Minutes Special Called BRADD Executive Council Wednesday, September 1, 2021 Virtual Zoom Meeting

Regular Members in Attendance: Judge/Executive Joe Choate, Mr. Gary Dillard, Judge/Executive Dennis Harper, Mayor Dwayne Hatcher, Mayor Billy Phelps, Mayor Mark Stratton, Mayor Michael Bowe.

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Eric Sexton, Ms. Amy Carroll, Ms. Michelle Hines, Ms. Alecia Johnson, and Mr. Caleb Speck.

Call to Order

The special called Executive Council meeting was called to order by Secretary Mayor Mark Stratton. It was determined a quorum was present. The meeting was conducted through zoom meeting only.

2. Approve Minutes

Secretary Stratton presented the August 24, 2021 Executive Council meeting minutes for approval. The minutes were previously emailed to the members.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gary Dillard. The motion carried. (See attached)

3. Agreements and Contracts

Provider Notification fo Termination and Request for Emergency Contract

Mayor Stratton called on Ms. Alecia Johnson. Ms. Johnson informed the BRADD received a letter notification from Aging Services Provider, Help at Home, stating the company is terminating its contract with BRADD, with 30 days' notice. Ms. Johnson informed 600 clients across the state of Kentucky will be affected by this provider withdrawal and 300 of those clients are from the BRADD district. Four ADDs have collectively requested a time extension beyond the 30 days but has not received a response. The Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) has recommended moving forward without bidding the contract. Ms. Johnson informs she is working to obtain providers to fill the remainder of the current fiscal year. Mr. Sexton referred to KRS provisions allowing emergency procurement. KRS 45A.095 defines what constitutes as an emergency related need. Additionally, KRS 45A.380 describes non-competitive negotiation, under an emergency situation. Mr. Sexton informed the Council BRADD intends to follow that KRS and DAILs guidance for this process. BRADD would like to secure a contract without negotiation due the emergency classification. Ms. Johnson informed, at the end of the Fiscal Year BRADD would resume normal procurement and follow the regular bid cycle. Ms. Johnson is working on procurement for the next cycle. Ms. Johnson informed it is possible services may be pieced together from multiple providers. A question from the Council was raised concerning breaking the contract and any possible penalties. Ms. Johnson informed Help at Home is following the contract by providing a 30-day notice. Mayor Stratton asked if the provider stated why they are no longer providing the services. Ms. Johnson informed in addition to the workforce shortage, it is believed they were no longer profitable in Kentucky as they are withdrawing all Kentucky services.

Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to authorize the BRADD to pursue the Aging Services emergency contract for, Title III frozen and Shelf stable meals, pursuant to KRS 45A.095 and 45A.380. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Joe Choate. Motion carried.

4. Other

Other Updates

Mayor Stratton called of Mr. Eric Sexton for any final updates and announcements. Mr. Sexton inquired of the Committee on how to proceed with the BRADD Annual Meeting considering the COVID pandemic. Committee members agreed to continue to watch the regions case numbers and revisit conditions closer to date and make a final decision at that time, due to the ever-changing conditions. Mr. Sexton informed if a cancellation is needed a determination will be made 1-2 weeks prior with public notice sent.

8. Adjourn

Motion: With no further business to consider, Judge Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Dewayne Hatcher. Motion carried.

Signed, BRADD Chair