



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2025

via Zoom

Board Members: Kaelene Sanders, Policy Council Chair
Daniel Blevins, Treasurer
Shannon O'Brien
Kim Granville
Rich Polkinghorn, Chair
Vicky Waterbury
Shawna Pruitt

Absent Members: Chelsea Ruder

Staff & Guests: Freddy Gonzalez, Executive Director
Joe Schmier, HR Director
Representing attorney:
Jennifer Bouman-Steagall
Schlee Pulido, staff
Ronda Hull, staff
Noelle Hanson, staff
Julia Gonzalez Ramirez, staff
Collice Martens, Finance Director

Minutes by: Noelle Hanson

I.	Call to Order
Discussion:	Rich called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm, with quorum established.
II.	Agenda
Discussion:	Reviewed Agenda
Action:	Kim moved to Approve to the January 7, 2025; Agenda as presented. Seconded by Shawna. Motion approved unanimously.
III.	Introductions
Action:	n/a
IV.	Updates and Public Comments
Discussion:	n/a
V	Consent Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2024b. Financials – September 2024c. Financials – October 2024d. Credit Card Report – September 2024e. Credit Card Report – October 2024
Discussion:	n/a

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Action:	Motion to approve Consent Items by Vicky. Seconded by Dan. Motion to approved unanimous.
VI.	Director's Report / Informational <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Director's Reportb. Personnel Report – November 2024c. Personnel Report – December 2024d. Informational Items
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Reviewed Directors Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We will be creating new 5-year Goals, with the strategic plan created with corresponding committees. Board and Policy Council members are invited to attend, and a schedule is in the works approximately completed by March, for attendance planning purposes.b. Personnel Report – November 2024<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reviewed by Joec. Personnel Report – December 2024<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reviewed by Joed. Informational Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Education / Mental Health manager presentation by Schlee Pulido: Child Outcomes & School Readiness
VII.	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. n/a
Discussion:	n/a
VIII.	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. n/a
Discussion:	n/a
	Discussion Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. n/a
Discussion:	n/a
IX.	Open Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noelle Hanson will be on medical leave for 3 months. Freddy will be the primary contact.



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- Incident at Goldendale site where a child had a pill causing a pill in their hand. The child was checked out at the hospital. There is an ongoing investigation to see where the medication came from and how the child got ahold of it. This site is the next site planned for security cameras. This would have been helpful in this instance. This happened on December 20th. Freddy hadn't heard anything happening to the child until January 6th from the mother, who felt her child had ingested the medication. The medication was for high blood pressure medication. Negative comments are being posted in a Goldendale forum. Many unfounded allegations are being posted about our staff. The investigation is looking into the cleaning crew as well as staff members. We updated our policy to include any staff who are bringing prescriptions into work, they must disclose the risky medication to the site manager and Human Resources and lock up the medication.

X.	Adjourn
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Shawna motioned to Adjourn the January 7, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting.

Seconded by Dan.

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously at 6:32 pm.

Next Board Meeting: February 4, 2025