

MINUTES OF THE EDI BOARD MEETING
11/19/09 (November)

Board Attendees: Blane, Don, Winston, Peter (on phone), Stephen, John, Debby

Other Attendees: Gina (EDI Executive Director), Nancy (EDI Bookkeeper), Aaron Nelson (EDI Attendant)

The meeting came to order at 6:38 P.M.

Public Comment:

Aaron said that he thought things were going pretty well at EDI and wondered why restructuring was necessary. He said that he would like to be involved. He said that there was potential urgency to have a staff meeting to explain why the restructuring was happening.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes was postponed because they were incomplete.

Approval of Agenda:

Item 6B, Compensation to Mary Vradelis, was cancelled in favor of EDI noting a charitable contribution for her time. Everything from 8 through 14 was cancelled. Winston moved, Stephen seconded, and the agenda was unanimously passed as amended.

President's Report:

Blane noted that the work of the Interim Executive Director Hiring Committee had been delayed a week or so.

Executive Director's Report:

In October, there were 254 attendant calls, 37 emergency transportation calls, 31 demand-response transportation calls, and 12 wheelchair adjustments. Don expressed concern that there were so few calls, but no one knew why.

A male attendant was hired.

At the October staff meeting, a survey was distributed on the proposal to have client co-pays paid directly to EDI. (The survey results were distributed to the Board and were universally negative toward the proposal.) The health insurance representative spoke to staff about their insurance coverage, and any premium changes must be made before December 1, 2009.

Nancy is still working on categorizing each detail itemized in the General Ledger for the City. Expenditures for several items are being disallowed and they will be added to the money to be returned to the City for the last fiscal year and another check will be issued.

Nancy, Stephen, and Gina are meeting on Friday, November 13th, to go over financial records. Stephen will notify the Board of the findings.

Leslie is working on the Netivot Shalom benefit for EDI with Jewish storyteller Joel ben Izzy performing on December 13th from 3-5 P.M. (A flyer on the event was distributed to the Board.) Further details will be sent to the Board as received from Leslie.

Lindsay's hours were increased as a result of Ayanna being on maternity leave. Restructuring froze her hours at 40. Gina wanted to reduce Lindsay's hours to 24. Board members said that Lindsay would be an assistant to both Gina and the Interim Executive Director.

In the Board packet mailed to Board members before the meeting there was a pen and a magnet that were samples of items that had been purchased for promotional purposes.

Client Co-Pays:

After reviewing the negative survey responses, the Board concluded that the accounting advantage that would be gained by having clients pay their co-pays directly to EDI was not worth the additional complication for the attendants. Stephen moved, Don seconded and the issue was dropped.

At 7:15, Winston moved, Don seconded, and the Board unanimously moved into Executive Session with Nancy, Gina and Bruce, in a prearranged agreement to discuss upcoming actions in the restructuring.

At 9:05 P.M., the meeting was adjourned.