

Board of Directors
COMMUNITY LIVING ALLIANCE
Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of Community Living Alliance, Inc. Board of Directors was held on January 27, 2020 at Madison Public Library 201 W. Mifflin Street, Madison, WI. John Gardner presiding.

Board Members Present	Larson, Schmidt, Deist, Gardner, Foxgrover, Sontag, Jones, Eklof
Guests	Todd Costello, Executive Director; Pam Thewis, Executive Assistant
Absent	
Recorded by:	Thewis

President, John Gardner, called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Jennifer Eklof and Mike Jones were welcomed to their first meeting as Board members. The remaining of the Board introduced themselves. Sharon Larson will be Jennifer’s “buddy” and Terri Deist will be Mike’s “buddy” if they have any questions. Todd Costello shared the poster for Disability Advocacy Day in 2020.

Approval of Minutes

Motion:	To approve the minutes and Executive Summary of the November 25, 2019 Board Meeting.
Made by:	Gardner
Second:	Larson
Status:	Approved

Board Accountability Pledge

Mr. Costello presented a training regarding the Board’s responsibilities related to confidentiality and potential conflicts that may occur while participating as a Board member. Documents were distributed and the Board was asked to sign and return them at the end of the meeting.

Executive Report: Mr. Costello updated the Board on items related to the anticipated merger of Care Wisconsin and My Choice scheduled this year. He also shared that a new MCO will be entering Dane County the end of 2020, CLA will apply to be a provider for Community Care, Inc.

Mr. Costello summarized his written report as follows:

- The census for each program was reviewed.
- The current workforce crisis has been and will continue to be a challenge.
- The transition of Care Coordination program has been successful in 2019, we look forward to continued discussion with other MCOs to grow this program.
- Community Support Coordination Department has also been growing according to the referrals received from Dane County.
- National Caregiver Day will be celebrated at CLA in various ways the week of February 24. The board signed thank you cards to be included with a gift card. This token was provided by the caregiver fund and the recipients were chosen by CLAs RNs who work closely with caregivers.
- 2019 recruitment information was shared as indicated within the report.

- CLAs Leadership Team will be attending a retreat to review strategic goals and finalizing 2020 Plan and Budget
- CLA has received notification from Forward Health that the new personal care rates are in the system.
- The proposed EVV system was reviewed with an anticipated active date of July of 2021.
- Governor’s Task Force of Caregiving update along with the website that the public can review. The workgroup meeting will be in Madison at CLA and published on the website.

Fundraiser update:

The Board agreed to request a proposal from Promote Local to include costs for marketing / publicity, creation of a sponsorship letter, program, and posters. Various other action items were discussed and individuals volunteered for tasks according to their interest. It was agreed that weekly conference call planning meetings will begin in late February or early March.

Audit Committee:

Sharon Larson and John Gardner volunteered to represent the Board as the audit team for the 2019 financial audit.

Training Topics for 2020:

Board members indicated interest in learning more about trauma informed care. Mr. Costello agreed that this would be a good topic and will research sources that would be presented at future meetings. He also asked other training suggestions be shared in future meetings or by contacting the CLA office.

Adjourn:

Motion:	To adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.
Made by:	Larson
Second:	Deist
Status:	Approved