



MINUTES OF THE DVIS BOARD MEETING

August 22, 2023 @ 11:30 a.m.

Moran Family Counseling Center – 3124 E. Apache Street – Tulsa, Oklahoma

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Scott Bonnallie, DVIS board of directors' president, welcomed all to the board meeting. The agenda of the board meeting was posted on the front door 24 hours in advance of the day's meeting. After determining that a quorum was established, Scott called the board meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Board of Directors present included:

Barbara Abercrombie (0)	Brandy Gildon-McCracken	Chris Posey (0)
Sharon Bertram (0)	Rosemary Harris (0)	Damon Roberts (0)
Scott Bonnallie (0)	Rachel James (0)	Dina Schultz
Amber Bryant	Barbara Knowlton (0)	Roni Rierson Stacklin (0)
Michael Chromy (0)	Kellie Mathis (0)	Rhiannon Thoreson (0)
Heather Earnhart (0)	Brittani Montgomery (0)	Sherri Watson (0)
Robert Field (0)		

DVIS board directors not present

Jake Dollarhide (1)	Quincy Jones (1)	Cynthia Simmons Taylor (1)
Cori Duke (1)	Matt McCord (1)	Rachel Watson (1)

No Emeritus Board members were present.

DVIS staff and guest(s) attending were:

Tia Juby	Lindy Whorton	Samantha Dunkin
Tracey Lyall	Amy Venable	
Rose Turner	Cathy Wilkie	

MISSION MOMENT:

Tracey Lyall, chief executive officer, introduced DVIS' Underserved Outreach Advocate, Amy Venable, who gave a presentation on Equity & Inclusion. Amy highlighted a cultural competency assessment, a translation line for language accessibility, the use of pronouns during introductions, and elder abuse advocacy. All of which are embedded within DVIS' philosophy and services.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following consent agenda items were distributed in advance of the meeting for consideration and possible approval:

- June 27, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- Culturally Responsive Services Policy, Revised
- Succession Plan, Revised
- Electronic Signature Policy

MOTION:

A motion was made by Rosemary Harris to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Rachel James and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE/GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Scott discussed the importance of each director completing and returning board member agreements, conflict of interest statements, and annual invoices. He also encouraged members to review committee descriptions and engage with at least one committee during their term.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Tracey reminded the Board that orientation for new members, scheduled for August 25, will include facility tours. She noted that some members might not have toured if they started when there were pandemic restrictions in past years and noted that any member is welcome to attend the orientation or tour.

Tracey gave an update on the status of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which will dissolve on September 1. This dissolution is due to an audit that identified just under \$1 million of unallowed and unapproved expenses. The loss of this organization means that Oklahoma will no longer have a lobbyist focused on the prevention of domestic and sexual violence, there will no longer be a free training resource for Oklahoma agencies, and there will be no combined entity representing Oklahoma survivors.

Tracey announced that three additional DVIS community talks are being scheduled. The next two engagements are scheduled at the University of Tulsa and the Broken Arrow Police Department.

Tracey emphasized the heightened number of domestic violence-related homicides that have happened during 2023 and noted that many have occurred within a short period of time. Media requests have risen during this homicide increase, and DVIS responds to the interviews so that information aligning with the mission is communicated to the community. She is grateful for the media coverage but saddened by the tragic reason it is requested.

Tracey reported that long-term executive staff, having 16-22 years of service, will have taken a sabbatical by the end of September. Once completed within the executive level, sabbaticals will be extended to the leadership/supervisory level of staff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Lindy Whorton, chief financial officer, briefly reviewed the operating income, expense reports and cash positions for the months of June and July 2023. Lindy detailed that cash at the end of the fiscal year increased due to receiving payments from the IRS for the Employee Tax Credits. She noted that cash at the end of July had decreased due to payments made for insurance claims taken out of deferred revenue. She stated that by the end of this fiscal year, she anticipates the cash position to be at a decrease.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

No Human Resources Committee report was given during the meeting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT:

Rose Turner, chief administrative officer, noted that the program committee met during August and discussed three policies, one of which was included on the meeting's consent agenda; further work is needed on the other two policies. Rose encouraged members to join the program committee and announced the future meeting dates.

DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

Cathy Wilkie, chief development officer, circulated donor acknowledgment notes for the members to sign. She announced that Dan and Carolyn Wheeler will be co-chairs for the 2024 Monarch Ball, scheduled on April 12. Cathy also announced that board director Brittanni Montgomery agreed to chair the fundraising committee.

Cathy discussed a new regularly scheduled event called Discovering DVIS, which will introduce individuals to the organization's mission and programs during a casual lunch at the Apache office. She encouraged the Board to share this event with their friends and business contacts.

Cathy announced that the annual blackout period for the Tulsa Area United Way is underway. She stated that DVIS had issued a white-mail postcard that highlighted domestic and sexual violence statistics, which was very impactful. She noted that the DVIS internal United Way campaign is underway and requested gifts-in-kind for a silent auction to benefit the campaign.

Cathy concluded by highlighting media and volunteer statistics that were included in the meeting packet.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barbara Knowlton. Sherri Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Samantha Dunkin, Executive Assistant.


Roni Rierson Stacklin, Board Secretary