

Board Voice Minutes – Feb. 16, 2021

Present: Leslie Welin, Terry Anne Boyles, Bill McMichael (had to leave at 5:45pm), Ajit Sinha, Ernest Freeman, Barbara Brown, Eleanor Calder, Sandra Micheals, Louella Mathias, Lori Gordon, Jody Paterson.

Regrets: Bev Rundell.

Minutes taken by: Rosie Forth.

Tasks/Item	Notes	Action Items
<p>Welcome/Acknowledgement/Check-In</p> <p>Purpose: to give all a chance to speak so we can be fully present for this meeting; to hear brief updates on what is happening in directors' agencies/communities</p>		
<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from last meeting • ED written report 	<p><i>Motion to Approve Agenda:</i> Ajit Sinha, Louella Mathias. Carried.</p> <p><i>Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda:</i> Ernest Freeman, Ajit Sinha. Carried.</p>	
<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer's report • Provincial project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provincial project spending is slower than anticipated due to ongoing pandemic. - Additional contribution to BV negotiated by Craig before departure. <p><i>Motion to Adopt Treasurer's Report:</i> Sandra Micheals, Ajit Sinha. Carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates provided on governance content of provincial project – honing content and planning delivery/participation. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roundtable update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jody connected with Sandy Reber (graphic design contractor for RCY) re: excellent layout of RCY reports. This is regarding design of the content and workbook, which will be for take away (post workshop follow up for boards and senior staff). - Workbooks will contain links, bibliography, governance tools. - Considering ways to generate funding through these workshops later on. - Nicholas Simon and Niki Sharma are on these calls, along with others from various Ministries. - Integration of social policy framework into these meetings; considering putting social policy framework findings into a newer document to share. Some understanding of it but many pieces still need to occur to move towards it. - Nominating Roundtable for a Premier’s Award for examples of collaborative approaches. - Metaphors for talking publically about human services – Leslie recommends looking these up. - Bill recommended considering who is missing from these meetings, raising their voices where possible. - There is now a callout for an advisory committee. It was expected that MCFD’s new child and youth framework would have been in place by now, but the pandemic slowed that and the advisory committee indicates the ministry wants more engagement with families and community. 	<p>Terry Anne to send out speech notes from earlier roundtable meeting she addressed (social services analogy).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policy committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandra and Bill have had several meetings about policies of various organizations (E Fry, Family Services, etc.). 	<p>Jody to send two Board Voice manual documents to Bill</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy committee • Membership committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No major changes recommended for BV policies, just potential bylaw amendments. - Query about whether to include the work plan in the policy, or not. History has been edited down to form an introduction to the policy manual. - Discussion of Board Directors manual. - Sandra willing to add to/edit Board Voice manual that already exists. - Clarified difference between work plan (day to day) and strategic plan (overarching goals). - Bill had to depart meeting. - There is a sub work plan on advocacy for Jody to pull from. - Discussion about connecting with Green Party, having talked with Liberal and NDP. - 59 members currently, need to increase membership as COVID-19 may reduce overall membership. Past years have seen more members. - Corporate sponsorship idea (Board members to notify if any contacts). - Community leads (Board members to notify if they have any suggestions). - Increasing operating revenue by at least \$10,000 a years through additional membership fees would leave BV in a better position. 	<p>and Sandra to review for possible revisions. Sandra to review current manual and map integration of both documents (policy and board manual). Will send round current version of manual to all board members. Jody will arrange meeting to discuss final version of manual.</p> <p>Jody to check if letter was sent to Sonia Furstenau, will send if not. Will initiate Zoom board session.</p>
<p>Action items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda for meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting on February 22nd, 30 minutes. 	<p>All Board</p>

with Attorney General David Eby Agency profiles for Social Services Month in March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing, justice in portfolios. - Jody and Leslie to develop tentative agenda. 	Members: email Jody with suggestions for meeting agenda.
Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions this month • Topics for next agenda • Feedback on meeting 	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy review and draft board manual. - Board members are requested to consider opportunities to expand membership. <p>Add to agenda next month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board Voice and Friends – proposal to have valuable sector contacts join to provide small presentations as an alternative to the conference. - Contemplating options for providing virtual member event/engagement at the end of May. <p><i>Motion to Adjourn:</i> Leslie Welin. Carried.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	March 15, 2021	