

## Durham County ABC Board

### Minutes of the Emergency Meeting June 25, 2012

A committee of the Durham County ABC Board met at the administrative office, 3620 Durham Chapel Hill Boulevard on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012. The purpose of the meeting was to select grant recipients for the Ambassador Grant program for FY2012.

Kevin Nelson served as chair and called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Other Board members present were Deirdre Guion and Connie White. General Manager Emily Page was also present.

Mr. Nelson read the Board's Conflict of Interest Review and Declaration statement. He asked all board members present to declare that they had no conflicts of interest with any items coming before the board and, if so, that they would recuse themselves from voting. All board members declared their agreement. Board members Erroll Reese and Kimberly Shaw recused themselves from participation in the deliberations and voting on FY2012 grant recipients.

The applications had been distributed to the board members prior to this meeting for review. Mr. Nelson shared the proposed criteria for consideration when assessing the applicants. Dr. Guion offered five categories that summarized the grant criteria that had been established for award consideration. These categories were used to assess each application. The five categories were:

1. Provides service related to substance abuse awareness and education
2. Has a specific alcohol education program or project
3. Is focused on youth ages middle to early high school
4. Impacts Durham County residents
5. Ability to measure the effectiveness/impact of the program/project

The applicants will be weight ranked in each category using a scale of one to five. Applications were received from the following organizations:

- Bridge II Sports
- Campaign for Change
- John Avery Boys and Girls Club
- Teen Fest Foundation
- Volunteer Center of Durham
- SJG Greater NC Pro Am

The committee reviewed and discussed each application, visited the website of each and researched any other information that was available via the internet. Each application/organization was assessed against the criteria. The committee unanimously decided that the John Avery Boys & Girls Club's Smart Moves program ranked high enough on all criteria to be awarded a grant. The other applications were ruled out because the committee determined that the information within the application and/or available via internet research did not clearly demonstrate that all of the criteria were being met therefore a grant was not offered at this time.

A local group, Durham TRY (Together for Resilient Youth), with a mission committed to preventing underage drinking through community involvement and educational programs for youth, had come to the attention of Ms. Page. The committee visited the Durham TRY website and reviewed the mission, goals, programming, leadership and achievements of the organization. They also reviewed articles regarding the organization and its leaders' work in the community.

The committee requested that a grant application be provided to Durham TRY in order to make them aware of the grant funding opportunity. Assuming that the organization chose to submit an application, the committee unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the General Manager with respect to the application's strength against grant criteria and whether the organization should receive a grant.

The group also decided to award a grant to Durham Public Schools in order for them to continue alcohol and substance abuse education programs in the elementary, middle and high schools since funding for such programs has been decreasing due to State budget cuts.

After further discussion, Ms. White made a motion that the funds be disbursed in this manner:

- \$10K to John Avery Boys and Girls Club for their Smart Moves initiative
- \$11K to Durham County Schools for alcohol education grants

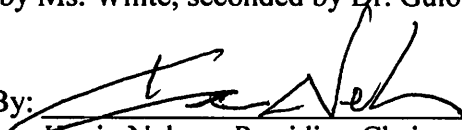
The committee left \$10K available that could be allocated based on the General Manager's recommendation of an additional grant award pending an application from Durham TRY.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Guion and approved unanimously by the board members present.

#### **Adjournment**

On motion by Ms. White, seconded by Dr. Guion, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

Approved By:

  
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Kevin Nelson, Presiding Chair