

## **John M. Scott Health Care Commission October 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Details: October 27th, 2021 via Zoom

### Attendance

Commissioners Present: Karen Schmidt, Karen Stipp, Adam Houghton, Brad Secord, Colton Sylvester, Angela Chasensky, and Catherine Crockett

Commissioners Absent: Feli Sebastian, Elaine Hardy, Judy Neubrandner, and Kyana Wilkinson

Staff: William Bessler (Staff Administrator) and Genevieve Rappold (Illinois State University Stevenson Fellow with the City of Bloomington)

### Call to Order

Due to unexpected technical issues, the meeting start time was delayed. Commission Chairperson and Presiding Officer Karen Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:46PM CST and requested a roll call of Commissioners present. Staff Administrator Bessler called the roll. Quorum present.

### Consent Agenda

Commissioner Secord motioned to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the staff invoice for September 2021 and September 2021 Commission meeting minutes as presented.

Commissioner Houghton seconded the motion. Ayes: Schmidt, Stipp, Sylvester, Chasensky, Crockett, Houghton, and Secord. Nays: None. Motion carries.

### Action Items

*Approval of the FY2021 Court Report:* Staff informed the group that Commissioner Stipp found an error in the draft report and that it was corrected before the meeting. Staff explained that after the Court Report is approved by the Commission, staff will create a City Council memo and put it on the Council's agenda, preferably for the November 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting.

Commissioner Stipp motioned to approve the FY2021 Court Report as presented. Commissioner Secord seconded the motion. Ayes: Schmidt, Stipp, Sylvester, Chasensky, Crockett, Houghton, and Secord. Nays: None. Motion carries.

## Discussion Items

*FY2023 Application Update:* Staff stated that applications have begun to be submitted for FY2023. Currently, one application has been submitted for Category I, six for Category II-Program, and zero for Category II-Capital. Staff also stated that the press release for the John M. Scott FY2023 application coincided with the press release of another funding opportunity, which resulted in minimized outreach. Chairperson Schmidt offered to aid in additional outreach efforts. Staff has reached out to the Path-O-Gram for additional outreach as well. Chairperson Schmidt asked if the deadline for the applications should be extended. Staff stated that is an option, but that the Commission may want to discuss that option after additional outreach efforts. Commissioner Chasensky asked if Commissioners are allowed to help applicants with their applications and if Commissioners are allowed to advertise the grant. Staff stated that Commissioners are allowed to aid in advertising and marketing, however, Commissioners are not allowed to help write a grant application. Commissioner Secord suggested that there should not be a problem with Commission members aiding in grant applications. Staff stated that it hasn't been a problem in the past and it would likely require legal clarification.

*Update on the FY2023 Scorer Solicitation Process:* Staff stated that they have reached out to previous scorers and former Commissioners to gauge interest in scoring FY2023 applications. After the responses are reviewed, those interested, including current Commissioners, will receive a Conflict-of-Interest form and staff will begin assigning scorers to applications.

## Discussion of Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Crockett explained that her office has recently started a charitable fund to help provide funding for preventive eye care that is not covered by insurance to individuals without the ability to afford such care. Commissioner Crockett asked if there was a conflict with her office paying themselves with the money they get through the charitable fund, if they should set up as a Foundation, and if her office would be able to apply for John M. Scott Trust grants. Staff stated that they are unsure of whether Commissioner Crockett's charitable fund should move forward with developing a Foundation, and that it would be a question for the Commission to determine whether they could fund any organization of this nature. With the grant funding model now in place, funding of specific health care needs outside of a grant to an organization would be questionable. There would also be potential legal questions depending on the arrangement. Chairperson Schmidt suggested Commissioner Crockett look into the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation.

Staff mentioned that there may not be any agenda items for the November or December Commission meetings. Additionally, these meetings fall immediately before holidays. Staff will discuss the potential of cancelling these meetings in the coming weeks.

### Adjournment

With no further discussion presented, Chairperson Schmidt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Secord motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chasensky seconded the motion. Ayes: Schmidt, Stipp, Sylvester, Chasensky, Crockett, Houghton, and Secord. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM CST.