members would like more input on the programs to be funded.

Chairman Gay asked for a motion to approve the use of fund balance to fund the recommended list of programs. Ms. Tutor made the motion and Dr. Wells seconded it. Dr. Wells mentioned that the Finance Committee had some of the same questions and understands

that Kids Hope Alliance staff had to prepare something to present to City Council Members and the Mayor's administration on how these funds would be used in order to propose the idea of getting them back. CM Newby made comments to remove the reoccurring. Staff will clean up the language. Rena Coughlin added that United Way has a data base that Kids Hope Alliance could use that houses volunteer service. Ms. Florio talked about programs for high school age and not being able to offer services due to the restricted services of the contract. Ms. Tobin stated that the Ordinance allows for teen programs and that Kids Hope Alliance will work with new and old partners. Leon Baxton made comments.

With no other comments being heard, Chairman Gay asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### Action Item- Adam Miller introduced Kids Hope Alliance Bylaws

The Board is asked to approve the revised and final version of the Bylaws drafted by KHA staff, Governance Committee and the Office of the General Counsel. Chairman Gay asked for a motion to approve the Bylaws. Dr. Darby made the motion and Dr. Glover seconded it. Chairman Gay opened the floor for discussion and public comments. With none being heard, Chairman Gay asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". All were in favor and the motion was passed.

## <u>Action Item- Adam Miller introduced the CEO Performance Evaluation</u>

The Board is asked to approve the framework and process to evaluate the CEO of Kids Hope Alliance. The first evaluation will be 2019 and annually thereafter. Dr. Darby made the motion to approve and Dr. Glover seconded it. Chairman Gay opened the floor for discussion and public comments. With none being heard, Chairman Gay asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". All were in favor and the motion was passed.

#### PARTNER PRESENTATION

#### Allison Galloway with Cathedral Arts Project

Presented a video on how they are using the funding they received from the Stop the Violence Mini Grant awards. Art is offered to students in the Juvenile Detention Centers. There are 23 students in the program that receive art services two times a week for an hour and a half. The art classes are designed to allow the students to express themselves and help resolve conflict by painting what they feel. The students must remain in good standing while in the detention center in order to continue in the program. Completed art work is put up for auction and all proceeds are invested back into the program. Ms. Galloway has a price list for anyone interested or you can come by the State Attorney's Office to look at the pieces.

#### P.S. Never Give Up Hope, Renata Hannans

Ms. Hannans started her program six years ago to introduce free books to incarcerated youth. Ms. Hannans meets with students to talk about the books that they have read and to give them new books. There is

	also a meditation component to this. She has 100% participation. Ms. Hannans mentioned that after giving a survey to the male youth the biggest request was for male mentors or male visitors. Ms. Hannans mentioned that most of the youth did not receive any male visitors or have any positive male role models in their life. Her one ask is for males to volunteer their time or to just write letters to the youth. Ms. Hannans gave her PO Box information to mail books or funding for her program. PO Box 77028  Jacksonville, FL 32226  Jackie Simmons talked about the value of the program and stated that it has helped improve the graduation rate of youth in the detention centers. Mr. Simmons said that the graduation rate is up and it's all because of the collaborative efforts with arts, books and education in the detention centers.
BOARD COMMENTS	Dr. Darby mentioned that her book has been published. She will host a book signing at City Hall on Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 5 pm. Dr. Darby thanked Kevin Gay for his support as board chair and thanked Joe Peppers for leading Kids Hope Alliance.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	Keto Porter, United Way talked about supporting juvenile and the education programs being offered in the detention centers.  Amy Buggle, DLC Nurse & Learn is hosting a tour and breakfast on Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup> at 9 am.  Colin Murphy thanked Kids Hope Alliance for a letter of support. The Children's Home Society has been awarded contracts with other counties and funding opportunity for School Based Mental Health.
ADJOURN	With no other comments being heard the meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.