

**HSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Minutes of December 15, 2021**

**Via Zoom Conference Call – 3 PM**

**Members Present:** Jason Thackston, Board Chair; Mike Wilson, Grants Chair; Carla Cicero, Daryll DeWald, Kevin Oldenburg, Darryl Potyk, Dave Vachon and Frank Velázquez.

**Members Absent**: Darryl Potyk, Allison Glasunow

**Staff Present:** Susan Ashe, Executive Director; Kendel Froese, Consulting Attorney; Gaylene Lewin, Consulting Accountant

**Guests**: None

1. **Call to Order**

Jason Thackston, Board Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at about 3:00 PM.

1. **Board Actions**
2. Frank Velázquez made a motion to approve the September 15, 2021 Board meeting minutes, and Daryll DeWald seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes. [The date should have read October 12, 2021 as the September Board meeting was moved to the October date].
3. Mike Wilson moved and Kevin Oldenburg seconded a motion to accept a Grants Committee’s recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

HSSA had announced up to $325,000 available to fund these grants. About $654,000 in requests were received.

1. **Partners with Children & Families** $ 85,000

Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC)

1. **Spokane Prescription Assistance Network** 30,000
2. **Providence Health Care Foundation** 86,865

to fund a mid-level primary family nurse for

Homeless Adolescents for one year.

1. **Pioneer Human Services** 20,000

Pioneer Center East to address mounting

substance abuse crisis in Spokane County which

has twice the methamphetamine-involved overdose

deaths as King County with five times more populace.

1. **Daybreak Youth Services**  23,000

Help fund a Restorative Receiving Center for

Sexually-exploited youth who are victims of sex

Trafficking, childhood prostitution and other related

crimes perpetrated upon them.

1. **CHAS (Community Health Association of** 50,000

**Spokane)** “Street Medicine” program to provide

health care to people where they reside on the

streets and locations frequented by the homeless.

1. **Spokane Regional Domestic Violence Coalition** 30,000

to fund expansion to 13 school districts the SRDVC

Handle with Care education program.

**TOTAL $324,865**

1. Mike Wilson proposed and Dave Vachon seconded, a motion to appoint Kevin Oldenburg to serve as HSSA Grants Chair, replacing Mike Wilson who has served in this role for several year and is retiring from the HSSA Board.
2. Kevin Oldenburg moved and Carla Cicero seconded a motion to approve HSSA’s 2022 operating budget of $197,500.
3. **Board Chair’s Report**

In addition to working through the meeting actions to accommodate timing needs of some

Board members, Jason Thackston also announced to the full Board that Gaylene Lewin, the organization’s long-time consulting accountant will retire at the end of the year. He sincerely thanked Gaylene for her outstanding service to HSSA, and attributed the organization’s successful state audits in large part to her. Gaylene agreed to work with Susan to help identify a replacement and provide support to the new person.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for 2022 Meeting Dates:**

**March 16, 2022**

**June 15, 2022**

**September 21, 2022**

**December 21, 2022**

(The HSSA Board reserves the right to change a meeting date with proper notice).