

## IMHCA Board Meeting Minutes 3/2/19

In attendance:

Courtney Ackerson

Kyla Loucks

Kacey Peterson by phone

Jason Stark by phone

Lauren Kern

Dri LaToure

Lisa Schneider

Kenya Rocha

Don Gilbert Absent

Christy Johnston Absent

Kristten Buttermore Absent

Casey Baker Absent

Called to order at 9:13am

Treasurers Report reviewed

Courtney Moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Lauren, motion carried

Kacey reported new business about the IMCHAF has officially voted in 5 members of the board of trustees. They will deal with the scholarship, golf event for fundraising and asked for the IMHCA President and President-Elect will serve as trustees on the IMHCAF – they can contract with IMHCA for other positions if needed.

Change of registered agent petition has been filed – Chip Lowe Drake attorney has volunteered to serve as the registered agent and will serve on both the IMHCA and the IMHCAF and the president will serve as the principal contact. The IMHCAF will vote in officers today.

Membership Dree: Elections should have been worked on by the executive committee, will we use the conference to bump the open board and committee positions? Positions were discussed. Courtney will send me the chart of who is open for positions at this time to include in the minutes. Government interim co-chair position is still open. All board is asked to pitch in for day on the hill. Awards – Foundation will take over scholarships and awards at conference this year. Dollar amount will be decided at the IMHCAF meeting today.

Awards: Mental Health Champion for Advocacy

## IMHCA Service Award

### Scholarship Award

Do we want to recognize the past president who serves a full 5 years, every-other year? Conversation about how to recognize members during the conference. Will give them prizes. Longest standing members.

Lisa Schneider: Public Policy Report – No representation coming from LMHCs, Dept of public health and dept of education: Can we draft a letter to the Dept of Public Health and Education about the lack of representation by Clinical Mental Health Counselors. The Executive Committee draft a letter for this. Will get information about how to get people on the committees or work groups for this board. We want to have someone focus on being a part of this process. There was a concern at the meeting that Private Insurance representatives and they will also be responsible for provision of monetary reimbursement for waiver services that they want to open up in July, Medicaid will open up for

Occupational Therapists want to be considered mental health therapists. They have a limited scope in other states and considered mental health professionals because we use them for dealing with sensory or other mental health related issues. There is a bill about this. They are a part of a team and not be able to diagnose, but they can be mental health instead of just disability services. They are not doing mental health therapy.

Day on the Hill: Food and drinks need volunteers to do: Smokey Row did it last year. Will try to get something donated. Need to set a date for advocacy training. Probably better to do that the hour before the on the day on the hill. Legislative dining room on the ground floor in the state capital building. 2pm begins (do advocacy training at 1pm) Can we reach out to the Children's state board to come to this event too? Send emails to imhcgovernment2@gmail.com

Kyla Loucks Marketing and Networking report: Will send a request we had related to doing a presentation from IMHCA at a conference at Iowa association on the education of young children conference on trauma for children.

Question asked by Lauren: Can the next networking event be held at Gillroy's in the summer? We had 15 people at the networking event in February, book club/study group as a way to involve members. Kyla will send an announcement to KCCI about the day on the hill. Will have information on the bill presented about loan forgiveness.

Kenya, Courtney and Kacey, Strategic Planning – Tabled until next meeting

Jason Stark, Website Update: - Tabled until next meeting

Conference Committee reports attached: Lauren asked if a board member could make introductions at conference so attendees would see who the board members are – put a face to a name.

Lauren Kern, Student Report: put out the request for interest in being on DIMHCA student organization board and to share on this board as the student representative. Lauren will be a guest speaker in Matt's class to get interest and answer questions about DIMHCA, IMHCA Board and garner interest for Day on the Hill.

Meeting came to close at 11:00 am.