



**Board Meeting
August 5th 2021
6:00 pm**

1. **Call to Order/Roll:** 6:03 pm.
2. **Attendees:** Mike Kaczocho, Lindsey Gray, Paul Mosier, Ildi Lackzo-Kerr, Ashley Larson, Craig Scheinerman, Debbie Accomazzo, Camille Ramey (volunteer, head medical personal), Colleen Murray (volunteer), Melissa Lee (camp director), James (volunteer)
3. **Call to the Public:** Ildi discussed the protocol for the call to the public. No call to the public this week.
4. **Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve consent agenda by Debbie Accomazzo; second by Craig Scheinerman. Unanimously approved.
 - A. Approval of July 1st meeting minutes
 - B. Sue Kostyk resignation
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - A. October Retreat update.
 1. Per Ashley, we have a contract with \$7 per meal amount, but Camp W kitchen staff will not agree to wear masks or abide by covid protocols. We either need to find another kitchen staff or be comfortable with the Camp W kitchen staff not wearing a mask. We have kitchen staff willing to volunteer, but it will add more people and costs to October retreat. Cleaning protocols have been shared from Camp W. Melissa and Ashley have been in contact working on these issues.
 2. Mary at Whispering Hope reached out. They have cancelled all programs through labor day weekend given spike in Covid cases. Information has been shared with Melissa and Camille regarding delta variant from Whispering Hope.
 3. Discussion regarding COVID and Camp
 - a) Per Craig: any new input from COCA or ACA? Per Ashley, ACA are following CDC guidelines, which are part of our protocol. COCA does not have its own procedure, but follows ACA.
 - b) Per Craig: is there anything camp ownership wont do besides wearing masks? Per Ashley, they will not be around, but if they were there, they would not be wearing masks. Per Craig, if we had people on our own, they would still provide

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food? Per Melissa, we still have to order our food – but it is either on our own or from Roxanne. Per Melissa, they are still willing to communicate with us. Per Ashley, they are going to stay out of hair during the retreat, but they do not want to wear masks.

- c) Per Debbie, what is the interaction with camp staff? Per Ashley, Melissa may have more information, but they have not had the specific conversations if for example the toilet broke, and we needed assistance. Per Melissa, typically the ranger is there, but not around unless there is a problem. Yes there is potential for interaction.
- d) Per Paul, concern that the Camp is not even willing to wear masks with our types of campers. It is a dealbreaker. Debbie has a similar concern. Per Debbie, does the contract reference the COVID protocol. This development would indicate they are in breach of the contract? The contract would have to be renegotiated regardless.
- e) Per Lindsey, how many people on the property. Around 4-5.
- f) Per Craig, this is a business. It makes sense that they don't want to wear a mask.
- g) Per Ildi, had concern about fall retreat and unvaccinated youth. We are possibly putting siblings at risk that cannot go to retreat because they are not vaccinated but exposing them to Covid because of their siblings at camp. The expectation was that Camp W would follow protocols. Camp is still a few months away and the state policy is not protecting the youth.
- h) Question asked from Camille re standard of care for camp. Per Camille, learned of all of this really recently. Having a hard time distinguishing covid from camp. She has great pause given the status of covid, feeling more and more to pause the October retreat. Things are changing rapidly. Last month she was much more confident about having camp. She has a call out to a pediatric oncologist – if they don't agree, then we have to put the kids first and pause camp. Is asking how pediatric sibling of a patient going to a retreat regardless of if we put appropriate COVID protocols in place. Was not aware of Camp W not willing to wear mask. Wants to know about the protocol and how she can reach out to Roxanne. Camille would like to speak with Roxanne.
- i) Per Craig, even if Roxanne were to agree with our protocols, do we still agree we should have camp? It may be a moot point to have a conversation with Roxanne if we wont be going to camp.
- j) Per Ildi, we left undone benchmarks for cancelling retreat. But we are not at that phase. If its not now, when would it be? Discusses all the information regarding Covid.
- k) Per Seth, can we make sure that going forward that we have a clause in our contract that the property and anyone on the property will abide by our

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protocols not just the state or CDC. Per Ashley, not in current contract, but we should add it in.

