



Commission Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Chairman Virgil Madden called the Commission Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 10:36am in the Indiana State House, Room 101.

Roll Call

Tim Brown proxy for Bruce Lemmon, Marco Deckard proxy for Jamal Smith, Laura Heinrich proxy for Gregory Larkin, Virgil Madden proxy for Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Adrienne Shields proxy for Mike Carr, Lynn Smith proxy for Kevin Moore, Rep. Vernon Smith, Sen. Greg Taylor, Wayne Wellington, Rob Wynkoop

Absent – Kenneth Allen, Jackie Cissell proxy for Tony Bennett ([excused absence](#)), Rep. Tim Brown, Mindy Lewis, Elijah Neal Jr., Robert Marshall Jr., Sen. Scott Schneider (excused absence), Rev. Joe Smith

Guest – Rodric Reid & Dr. Wallace McLaughlin w/the Fathers & Family Resource Center, Wendy Kihiu w/FSSA's Comptroller office

Staff – James Garrett Jr., Malika Mays

Invocation

Chairman Madden asked everyone to introduce themselves and share something that they are thankful for in their life.

Presentation/Introduction on the Father's and Family Resource Center

Dr. Wallace McLaughlin and Rodric Reid with the Father's and Family Resource Center shared information with commissioners about their organization from its origin in 1993 to the present. Fathers and Families Center serves as a 501(c)(3) agency to enhance the capacity of young fathers to become responsible and involved parents, wage earners, and providers of child support. Major activities are centered on educational and employment advancement, parenting and basic life skills training, and support services assistance.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion was moved by Senator Taylor, second by Commissioner Wellington; motion passed to accept the October 19, 2011 minutes

Financial Report

Commissioners were provided copies of the financial reports for the months of November and December 2011 and January 2012. The standard operational expenditures were made from the Appropriations (1000) account for all three months. No expenditures were made from the Donations (6000) account during the three months. Commissioner Wellington moved to accept the financial report, Commissioner Brown seconded; motion passed to accept the financial report.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Garrett provided commissioners with a copy of his report for review and shared information on the following two initiatives:

Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative

The Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative will take place on April 28, 2012 at various Black owned barbershops across the state of Indiana. Last year we had six cities participate, this year we will include four more cities. Attendees will be given glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure screenings. For those with elevated results, they will be provided with a resource guide that

includes information on low or free health care resources. On the east side of Indianapolis, one of the barbershops will be chosen to have the Rev. Charles Williams Prostate Cancer Mobile Unit from 11am-2pm to provide prostate screenings. Commissioners agree that as the front runner for this initiative, it's imperative that we publicize this event to make it successful once again. Mr. Garrett will send commissioners more information about the event and a list of the current barbershops. Having FSSA and Dr. Smith send out a press release was also recommended.

Grant Draft Proposal

Commissioners received a draft copy of the Grant Proposal that will support initiatives implemented by our local commissions. A sub-committee will be identified to work on the proposal and present a final proposal to the commission board for approval.

Old Business

Social Services Black Grant Partnership with Fathers & Family Resource Center

The Commission's role in the Social Service Black Grant partnership with the Fathers and Family Resource Center is to ensure internal accounting for the grant in accordance with FSSA guidelines and monitoring of the program objectives. The Commission will also assist with program implementation and the evaluation of participants. Mr. Garrett hopes to maintain this partnership for future social and statistical purposes to serve and benefit black males. Commissioners are excited about the partnership and impressed with the Father's and Family Resource Center program. They feel this program needs to be expanded state wide. Chairman Madden would like to set up a sub-committee to work with them on expanding this program and explore ways on how we can come together to simulate the program statewide on all levels. He requested that all persons present be members of this sub-committee. Commissioners Wellington and Heinrich will work with Mr. Garrett on the post follow up evaluation form.

New Business

Election of Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr. Garrett opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chairman; Senator Taylor moved that Virgil Madden be nominated for Chairman; Commissioner Shields second; no other nominations were made; Mr. Garrett closed the floor for nominations. A unanimous vote was made, for Virgil Madden to serve as Chairman for 2012.

Mr. Garrett then opened the floor to nominations for the position of Vice Chairman; Commissioner Shields nominated Dr. Vernon Smith; Commissioner Lynn Smith second; no other nominations were made; Commissioner Wellington moved to close the floor for nominations; Senator Taylor seconded; a unanimous vote was made, that Commissioner Dr. Vernon Smith serve as Vice Chair for 2012.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:48am