CARR Board Meeting

5/21/24 9AM Zoom Call

Meeting called by:	Butch Lewis	Type of meeting:	Monthly Meeting
Facilitator:	Butch Lewis	Note taker:	Zoom AI / Christi Romig
Timekeeper:	Jaycie Lafrican		

Attendees:	Butch Lewis, Christi Romig, Scott Mounce, Gonzalo Ardavin, Dara Keller, Danielle Gillespe, Alia
	Andrews, Amy Everet

Minutes

Agenda item:	April Financials	Presenter:	Butch Lewis
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Discussion:

- -Went over statement of financial position
- -CARR currently has outstanding debt of \$324,000 owed by BHA to CARR.
 - Similar situation in the past
 - Reallocation of funds on certification contract.
 - Next month funding should be covered until 196 contract is settled
- -Interpretation of BHA contract:

Current contract states that BHA has 45 days to pay CARR from submission

- When questions are raised, BHA has been restarting the 45 days after all issues resolved
- Amy shared other providers face similar issues and BHA is reviewing their payment process based on feedback from Commissioner Smith
- Dara found that the language is strict in the contract not supporting BHA's 45 day stance.
- -End of fiscal year
 - Potentially unable to move forward after June due to cashflow issues
 - \$250,000 necessary from BHA to complete planned deliverables
- -Financial reviews
 - Gonzalo would like clarification on particular financials
 - Requesting a breakdown of the financials
 - Butch will provide invoices and breakdown beginning next month
- -Requests to approve financials.

Conclusions:

April financials approved.

Agenda item:	Software	Presenter:	Butch Lewis
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Discussion:

- -Butch discussed the implementation of BeHave software
 - Software needs to be implemented in next 40 days
 - CARR will need to get \$610,000 loan to prepay for software
 - BHA to pre approved MOU to ensure payment
 - Invoice can only be turned in after MOU approval

- -Fiscal year
 - 196 contract from BHA came back with 2 budgets
 - o 6-month contract for July to December
 - 1-year contract for July to June
 - CARR will assume the debt and then pay for it
- -Butch would like board approval to initiate \$610,000 loan

Conclusions:

No objections from board regarding loan

Agenda item:	XXXXXXXX Audit	Presenter:	Butch Lewis

Discussion:

- -Audit will be occurring next week
 - One day for Policy and Financial audit (Butch and Christi)
 - Two days for site audits (Kevin)
- -Investigation concluded by DORA due to Civil Rights complaint
 - No fault settlement
- -Signal has been updated on results

Conclusions:

-Will report back to board next month on situation

Discussion:

- -Grievance was filed regarding physical issues on property
- -Kevin did CARR inspection last week
- -Meeting tomorrow with Head of Building Department and Head of Code Compliance with Butch and Kevin to discuss
- -Littleton PD reporting increased number of calls of service and will provide information

Conclusions:

-Will report back to board next month on situation

Agenda item:	2025-2026 Budget	Presenter:	Butch Lewis

Discussion:

- -New budget to go into effect July 1, 2025
- -Beginning in January 2024, Butch and Kevin receiving 8% salary increase. Butch raise has not gone into effect.
- -CARR is looking to add 2 new positions
- -Dara is concerned with salaries after expansion grant ends
 - \$200,000/year budget will increase to \$407,000
- -Monies received in 2 forms
 - Certification Fees
 - Legislative funding
- -Amy asked where we would get the additional \$207,000 in funding
- -Increase in only \$200/house is not feasible without an increase in legislative funding

- -Gonzalo states that there are only two ways to increase our budget
 - Increase fees
 - Supplemental support from state
- -Alia: BHA supports going to legislature to ask for increase
- -Amy: There needs to be both an increase in pay (with a possible tiered plan) and subsidized through the state
- -Without state help, fees would increase certification to \$867.20/house
- -Gonzalo: Arizona has \$100/bed/year fee for certification and with this increase, it is still only \$87/bed/year in Colorado
- -Scott: Currently the budget is not sustainable. If there is no state funding, providers will have an increased amount for certification
- -Dara: A multifaceted approach may be best

Gonzalo: If there is an increase in house fees to \$500/house for certification, it is still only \$50/bed/year. Arizona is currently \$100/bed/year and is looking to increase to \$120/bed/year.

- -Rourke and NARR are working on national comparisons currently
 - \$4M/year currently in Colorado
 - \$10M/year currently in Virginia where they keep all the administrative fees and can grow within the certification body.
- -Scott: \$200/house/year is not sustainable. It was \$700/house/year in the beginning
- -Gonzalo: We have to raise certification fees
- -Scott: Why not raise the fees now?
- -Gonzalo: Come up with a scalable plan where fees are progressively raised? Increase \$300 next year and another \$100 per year until back at \$700.
- -We have to find a way to make up the \$183,479 today and in the future
- -Gonzalo: Raise to \$700 per house now to bring funds up to where they need to be. With this change, everyone will be angry for 2-3 weeks and then it will be okay. Houses will be refunded with state legislative monies.
- -Butch: Concerns for hold-outs. If 50 houses don't recertify, fees will increase to \$1020/house/year and there are no consequences for not getting certified.
- -Scott: If you aren't certified, you can't get referrals. The only way to get residents is off the streets.
- -There is no state funding to uncertified residences.
- -CARR needs to this now to be sustainable. Then go to legislature and give credits to homes when approved.

Conclusions:

-Fees for houses will need to increase

Agenda item: Background Check	ks Presei	enter: Butch Le	ewis
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Discussion:

- -Butch: Currently required to do background checks on operators but have not been due to lack of disqualifying criteria
- -Gonzalo & Scott: See what is approved through Probation and Parole for criteria
- -Butch: Will research and report next month

Conclusions:

-Will report next month on criteria through Probation and Parole

Agenda item:	Grievances	Presenter:	Butch Lewis
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Discussion:

- -Butch: Should there be an Ethic Standard Committee made up of only operators? When grievances occur, the committee will review, make a determination, and report to the board?
- -Gonzalo: With grievances under CARR, they have been getting resolved. CARR is doing a great job.
- -Scott: We can't have sober living owners policing other sober living owners. This will cause more issues and BHA will not approve of this model.

Conclusions:

-Review and revise bylaws and grievance process

Other Information

Observers: N/A

Resources: N/A

Special notes: N/A