

Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2022

6pm - 7:50 pm

ROLL CALL

Elizabeth Snyder, interim Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. A quorum was established.

Members present:	Members not present:	Staff present:	Guests present:
Jeremy Ball	Mike Cordero	Pat Keelean	Saul Serrano
Karin Dominguez	Josephine Torres	Kemba Lawrence	
Marina Owen	Oscar Gutierrez	Seth Miller	
James Kyriaco		Monica Moreno	
Sharon Lutz		Grant Carmichael	
Sanford Riggs		Leonie Mattison	
Alexander Saunders		Michael Williams	
Maico Hernandez		Julie Weiner	
Guy Walker		Libby Martinez	
Phylene Wiggins			
Bob Nelson			
Elizabeth Snyder			

1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

Elizabeth Snyder, Interim Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

She welcomed Grant Carmichael, new CFO, to the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - Members of the public may speak up to 5 minutes.

The CommUnify Interim Chair asked if there were any public comments. None

3. <u>2022 EXECUTIVE OFFICER ELECTIONS:</u>

There was a motion made to vote for the Chair Position, the Vice-Chair and the Secretary/Treasurer positions. Vote was made via Zoom Polls:

Marina Owen, Chair:	12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain	Approved
Elizabeth Snyder, Vice-Chair:	12 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain	Approved
Karin Dominguez, Secretary/Treasurer	11 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain	Approved

4. CLOSED SESSION:

a. Personnel Matter: None

b. Pending Legal Matters: None

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed hereunder constitute a consent agenda and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Board. Matters listed on the Agenda will be read only on the request of a member of the Board or the Public, in which event the matter shall be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate item.

5a. Approval of Minutes:

5a – 1 Board Minutes – January 5, 2022

5a – 2 Executive Committee Minutes – February 2, 2022

5a – 3 Finance Committee Minutes – February 2, 2022

5a – 4 Personnel Committee Minutes – February 23, 2022

5a – 5 Planning Committee Minutes – February 4, 2022

5b. Approval of Grants \$10,000 and Under/Renewal Contracts

5b – 1 Approval of and authorization to submit a grant application to the Williams Corbett Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to support the Seniors Safe at Home program.

M/S/A Karin Dominguez/Phylene Wiggins

Approved

6. ACTION ITEMS:

6A – 1 Approval of and authorization to submit a grant application to the Bank of America Charitable Foundation in support of the Family Self Sufficiency/Economic Empowerment program in the amount of \$20,000 for one year.

M/S/A Marina Owen/Alexander Saunders

Approved

6A – 2 Approval of and authorization to submit an application to the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) CalMoneySmart grant opportunity. This proposal will request a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to provide financial education.

M/S/A Sharon Lutz/Karin Dominguez

Approved

6A – 3 Approval of and authorization to submit a grant application to the Women's Recovery Response Grant Funding Opportunity in support of the Family Self Sufficiency/Economic Empowerment program in the amount of \$150,000 for one year.

M/S/A Guy Walker/Sharon Lutz

Approved

6A – 4 Approval of and authorization to submit a grant application to the County of Santa Barbara Department of Behavioral Wellness's Community Pandemic Impact Partnership grant opportunity that will support mental health education and connection for Head Start families, in the amount of \$150,000 for three years, for a total of \$450,000.

M/S/A Phylene Wiggins/Sanford Riggs

Approved

6A – 5 Approval of and authorization to submit a grant application to the Maternal Child Adolescent Health (MCAH) Department grant program for up to \$500,000 in funding over a period of three years.

M/S/A Sharon Lutz/Jeremy Ball

Approved

6A – 6 Approval of and authorization to submit a proposal to CenCal Health Match Grant program for up to \$200,000 to expand and enhance mental health support services to expecting and parenting mothers for a one-year period.

M/S/A Phylene Wiggins/Sanford Riggs

Approved

6A – 7 Approval of and authorization to submit a grant application to the Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC) California Violence Intervention Program (CalVIP) for up to \$6 million in funding for a period of three years.

Discussion: Board Member asked clarifying question as to why the City of Santa Maria is targeted for services and no other communities. Saul Serrano (guest) explained how the BSCC distributes funds and that Santa Maria was the only area in the county that was identified for funding. Dr. Sharkey (UCSB) will be the Program Evaluator for the project. CommUnify will advocate for additional funding with our state representatives. Jeremy Ball would like to meet with anyone who would like to assist the City of Lompoc in identifying funding for a similar program.

