

Georgia Association of Training, Employment and Supports

Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

Tommy Nobis Center
Marietta, GA

January 24, 2020

Board members present:

Dave Ward	Meredith Champagne (via phone)
Mike Wilson	Larry Gluth (via phone)
Lynn Smith	Myndi Kuhlman (via phone)
Carrie Edwards	Tricia Konan (via phone)
Leigh McIntosh	Fontaine Huey (via phone)

Other GATES Members and Guests:

Rasheeda Wilkins (via phone)	Joel Prawicki
Shawn Pursley	Tracy Walker
Dawn Randolph	Lisa Hughes
Caitlin Hyatt	Charles Hall

I. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

A quorum of the Board membership was established. President Ward commenced the Board of Directors meeting at 10:00 AM with a welcome to everyone. All Board members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Board Minutes

President Ward called for approval of October 25, 2019 minutes. On a motion by Mike Wilson and second by Larry Gluth the minutes were approved as presented.

III. Program Updates

Finance Committee

Mike Wilson, Treasurer, and Charles Hall, GATES CEO provided financial updates through the second Quarter FY20. Hall outlined the current financial condition and noted a deficit of -\$86,508 to date. GEPS has a positive net income but GASP and GISN is behind. Hall explained the primary reason for the GISN loss is based on the new rates from GVRA not adequately covering the Cost of Services (COS). GISN and GATES staff is working to increase private interpreting assignments to cover the GVRA rates.

Hall noted the Finance Committee reviewed three audit bids for 2020,2021 and 2022. The Committee recommended the Board approve the bid from Gay and Joseph CPA at \$12,500 per year. Following discussion the **MOTION APPROVED**.

GEPS - STATE USE Program Report:

Shawn Pursley updated the Board on the State Use program and reviewed the contract status report.

GISN Report:

April Smith, GISN Manager, reported on the GISN activities. She noted a number of programs and activities in place at GISN. Efforts are underway to promote to the private businesses such as hospitals and medical offices. In addition staff is working hard to implement video remote interpreting services as soon as possible.

Legislative UPDATE:

Dawn Randolph reported on recent committee discussions and the legislators concerns on the Governor's budget cuts. Ms. Randolph noted she will provide the Board notice on appropriation committee meeting dates and advocacy days as scheduled.

It was discussed meetings would be set up with several committee chairs to discuss budget concerns and potential loss of services.

Vocational Rehabilitation - GVRA

Members of the Board discussed current activities at their facilities and the lack referrals or reduced service hours from GVRA. The Board reviewed a number of the needs and concerns of both the CRPs and citizens with disabilities. It was determined a meeting would be requested with Shawn Ryan to discuss the long-term impact of current GVRA activities and alternative service options. President Ward would identify several members of the Board to participate in the meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting

Hall noted the GATES Annual Meeting is set for June per the by-laws. President Ward appointed Charles Hall, Lynn Smith and himself to serve as the Annual Meeting Committee and establish the program, location, and confirm a date. The committee is to report back to the Board at the next meeting.

President Ward noted he would appoint a Nominating Committee for 2020 Directors.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

The next quarterly Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2020 with the location to be determined.

Respectively Submitted,

Leigh McIntosh,
Secretary of the Board

Minutes prepared by,
Charles Hall, CEO, GATES