



GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

TO: Green River Area Development District Board of Directors

FROM: Joanna Shake
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Minutes of the GRADD Executive Committee – September 8, 2021

The Executive Committee of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) met on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., at the GRADD office in Owensboro. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

GRADD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Al Mattingly Henrietta Harris
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Johnny Roberts
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider Janeth Nicolas
McLEAN COUNTY:	None present
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston
UNION COUNTY:	None present
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Steve Henry

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	All present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	*William Markwell
McLEAN COUNTY:	*Curtis Dame
OHIO COUNTY:	All present
UNION COUNTY:	*Adam O’Nan
WEBSTER COUNTY:	All present

*Excused absence

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Mark Lord, Congressman Brett Guthrie's Office
Tony Wilder, Kentucky Council of Area Development District's
Bill Cooper, Kentucky Council of Area Development District's
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Director of Aging & Social Services, GRADD
Blake Edge, Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, GRADD
Jodi Rafferty, Director of Workforce Development, GRADD
Jessie Howard, Public Administration Specialist, GRADD
Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD
Max Gee, Regional Transportation Planner, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brad Schneider called the meeting to order and asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the August 11, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. FINANCE REPORT

Mariah Myres presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021.

A motion was made by Henrietta Harris and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the treasurer's report for the period of July 1, 2021 – July 31, 2021, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kentucky Community Healthcare Connections Network Partnership with Kentucky Medicare and Medicaid Health Plans

Chairman Brad Schneider introduced Tony Wilder, Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts (KCADD) Executive Director and Bill Cooper, Business Development Manager for KCADD.

Mr. Wilder began by giving an overview of the Community Healthcare Connections Program. A cooperative endeavor that utilizes the aging network of Kentucky's fifteen ADDs to meet the needs a healthcare plan identifies for its plan members. Its focus is on providing comprehensive care management, transitional care services, community-based services, and coordination of community resources to address the social determinants of health that impact an individual's health care. Mr. Wilder explained that its a successful and proven model that can improve health outcomes and reduce health-related costs, by reducing issues such as isolation, hunger, unnecessary medical treatments and improving access to services and self-managed care. The ADDs currently have a contract with Preferred Community Healthcare Partners/Ground Game Health (PCHP) to provide services for a variety of Anthem's plan members. The KCADD has been negotiating for some time with Aetna/CVS Health regarding a pilot project to provide services for its members as well.

Bill Cooper explained the ADDs have a long history of providing these types of services through their other aging and social services programs making them a logical choice to be engaged by the various health plans. For example, GRADD was chosen several years ago by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to receive a grant to administer a care transitions program for Owensboro Health and Methodist Hospital in Henderson. Because of this experience, Aetna chose to start with GRADD as the first pilot site of their new initiative with the ADDs. An initial contract was reviewed last summer but GRADD's IT security did not meet the specifications required by CVS Health. In an effort to meet those requirements, KCADD has voted to use grant money to pay Ground Game Health to use their Protected Health Logistics (PHL) system for the Aetna pilot program. This IT platform will be available for two years at no cost to the individual ADDs.

Jennifer Williams explained GRADD could utilize existing staff to administer the pilot program with Aetna. When the program expands beyond the pilot phase, dedicated program staff would be hired. She explained this grant would offer an opportunity to provide services to citizens in the community who receive Medicaid and who are not typically reached by GRADD's traditional social services programs. The pilot grant totals \$15,000 to serve approximately 30 clients. However, it has the potential to grow and expand and the experience will be beneficial as the ADDs market services to other health plan organizations.

After several questions, it was decided the Finance Committee and a Contract Review Committee to include Chairman Brad Schneider, Vice Chairman Al Mattingly, Executive Director Joanna Shake and GRADD's attorney, David Johnston would review the contract, cost of the program and projections before presenting recommendations to the full board. Mr. Cooper was asked to provide a two-year cost/revenue projection; a one-page bullet summary of the pilot project; and the contract for review before the next GRADD Board of Directors meeting.

B. First Quarter Revised Budget – FY 2022

Mariah Myres reported the revised budget reflects actual allocations received in July and funds that were not needed in this budget will carry-over to the next fiscal year.

A motion was made Johnny Roberts and seconded by Steve Henry to approve the First Quarter Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2022. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Help At Home Update

Jennifer Williams informed the group Help At Home contacted GRADD on August 23, 2021 and will be pulling its services out of Kentucky. Help At Home currently serves the seven county GRADD region clients with in-home services such as homemaking, personal care and respite. GRADD staff has been in contact with Levi Reemes with Comfort Keepers to provide services on an emergency basis for the remainder of the contract year. Ms. Williams noted the contract with Help At Home is a three-year contract.

