FSR Board Consent Agenda

11-22-23

*Mission: Family Service Rochester will provide community based social services of the highest quality and maintain a commitment to excellence in all operational areas.*

*Brand Message: Family Service Rochester is a community-based organization providing mental health, senior independence, child wellbeing, and family stability services. We listen to what people need and together, we build better lives.*

Executive Director’s Report:

**Programming Updates:**

Proof Alliance Grant: We submitted a grant to support our FARR program that provides services and support to pregnant or recent mothers with a history of substance use. We were awarded this grant will be expanding these services into Goodhue County.

Legislative Forum: Our Director of Clinical Services, Ashleigh Dowis, recently attended a legislative forum hosted by Fernbrook Family Center to discuss regional mental health needs with our elected officials.

Days of Caring: We partnered with several area service clubs this fall to participate in fall clean up activities for seniors.

**Operations Update**:

Office 365: We are transitioning to become a cloud-based organization. Our plan is to eliminate our on-premise servers prior to the end of their warranty in 2025. Our first phase of this transition has been completed. We have decommissioned our Email Exchange server. All Office 365 applications are now cloud based.

**Grant/Contract Updates**:

Associated Bank: We submitted a grant request to Associated Bank to support our mental health services. We received $5000.

Scheels Award: Scheels awarded FSR $1000 during a promotion to support nonprofits.

Kohls Award: Kohls awarded FSR $2000 to support the purchase of winter clothing for the kids we serve in the PACE, Father Project, and the FARR program.

Sauer Family Foundation: We had applied for a grant to assess the needs for a Family Resource Center in our community. We were notified we are to receive approximately $23,000. A Family Resource Center is a community-welcoming hub of support, services, and opportunities for families with the overarching goal to prevent child abuse and neglect. Upon completion of the assessment, we will likely submit a grant to support the development of a Family Resource Center followed by a grant request to the Minnesota Department of Human Services to support the operations of a center.

Mayo Clinic Commitment Against Racism Grant: We submitted a grant request in partnership with Friendship Place. We are requesting approximately $17,000 to provide additional staff time at the learning center in Meadow Park and to enhance our efforts with the Meadow Park Initiative.

United Way of Olmsted County: United Way has released a request for proposals that address food insecurity. We have received support for our Meals on Wheels program from United Way for many years. In this proposal will also include our efforts through “FSR Fresh” to additionally provide fresh fruits and vegetables to seniors.

Minnesota Department of Health: We have submitted a grant request to support efforts to build our capacity to deliver services to diverse communities. The request will support our efforts and capacity to deliver services to the LGBTQ+ community. We are requesting approximately $92,000.

**Marketing/Fundraising/Volunteer Updates:**

Save the Date: Our Denim and Diamonds fundraiser to support Meals on Wheels will be Saturday March 23rd, 2024.

Once Upon a Playhouse: We are having ongoing conversations with the Rochester Area Builders Association and representatives with Thursday’s downtown to discuss possibilities for our playhouse fundraiser to support our mental health services. There has been a change in leadership, staff, and board members at the Builders Association. They are determining what they can do and how they might support.

Volunteer of the Month: Our Volunteer of the Month for November is Jerome Permann. Generous, kind, and helpful with a good listening ear are a few ways our consumers have described Jerome. After seeing a news segment on volunteers needs, Jerome, a retired truch driver joined the FSR volunteer team delivering Meals on Wheels. Jerome also assists with transportation, lawn mowing, and yard work. Jerome states, “I volunteer because it gives me a sense of fulfillment in helping others in whatever their current situation is. Besides, it keeps me busy and moving.” A few things Jerome has learned through volunteering are empathy for others needs, lessons on being a team player, and time management. Outside of volunteering, Jerome is married with four children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He enjoys