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Rhonda Roth, Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
January 26, 2017

Members Present

Eva Bruns
Linda Heller
Jerri Spear
Michael Ehrmann
Dean Wingfield
Heike Petersen (Phone)
Kent Jostes (Phone)
Howard McCormick (Phone)

Members Absent

Joe Kinnie
Rod Pelton
Laura Teague

Others Present

Rhonda Roth
Traci Schrade
Tona Felzien
Rochelle Ralston
Talya Honsted
Deanie Peterson
Louise Buchholz

ROLL CALL: Michael Ehrmann, President, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Board member Bruns to accept the December 8, 2016 minutes. Board member Jostes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries.

AGENDA ADDITIONS: Death of a Client
November Financials

CORRESPONDENCE: Reviewed the thank you cards from staff for Christmas gift.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Schrade highlighted the November/December 2016 financials and was pleased with the financials to date. **Motion** was made and seconded (Bruns/Wingfield) to accept the November/December financial reports as presented. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries.

Rochelle Ralston, Adams Circle and 11th Ave Residence Manager and Talya Honstead, Assistant Manager, read the eulogy they wrote for a person in services who resided at Adam's Circle and attended our Day Program. The family was very pleased with the services he received from ECS throughout the years and felt it was important for ECS to write and share the eulogy. It was a touching tribute to a man that touched many lives. He will truly be missed by many.

OLD BUSINESS: Rhonda updated the board on the Conflict Free Case Management. In talking with the Alliance group, there is support for the rural exemption, and everyone seems to be onboard for the 5 year transition plan with the goal being a smooth transition for everyone in

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services. The process of drafting the bill has started. CCB's are talking about hiring a lobbying firm to represent the CCB's with more than half of the CCB's on board. Rhonda thinks it will help ECS to join with the other CCB's in to address the rural exemption and the transition timeline. **Motion** was made and seconded (Bruns/Spear) to leave it to Rhonda's discretion, not to exceed her normal spending limit, to join with other CCB's lobby for the Rural exemption and an appropriate timeline. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS: Reviewed the Eastern Colorado Services for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. By-Laws. There was some discussion regarding:

Section III E. 2. The Board member fails to attend three consecutive Board meetings without a reasonable excuse.

The Board asked that Rhonda follow-up with members that have missed three consecutive Board meetings to see if they are able to attend future meetings or if they would rather explore options for representation from their County to serve.

Discussion was held on changing the wording to the by-laws in regards to the posting of the minutes to adding that the minutes will be added posted on the agency website and copies will be provided upon request after they have been approved. The changes will be made to the By-law and will be presented at the next Board meeting to be reviewed and voted on.

Board of Directors Reappointments: Mike Ehrmann, Rod Pelton, Heike Petersen, and Jerri Spear will remain on the board, each for another three year term. Motion was made and seconded (Wingfield/Bruns) to accept these four appointments, each for another three year term. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries.

Election of Officers: Motion was made and seconded (Bruns/Petersen) to maintain the same officers for another year. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carries.

Rhonda shared with the Board that Ruby Gonzales; No Wrong Door Implementation Policy Specialist will be visiting ECS on January 27th.

Tona Felzien, Residential Specialized Support Director, shared with the board a fact sheet of the Final Rule for "CMS Home & Community Based Services Settings". The state will be sending someone out from CDPH&E for a site visit next week to share what changes may be needed to help become compliant with the new rules. This agency will also offer technical support to help with the implementation of the Final Rule throughout the transition.

Rhonda shared with the Board that the Tim Tebow Foundation is hosting "Night to Shine" an unforgettable prom night experience, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. The dance will be held in Ft. Morgan on February 10th. 30 clients along with staff plan to attend.

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Board Development: Rhonda invited the Board Directors to attend the "Awareness Day for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities" to be held at the Capital on February 15th.

Public Comments: There were no audience/public comments.

Meeting adjourned.

As a reminder: *the telephone conference number is 1-877-820-7831 and the Participant Pass Code is 8058169, followed by the # sign. The next Board meeting will be February 23, 2017 and will begin at 6:30 pm at the Administration office, 617 South 10th Ave, Sterling.**