



DISTRICT PRIORITIES TASKFORCE MINUTES

Monday, March 22, 2021
1200 E. Plant Street, Ste 200
Winter Garden, FL

The West Orange Healthcare District Board of Trustees met Monday, March 8, 2021 at the Healthy West Orange Building. Chairman, R. Talbot officially called the meeting to order at 8:08 AM after a quorum was established. **Trustees in Attendance:** L. Cervenka, M. Lee, N. Sutton, R. Talbot **Remote:** J. Whiddon, K. Ardaman-(for Trails Next Step topic only) **Staff Present:** L. Boettcher, L. Buckley **Staff Remote:** T. Swanson

R. Talbot noted that since there were no members of the public in attendance, there would be no public comment period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Action: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of March 8, 2021 meeting of the District Priorities Taskforce were unanimously approved.

HWO TRAILS NEXT STEPS

T. Swanson shared that the HWO Trails Committee has requested feedback on a summary of recommendations from its Committee members. W. Britt and K. Ardaman along with T. Swanson and L. Boettcher as representatives of the District's interest on the committee had met and prepared a summary of recommendations for review and input from the Taskforce Committee in advance of seeking the Boards input at the meeting on 3.23.21. T. Swanson turned it over for L. Boettcher to review the recommendations.

- Approach the city of Ocoee directly to discuss up to a \$3M investment in Ocoee that would be branded HWO and used as a health/wellness destination/waypoint accessible to the West Orange trail system.
 - The District Priorities Taskforce was in agreement with this recommendation being advanced to the Board
- Propose to the committee support from the District to engage an Independent Contractor (HWO Trails Director) to establish and oversee HWO Trails Initiative with the goal to:
 1. Establish a separate non-profit entity
 2. Transition the Trails Committee into an Interjurisdictional HWO Trails Initiative Board
 3. Establish potential for this entity to be granted further funds from the District for Trail investment
 - The District Priorities Taskforce had significant discussion around this recommendation and ultimately felt that an alternate solution might be for the District to fund a position and ask the Foundation to hire the Independent Contractor as opposed to establishing a separate entity. The Taskforce committee also felt that recommendations from the HWO Trails committee in April would determine any further District investments.

- Grant \$1.25M for an Endowment to the Foundation for a Healthier West Orange for the purpose of funding proposals vetted by the HWO Trails Initiative Director and Board to activate programming on the West Orange Trails.
 - The District Priorities Taskforce was in agreement with this recommendation being advanced to the Board

MENTAL HEALTH DEBRIEF

T. Swanson and L. Boettcher reminded the Taskforce members of the meeting on March 8th where M. Stahlman presented an enlightening overview of the state of mental health in Central Florida. The group had a robust discussion on the significant challenges presented in this space for the west Orange community. The group also viewed a video of a program currently finding success in Michigan schools. The Taskforce asked staff to continue researching the program and focusing on opportunities to address the mental health of youth in west Orange.

OPEN FORUM

R. Talbot asked if there were any open forum items and there were none.

Adjourned: 9:57 AM



R. Talbot, Chairman