

Minutes
Rural Health Association of Utah/Southern Utah AHEC
Board Meeting
September 23, 2020
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Attendees:

Locke Ettinger
Rita Osborn
Samantha Thompson
Mark Dalley
Marla Shelby-Drabner
Greg Rosenvall
Jesse Spencer
Scott Langford
Cynthia Kimball Davis
Jacqueline Murray

1. Welcome - Mark Dalley
 - a. September Minutes and Board Discussions in February/March. - Approved
 - b. Board meeting scheduled for April 10th was cancelled due to the pandemic.
 - i. This board meeting is us reconvening from that cancelation.
2. 2019/2020 RHAU/SUAHEC Summary Report - Locke Ettinger (Approve)
 - a. This is a summary of the work that we have done since Locke was brought in in August 2019
 - b. Awards are being delivered now. We are so grateful for all those that work so hard to support and service our communities.
 - c. Lots of service was done for the Navajo Nations that needed hand washing stations as well as delivering masks to those in need.
 - d. We have sent many letters and represented on lots of different calls to be sure that our providers are being supported and advocated for.
 - e. We have many grants that we are working on!
 - i. UROHC has two grants now! These grants work to combat opioid use we are seeing in our rural areas

- ii. Covid mask messaging grant - this needs to move quickly. We are hoping to get these distributed to our members. Our students will be helping with this delivery as well. We will be surveying people as to why they are feeling the way they are. Please let Rita know if you are interested in these materials or wanting to assist with this initiative.
- iii. 3RNet recruitment and retention.
- iv. Mark gives his approval, “great layout and very impressive information!”
- v. Approved and seconded. Grammar and or statistics may be updated if needed.

3. RHAU Business

a. Board membership - Locke Ettinger

- i. Tenure of Board Members - We have some members coming to the end of their terms, and that are over the given limit.

- 1. Rita and Locke would like to bring some suggested board members forward as Marla and Greg are past due.

- ii. Review of bylaws. We would like to get a small group together to get the bylaws updated as they haven't been updated in several years (20 years).

- 1. Mark would like to get this figured out first so that we can be sure that everyone is comfortable and that we have an update to give new members.

- a. Committee formed of: Locke, Rita, Marla, Cynthia, and Samantha. To meet next week.

- b. Let's get in touch with the Utah Non-profit Law Center to get some legal advice - this is who we have used in the past.

- 2. Many of our bylaws are written to be driven by a membership vote, however we feel that this organization is best run by the board.

b. Rural Health Association of Utah - Received letter of good standing - Rita Osborn

- i. Rita sent out our financial report for last year. We filed taxes and are in good standing.
 - ii. We have about \$30,000 in our account right now.
 - iii. We have filed for business license, and non-profit status - that will allow us to continue to apply for grants.
 - c. Organizational Structure - Changing Leadership - Rita Osborn
 - i. We are working on breaking our departments apart to be more independent and not so blended together.
 - ii. We will be hiring new staff and department leaders to help facilitate the change we want to see.
 - iii. We are wanting RHAU to be under the community health umbrella with Kasey Shakespear.
 - iv. Locke - will be giving his formal resignation. He would like to remain on as a consultant. He will be completing any assignments that he has accepted, but will phase out within the next few months. We are so grateful for all that he has done. We wish him the best and look forward to keeping him as involved as he would like!
- 4. HHS Rural Health Plan - Locke Ettinger
 - a. Funding will be expanded from Opioid use to Substance use disorder.
 - b. We have shown in Utah that we really work well with other organizations. We work well with partners.
 - c. RHAU is doing a great job being a grant center as we are able to get grants that small hospitals wouldn't receive, but then can send help to those rural areas.
 - d. Rural Health Webinar Session - October 22, 2020
 - i. We will be receiving additional information about this webinar series at the beginning of October.
 - ii. It will be focused on the provider relief fund.
 - e. Listening Report Summary

- i. HHS created a listening report for our region. We sent that prior to our meeting. Great amount of information for our areas to be heard on!
 - ii. Greg knows of the listening sessions and can confirm that they happened in his area.
- 5. Recent Accomplishments of SUAHEC - Rita Osborn
 - a. HHS - State Rural Health Care Plan - Rural workforce
 - i. This is something that is just beginning but we do want your input and will be bringing that information to you. If you have any information you would like to add to their discussions please contact Rita.
 - b. COVID AHEC funds
 - i. Rita is running a class with students, and discussing the pandemic and response in depth.
 - c. Community Health Worker Program
 - i. We had over 75 people apply but we had to narrow it down to 50. We are so excited to help our rural communities have more qualified applicants.
 - d. Directory of Health Training Programs for Utah
 - i. We will send hard copies out to you all to share and review
 - e. RHS/UHS - numbers for Fall 2020
 - i. 30 student members - USU -Eastern in Price
 - ii. 52 student members - Snow College
 - iii. 302 student members - Dixie State University
 - iv. 540 student members - Southern Utah University
 - v. That gives us a total of 924 student members!!
- 6. 2021 Proposed Annual Conference in Late Fall - Approved
 - a. This is still a possible risk but Locke recommends that we begin preparation sooner than later.
 - b. We would like to have it in person if possible, but let's leave it open to switching to virtual if that is what is best for at the time.

- 7. We will pull together another brief meeting to discuss bylaws and the information we gain from the legal consultation.**