**SEVEDS Board Minutes**

**October 17th BDCC 3-5**

**Attending: Peter Carvell, Avery Schwenk, Meg Streeter, MaryAnn Kristiansen, Wendy Harrison, Ashley Havreluk, Stephen Dotsun, KVK, on the phone Adam Grinold**, **Gary Fox**

**Absent:** Randy Capitani, Sue Westa, Paul Carroccio, Luke Stafford,

Review current strategic priorities and programs and process – Laura walked the board through the strategic priorities the board passed for FY’ 20 and the process for developing new priorities.

Review retreat outcomes.

Mary Ann apologized for missing the past few meetings and asked what were the exciting ideas that came out of the last meeting.

Avery: Board focusing on bigger items, there is not a lot of staff dedicated to population change.

Meg: Useful to go back to our organizational ideals like population growth. How do we know change is happening?

Peter: thought the process of starting individually and building up worked well.

Board discussed appreciation for Appreciative Inquiry method utilized at retreat.

KVK we talked about what is the role of the board and where is the organization going

Wendy good history and background good to know more people

Stephen – getting more non board members & task force anchored by board member/staff

MaryAnn thinks we should keep monthly scheduling and have SeVEDS meet quarterly, sub groups and task forces meet in off months

Topics: population, getting out and seeing vital projects, truckers and automation, data on problems: number of employees, employers stagnating, not enough students, pain stories, civic training

Wendy likes keeping the schedule – would love to see board get more involved in weighing in on policy

Stephen moved to submit comment on VTRANS Train initiative – seconded by Wendy vote unanimous

Next steps:

Avery SeVEDS meetings quarterly and changing locations of other meetings

Wendy, I’d be curous to hear stories about your business challenge

KVK – hiring nurses is a huge challenge

Next agenda:

Population – Bring population numbers of where we are and where we want to be, economic data, how are we doing replacing VY

Laura to send board CEDS demographic profile and pop-u-lation PPT – lets review data to guide population discussion.

* 1. Consider monthly task force (Like Post VY):
     1. Population
        1. Purpose: to elevate an issue for the region
        2. Inform public dialogue and policy
        3. Develop specific goals and strategies for that issue
        4. Assist in developing new program funding streams
        5. Measure & Report
  2. Develop connections between board and greater community
     1. Field trips
     2. Engagement in SeVEDS guide
     3. Board level assessment of critical community entities like fire, childcare, board candidates
     4. Measure & Report

Adjourned at 5:00 pm