Vice Chairman Al Mattingly suggested negotiating all three years of the contract with Comfort Keepers to keep from having to bid out the contract at the end of the first contract year and avoid disruption of services provided to the clients.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Steve Henry to approve Comfort Keepers to provide services for the remainder of the contract year and to allow staff to enter into negotiations with Comfort Keepers on the remaining three-year contract. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. GRADD Annual Event Update

Judge/Executive Al Mattingly reported the GRADD Annual Event Committee met on August 24, 2021 and recommended at that time, due to the rising number of COVID cases, it would be best to postpone the event until later in the year. Sponsors were contacted and were very understanding with the current circumstances. The committee will come together in late September or early October and re-evaluate the COVID cases at that time.

E. Intergovernmental Reviews

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional Executive Orders:

Ohio County Water District Meter Replacement
Ohio County Water District KY2021-0729-1234

City of Owensboro Kentucky Transient Marina Project
City of Owensboro KY2021-0802-1241

Hartford Multi-Use Trail
City of Hartford KY2021-0811-1268

Project Mantra
City of Henderson KY2021-0817-1285

A motion was made by David Johnston and seconded by Johnny Roberts to approve the above-stated Regional EO's. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Brad Schneider reported that Senator Rand Paul will be making stops in Ohio and McLean Counties today to hold community leadership roundtables.

Joanna Shake reported prior to the meeting today, she attended a virtual meeting with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) regarding Senate Bill 36. KIA explained a letter will be sent to the General Assembly requesting more funding. Mrs. Shake is confident counties will receive the same level of funding. The KIA open call for projects will open September 15, 2021 and closes December 15, 2021. GRADD is contracting with Formation out of North Carolina to assist GRADD with a strategic communications plan, most importantly a newsletter and revamping the GRADD letterhead. Ms. Shake introduced Max Gee. Mr. Gee is the new Regional Transportation Planner at GRADD.

Vice Chairman Al Mattingly inquired about the utility assistance funds. Blake Edge stated funds should be released in the next few days.

Jennifer Williams reported the Green River Area Council on Aging had formed a committee to review the central kitchen in the senior centers. The program owns the equipment in the central kitchen which is located in the senior center in Owensboro. This site prepares all the meals distributed to the clients. Ms. Williams explained this was a great concept 30 years ago but now the equipment is aging and in need of repair. The catered meals program request for proposals will be changed to include that the successful bidder will need to provide its own central kitchen with equipment. The committee is requesting suggestions on what to do with the existing equipment. The equipment has been appraised at \$46,000.

VI. COUNTY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chairman Brad Schneider opened the floor and asked the committee to discuss anything on their mind.

Secretary Steve Henry reported Webster County continues to work on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the training center with the possibility to be in the facility in about six months. There will be a ceremony held in Providence on September 11, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. called Honor, Hope, Healing in remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy. Secretary Henry also informed the group Tommy Chandler had passed away and retired Judge/Executive James Townsend was in poor health and to keep those families in their prayers.

Henrietta Harris reported the next meeting of the of the Green River Area Council on Aging will be held October 5, 2021.

Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts inquired about the guidance on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Joanna Shake stated those guidelines should be released in October.

Judge/Executive David Johnston announced the Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Festival will begin on September 9, 2021 and run through the weekend. Judge Johnston reported Ohio County is looking into establishing a reentry program for incarcerated individuals once they are released.

Vice Chairman Al Mattingly reported the ROMP Bluegrass Festival will begin on September 16, 2021 and run through the weekend. Daviess County is also experiencing an outbreak of horse parasites and like other counties, Daviess County is waiting on guidance on how the ARPA funds may be used.

Chairman Brad Schneider reported on how Henderson County will utilize some of the ARPA funding such as assistance to non-profits and work-related training. The County is also in the process of updating the county ordinances which have not been updated in quite some time. Chairman Schneider asked for prayers for the family of Ron Jenkins, long time editor of the Henderson Gleaner who recently passed away.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Lord gave an update from Congressman Brett Guthrie's office. Mr. Lord reported Congressman Guthrie has been holding broadband roundtable meetings in the region to get feedback on telehealth and distance learning which are critical needs in rural America. The Congressman also spoke to the Green River Workforce Development Board regarding unemployment insurance and the move to get people back into the workforce.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to report the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary

Chairman