M/S/A Jeremy Ball/Sharon Lutz

Approved

6A – 8 Approval to submit an application to the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for One-Time Only (OTO) funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the Senior Home Repair -Title 1118 Program.

Discussion: Board member asked if CommUnify was applying for funding to address a funding gap in the program. Pat Keelean stated that the Senior Home Repair program does not currently have a funding gap, but that OTO funds can be requested to expand or enhance services.

M/S/A Elizabeth Snyder/Phylene Wiggins

Approved

6A – 9 Approve change of Annual Open Enrollment period outlined in Policy 7.03 in CommUnify's HR Policy Handbook.

M/S/A Marina Owen/Jeremy Ball

Approved

6A – 10 We are requesting that the Board of Directors of Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County (dba, CommUnify) update the list of individuals authorized to act as agents on behalf of the organization with Montecito Bank & Trust. Signature Authority for CFO, CHAIR

M/S/A Guy Walker/Sharon Lutz

Approved

7. PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS:

7a. Head Start: Children's Services Annual Report (2020-2021)
Presentation Postponed

7b. South Coast Youth Safety Partnership – Strategic Plan Update
Presentation by Saul Serrano, Coordinator South Coast Youth Safety Partnership

 Saul introduced SCYSP, explaining the Partnership's vision and purpose, partner roles, and structure of the SCYSP (e.g., Policy Team, Strategy Team, and Community Engagement Team).



Explanation of the program partnership strategic goals:



Youth Safety Incidents that resulted in the formation of the SCYSP program:

YOUTH SAFETY INCIDENTS

South Coast 2021

- Liberty Street Shooting
- Unincorporated area Shooting
- Eucalyptus Street Shooting
- San Andres Street Shooting
- Increase in Opioid (Fentanyl) deaths
- Suicide attempt increase
- Return to in person school days mental health support

The SCYS Partnership response to recent incidents of youth violence:

PARTNERSHIP RESPONSE

Response to community violence early 2021

- Partnership Statement Released to Media January
- Increased coordination with Community Engagement Team, Community members, and Schools
 - CET Town hall meetings and focus groups
 - · CET Partnership Agreement
 - · Community Mental Health Needs
 - · Workforce Pipeline Development

SCYSP Initiatives 2021:

PARTNER INITIATIVES 2021

South Coast Community, Education, and Government Initiatives

- ACE's Aware Initiative Network of Care Implementation Grants
- · SBCEO Youth Empowerment Summit 2020 and 2021
- · SBPD Community Liaison Positions Established
- SBUSD Expansion of Outreach Services and Crisis Intervention
- Santa Barbara Response Network Psychological First Aid Trainings
- · Youth Action Board YAB
- · Youth Responders Group South Coast

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES

Work plan 2022

- Revisit and prioritize Strategic Goals (3rd Year of plan)
- Collect identified accessible data (schools, probation, behavioral wellness, other partners.)
 - · Align data with existing and future dashboards
- Continued support of in-school resources
 - · Outreach, mental health, employment
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children CSEC
 - · Coordination and support on prevention
- California Violence Intervention and Prevention CommUnify Proposal - City of Santa Maria 2022

8. CEO Update - Pat Keelean

Shared results from recent 2022 Board Survey.

Board of Directors Survey: Overview

- Purpose: The Executive Committee requested the survey to:
 - > Identify Board priorities for 2022
 - > Explore need for changes in meeting day/time and frequency
 - > Assess Board Member understanding of roles/responsibilities
 - > Willingness to participate in Board committees and an annual retreat
- Survey distributed to all current Board Members via email from 12/8/21 to 1/13/22
- · 9 of 15 (60%) of Board members responded

Summary Findings:

Board of Directors Survey: Summary of Findings

- Majority of Board Members responding are available to meet monthly (no meeting in July or December).
- Majority of Board Members responding are available to meet midday or during the evening. Of those available to meet midday, 89% prefer the lunch hour (12pm – 1pm)
- Majority of Board members responding prefer to meet on Wednesday.
- Majority of Board members prefer to meet the second week of the month.

