

Board of Directors, Minutes, June 4, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Trans Pride Initiative, a Texas corporation (the corporation), was held June 4, 2015, at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas 75204.

Attendees

- Directors Present: Nell Gaither, Pocahontas Duvall, Terry Allen
- Directors Absent: Simone Stevens, Bret Camp
- Guests Present: Audrey Burns

Call to Order

- Chair Nell Gaither called the meeting to order at 6:53pm. Nell Gaither recorded the minutes in the absence of Corporate Secretary Jamila Davis (no longer a director sitting on the board). A quorum of directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Announcements

- Nell: Longview Pride is June 13, TPI will have table with Nell, Audrey, and Ashley
- Nell: Hard conversations on homelessness June 19 and discussing June 26
- Terry: The person who was to do photographs for the stigma reduction poster project decided not to participate. Terry looking for alternatives.
- Poca: June 27 testing event, 9-6, with Abounding Prosperity, TPI can have table
- Poca: July open house at Peabody location

Reports from Officers

President

- Discussed the Gill Foundation conversation about Texas Wins/Competes
- Brief update on Dallas County Sheriff's Department prison policy

Secretary

In the absence of the Secretary, acting Secretary Nell Gaither provided the following:

- Presented the minutes from May 7 meeting for approval. There were no comments. Pocahontas motioned to accept the minutes; Terry seconded; approval unanimous.

Treasurer

In the absence of the Treasurer, Nell Gaither provided the bank balance: \$4,286.92. TJFP award adds \$5,000 more to that when we get it.

Unfinished Business

- **Parkland**
 - Described current progress, and that Sharon Phillips, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for Population Health, has said a trans advisory group would be formed during the first two weeks of July.
 - Following names for consideration: Nell Gaither, Terry Allen, Pocahontas Duvall, Audrey Burns, Alex Kujack, Jaek Avants, Shannon Walker, Sharon Grayson, Carmarian Anderson, Dori Mooneyham, Mike ? (friend of Terry's), Oliver Blumer
 - **Action Items:**
 - *Audrey and Poca—due by June 30*—checking on others to add
- **DSHS Project—Trans Health Empowerment**
 - Nell: went over the general scope of the work and timeline
 - Nell: Showed the website being developed (test.tpride.org, to be renamed tpower.tpride.org), and discussed organization and how to present info on “your body,” “your activities,” and “your risks.”
 - Go live target date July 15—can we do some event, fast and easy, to launch it?
 - **Action items:**
 - *Terry—due by June 30*—have pictures to select from for palm card
 - *Poca—due by June 15*—check with Taylor Printing on prices for palm cards
 - *Nell or Poca—due by July 15*—printing done
 - *Nell—due by June 30*—web site done
- **Shelter work**
 - Terry and Nell: update on policy development, as discussed in committee May 30
 - two bedroom apartment, one bedroom for house manager
 - allow others to shower, clean up, get out of weather during the day
 - basic rule is to follow the lease, including no drugs, but don't have to be clean
 - no partners, but can allow private time (not guaranteed)
 - focus on trans and gender nonconforming
 - one person per bed
 - use lease and VI-SPDAT to create intake form/agreement
 - Nell: Location options and funding discussions (potential for fundraising)
 - Terry: tie in with DTSH—use shelter to have folks with housing come visit and meet clients to better encourage taking into homes
 - **Action Items:**
 - *Terry—due by June 18*—draft operating policy sent to Nell
 - *Terry and Nell—due by July 9*—final draft operating policy at July board meeting
 - *Nell—due by July 9*—contact Charles Gully (locations/insurance) by end of June; have solid leads on locations by July board meeting
- **2015 Health Fair**

- Terry and Nell: fair date is November 7; noted that we are planning to have community based forums, UTSW Center for Breast Care and Planned Parenthood for on-site appointments, we will offer to do accompaniment (work out a way that meets their privacy concerns so we can be with folks on appointments), possible gyn (who was with Ximena), smoking cessation (UTSW?), Am. Diabetes Assoc. presentation, Gilead on HIV/HCV/STIs, American Specialty?, AHF Pharma (Matt)
- Presentations: self-injection, DIY presentation techniques, queer relationships, safer sex for nonconforming bodies, Lilith Gray with something on burlesque/boylesque, conversations about suicide (Michael Salas and Ruby Johnson for support, someone with DARCC to talk about crisis intervention)
- possibly to have a forum/discussion for community input about what TPI should focus on in health advocacy (with a survey of experiences/expectations)
- Location: not yet determined. AP training facility attached to Living Faith Covenant Church (3403 Shelley Blvd. Dallas, Texas 75211), Seay Biomedical Building, or CCC.
- **Action items:**
 - Nell: ask Ximena about the gyn being there to start taking appointments
 - Nell: check on smoking cessation
- **Next Network Affiliates meeting (IPV/Sex Assault)**
 - **Action items:** Nell to email DARCC once more if no response by June 11, then contact VIP on June 15
- **Harm reduction brochure update**
 - In design now with Hana Choi

New Business

- **2015 NCAVP Roundtable**
 - **IMPORTANT:** Poca checking to see if she can go, if not Terry will go. MUST be signed up by June 15! If Poca and Terry have not determined who will go by June 15, Nell will register and go so we don't lose this opportunity
- **Film "Tangerine"**
 - Agreed that TPI will not promote
 - As many as can with friends will be at screening

Open End

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Adjourn meeting

Terry moved that the meeting be adjourned; Poca seconded; meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nell Gaither, acting Recording Secretary

Date