- l) Per Mike, from the 30,000 foot level are we ok with going forward. At some point it's the parents decision. Part of him recommends we offer the safest camp, we are not forcing kids to go to camp. Per Debbie, parents are the decision makers. But this board, Ashley and program committee best position on whether to offer the program. Per Paul, if we don't think it is safe, can we continue.
- m) Per Seth, by offering the program we are signaling it is a good idea. We need to know liability exposure.
- n) Per Lindsey, we just need more information. Is there a camp before? Per Craig, there is a lot of unknowns vs data of this is where the risk lies.
- o) Per Ildi, what additional information do we need? Camille doesn't think it is a good idea, epidemiologist in Arizona says it's not safe, and one camp has cancelled camp. Per Craig, does not know what data really says. Of course it has gotten worse 3-4 weeks ago, is that much worse than 6 months ago. Per Ildi, the number of new cases surpassed what we were looking at in March. Camille does not have numbers, but agrees with Craig. Looked at statistics. Per Camille broad strokes it is getting worse and not better. Maybe we need to pause and look at the viability, she is nervous.
- p) Per Melissa, the doctor at Whispering Hope has not said we need to cancel camp, he strongly recommend vaccinations and other mitigation factors and that Camp should look at the data. Per Ashley, that is correct. Whispering Hope made the decision based on the information from the doctor to not have camp. Whispering Hope does have covid protocols.
- q) Discussion on data. At what point do we need to make a decision – contract says 30 days to cancel. Deadline is 9/24 for second vaccination.
- r) Per Melissa, the questions we need to ask are a communication to Roxanne. More questions have not been asked. Craig when is the drop dead date? Ildi thinks that today is the last day to make the decision. Discussion on issue regarding whether campers would be getting vaccine because of camp vs other reasons and potential liability for same. Lindsey thinks it possible a camper may get the vaccine just for camp, which could lead to issue if camp is cancelled; Craig disagrees.
- s) Per Ildi, we have not announced the retreat to campers yet. Only a save the date. The optics of putting something out and then cancelling doesn't look good for the board. We have a facility with so little regard for our volunteers and campers that they will not do the very least of wearing a mask. Per Mike, they do not see that it is a problem. Per Melissa, it was a very short conversation. To

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have a conversation again may be different because Melissa is getting mixed messages from what Roxanne said to her and Ashley.

- t) Debbie summarizes conversation. There is absolute risk with continuing October retreat and continuing with Camp W. We won't have different numbers in 2 weeks. Discussion on schools and covid closures. Per Camille, should we wait two weeks. What is going to happen in the next couple of weeks. Per Craig, he would like to kick the can down the road, but we are running out of time. If we waited two weeks, what would be the criteria. Per Melissa, Camp in LA was going to do a camp in September and closed it this week. They were trying to see if they could have camp, but had to shut it down. Per Craig, is there someone on the medical side we could hear from? Camille is willing to reach out. Benchmarks are hard because we are all trailblazing.
 - u) Motion to cancel October retreat due to increase COVID outbreaks due to Delta variant by Debbie Accomazo; second by Lindsey Gray. Debbie Accomazo, Idi Lackzo-Kerr and Lindsey Gray vote yes. Opposed: Mike Kaczocha, Craig Scheinerman, Paul Mosier and Seth Zimmerman. Motion fails.
 - v) Discussion on gathering more information. Paul wants more information re Roxanne.
 - w) Per Seth (in chat): approving camp is a joint agreement between the participant, the parents and the doctor. I think planning falls on all of us not just me. I'll make time whenever. I think anyone willing to offer advice and put their license on the line will say we should cancel.
 - x) Motion to collect information Roxanne and other medical professionals and have second meeting on August 11 at 6:00 pm by Lindsey Gray; second Craig Scheinerman. Unanimously approved.
4. Program Requests. Discussed putting on staff retreat at the end of August and put in a program request for lodging for up to 20 volunteers. It is just an overnight. Saturday to Sunday. Tabled until August 11, 2021 meeting.

B. Campsite Committee Next Steps

1. Per Ashley, we had good discussions that brought up comments and concerns for all three sites. Would like to schedule a second meeting to weed off one or more sites and schedule a second site visit. Camp Grace would be cancelled for now because of no designated medical area. There is a lot of potential for the site, just not there yet. RBARC is off the list. Finances, medical staff had issues with limitations on property and if we could find an easier location, we should identify them, and the property may be sold off soon. Ashley is going to schedule another meeting. Seth had question on next step. No date is set.

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C. Executive session to discuss personnel called (no notes). Executive session ended at 9:48 pm

6. **New Business:** need to address stipends for other positions at next meeting.

7. **Adjournment: 10:15 pm**

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