Board of Directors Survey: Summary Findings (Continued)

- 100% of Board Members responding understand their role, responsibilities and expectations as a Board Member.
- 78% of Board Members responding can commit to an Annual Board Retreat.
- 88% of Board Members responding can commit to participating on a Board Committee.
- 88% of Board Members responding can commit to an annual donation to CommUnify.

Due to time limitations, survey results will be tabled for a future meeting or Board Retreat.

Pat also explained that the agency will be reviewing agency bylaws in the next quarter. The National Organizational Standards requires that agency bylaws be reviewed at least every 5 years. She will be reaching out to board members to assist.

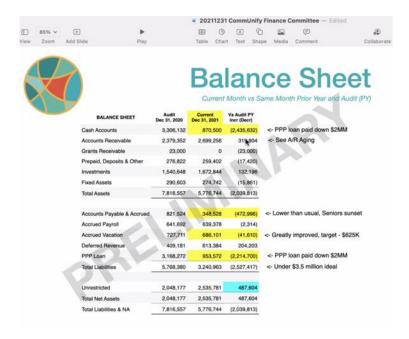
Pat also stated that Julie Weiner, Development Director, has created a new collateral and has a new brochure that she will be mailing along with the new collateral.

Finally, Pat highlighted a important dates outlined in Section 10, including the Champions Dinner on June 9th.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE:

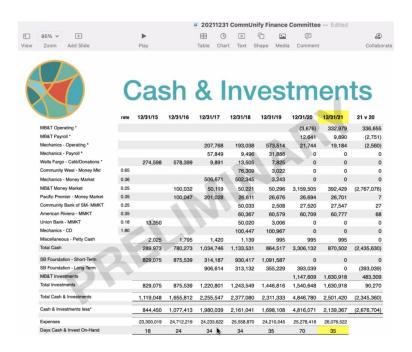
Michael Williams presented the preliminary financial report for 2021 year-end close, noting a surplus of \$487,604 YTD versus audited financials for previous year (2020) on the Balance Sheet below:

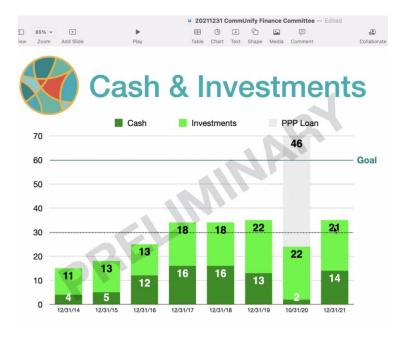
Balance Sheet:



Jeremy Ball and Guy Walker asked for additional information related to increasing cash on hand, investments and the agency's reserves. Michael Williams replied that we have investment guidelines, but that growth depended on increasing our contributed revenue. He also noted that the agency has a secured line of credit, but has never needed to access it. If needed, the agency could also liquidate some investments.

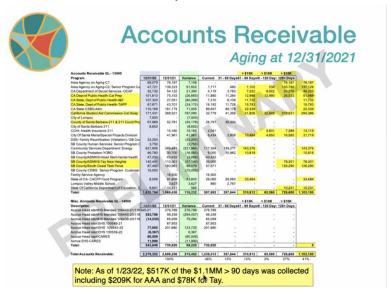
Cash and Investments:





Accounts Receivable

Michael noted that at this time, the aging report is improving, but that there are outstanding receivables (i.e., CalSOAP) that are over 180+ days that need to be collected as soon as possible.



Pat reminded the Board that this was Michael's last meeting and thanked him for his contributions. She then introduced and welcomed Grant Carmichael, CommUnify's new CFO, and allowed him to share a few words about his background and experience.

10. **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

Team CommUnify All-Staff Meeting – March 3rd, at 3:00 PM (ZOOM)

Head Start Policy Council Meeting – March 19th at 9:00am (ZOOM)

Finance Committee – April 6th at 11:30am (ZOOM)

Executive Committee – April 6th at 12:00-1:00pm (ZOOM)

Planning Committee – April 1st, at 8:00am (ZOOM)

Board Meeting - May 4th at 6:00pm - (Location ZOOM)

Champions Dinner – June 9th at 6:00pm (Location: Alisal Ranch)

11. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15PM

Elizabeth Snyder thanked everyone for the participation and adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.