

HUEDC  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ATTENDANCE RECORD

DATE: March 17, 2026

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: 500 West Main Street, Mitchell, IN

MEMBERS PRESENT

Clara House  
Sharon Mitchell  
Pam Holzbog  
Bill Mitchell  
Angela Crecelius  
Sara Luallen  
Angela Turpin  
Martha Fields  
Greg Taylor  
Nancy Miller  
Charlotte Speer  
Janie Johnson  
Rosie Wininger  
Vicky Bauernfiend  
Stacey Bowling  
Rich Beaty  
Janet Harrison  
Bob Jones  
David Dedrick  
Reita Nicholson  
Karan Jones  
Craig Jones  
Seth Purlee  
Lana Sullivan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Alice Brown A  
Herman Campbell A  
Gerald Montgomery A  
Richard Dixon A  
Ava Kinney E  
Max Bedwell A

\* Alternate  
A Absent  
E Excused Absence

STAFF PRESENT: David Miller and Angelia Owens

GUEST PRESENT:

HOOSIER UPLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
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- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Martha Fields, Chairperson.  
Opening Prayer
- II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM: Roll call was done by Angelia Owens. There were (24) members in attendance. A quorum was present.
- III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: No corrections or questions.

Stacey Bowling made the motion to approve January minutes. Rosie Winger seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT –December and January Reports

Charlotte Speer made the motion to approve the December and January Financial Reports as mailed. Reita Nicholson seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

- V. OLD BUSINESS: The CEO is celebrating his 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Agency this month.
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: N/A

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: David Miller

REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

- 1. Out of State Travel: AHEC Conference in Tempe, AZ (June 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>)

Need Board Board approval to allow Michael Edwards, Rebekah Hawkins and Emily Webb in the Head, Education and Aging department to travel out of state to Tempe, AZ on June 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to attend the Conscious Behavioral Health Training Conference.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$6,100 and the funding source is AHEC Behavioral Health grant.

Following discussion, Janet Harrison made the motion to approve the out of state travel for Michael Edwards, Rebekah Hawkins and Emily Webb in the Health, Education and Aging department to travel to Tempe, AZ on June 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to attend the Conscious Behavioral Health Training Conference. David Dedrick seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

2. Out of State Travel: Psych Education in Isle of Palms, SC (April 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>)

Need Board approval to allow Dr. John Eckard, Clinic Director for Serenity Now Psychiatric and Counseling, to travel out of state to Isle of Palms, SC on April 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to attend a Continuing Medical Education Conference.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$4,000 and the funding source is Serenity Now.

Following discussion, Craig Jones made the motion to approve the out of state travel for Dr. John Eckard, Clinic Director for Serenity Now Psychiatric and Counseling to travel to Isle of Palms, SC on April 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to attend a Continuing Medical Education Conference. Lana Sullivan seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. The CEO updated the Board on the Federal funding that has been approved through September 30<sup>th</sup>. We are concerned about some of our After School Programs not getting funded because they were not included in the last budget. We will probably not hear anything until middle of the summer.
2. Head Start Year Books were given to each Board Member to review.
3. The CEO informed the Board about receiving a \$9,000 Vibrant Communities Grant from the Duke Energy Foundation. The grant will be used to support individuals and families facing temporary hardships by providing direct assistance with essential household expenses such as assistance with transportation hardship, medical debt, prescription needs, and past due water bills. Funds will be directly distributed to vendors or service providers.

Lana Sullivan: How does someone apply for this grant?

David Miller: Contact Hoosier Uplands. It is ran through our Energy Assistance Department and the contact person is Amanda Johnson. Funds are given out on a first come first serve basis.

4. The CEO informed the Board of hiring two new therapists at Serenity Now. We are still in dire need of RN's for Home Health Care.
5. Opera House flyers were given to each Board Member to review.

Rosie Wininger: Do we have any programs that does dementia screenings?

David Miller: No. We have a dementia program that guides to services and support groups but we do not do the actual screenings.

## PROVIDED MATERIALS

- Program Director's Board Reports
- News/Other

## VIII. ADJOURN

Rick Beaty made the motion to adjourn the meeting. David Dedrick seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

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Reita Nicholson, Secretary

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