



Our Kids Board of Trustees
Meeting of the Board
June 6, 2018

Location of Meeting	Brickell Conference Room
Trustees in attendance (in person or by phone)	Berta Blecke; Kate Callahan; Jose Felix Diaz; Patricia Eables; Wifredo Fernandez; Sharon Langer; Oscar Marrero; Jennifer Moon; Andrea Nhuch; William Pelham; Rebecca Priegues Sproul; Ruth Ramirez; Gina Russ; Vickie Smith Jackson; Keith Ward; Gwen Wurm
Our Kids staff in attendance (in person or by phone)	Alex Alamo; Ingrid Baez; Flora Beal; Sonia Davis; Mohamed Ghalayini; Jose Gonzalez; Annette Jose; Angela Mumford; Lawrence Plaza; George Sheldon; Patrick Travers; Bridgette Thornton; Xiomara Turner; Michael Williams
Others in attendance (in person or by phone)	Bronwyn Stanford; Rolando Barrios; Mike Pennekamp;
Agenda Item 1.	Introductions/Call to Order
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting is called to order by Keith Ward, Chair of the Board. • The phones in the Brickell Conference room are not functioning properly. Participants are asked to be patient as IT works on the situation.
Agenda Item 2.	Approval of Minutes
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Moved and seconded to approve the minutes for the May 2nd meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion carries unanimously.
Agenda Item 3.	Chairman’s Report
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal welcoming of Jennifer Moon to the Board of Trustees for Our Kids.
Agenda Item 4.	DCF Report
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronwyn Stanford reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Removals continue to trend downwards in the Southern Region through the month of May. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall, however, the state’s removal rates are trending up. ○ 7 adoptions were finalized in May 2018 ○ 55 children exited group care in May 2018 ○ 14 children aged out of the system of care in May 2018. ○ Our Kids and DCF are working closely to increase the use of kinship care ○ DCF is very pleased with Our Kids’ improvement related to the use of the safety methodology ○ At the moment, the Department has put Our Kids on 12 CAPs
Agenda Item 5.	System of Care/QA Committee Updates
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In an effort to increase access to therapeutic beds, Our Kids is partnering



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	with four new providers who will give Our Kids exclusive access to therapeutic beds.
Agenda Item 6.	CEO Updates
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the last full-board meeting until September • Andrew Bridge, author of <i>Hope's Boy</i>, came to Our Kids last month and lead a foster-alumni roundtable discussion about ways to improve our system of care through the perspective of a former foster youth. • Introduction of redesigned Foster Care Team leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ingrid Baez – Program Manager of Placement ○ Xiomara Turner – Program Manager of Licensing ○ Angela Mumford – Program Manager of Recruitment ○ We are now staffing the placement department so as to appropriately meet the needs of our system of care. • Thanks in large part to effective collaboration with DCF, Our Kids has managed to significantly increase the use of relative care within its system of care. • Our Kids' 2018-2021 Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A spreadsheet has been sent to the Board detailing the plan's initiatives, the managers in charge of the initiatives, and initiative deadlines. • The Meridian Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our Kids is working on a partnership between the Meridian Foundation and Youth Villages to help secure additional funding for the YVLifeSet program; which aims at improving outcomes for transition-age youth.
Agenda Item 7.	Committee Reports
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Finance committee has begun preparing the operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. ○ Our Kids will continue to dip into its working capital in order to fund new initiatives that, if properly implemented, will reduce the number of children in care and thus alleviate current budget pressures. ○ Preliminary budget for FY 2018-19 was presented, including expenditures and revenues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: moved and seconded to approve the preliminary budget for FY 2018-19. • Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Election of 2018-2020 Board Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kate Callahan - Chair ▪ Tony Tegnalia – Vice Chair ▪ Sharon Langer – Secretary



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gina Russ – Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: moved and seconded to nominate Gina for Vice Chair and Tony for Treasurer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion passes unanimously. ▪ After motion passes, revised election of 2018-2020 Board Officers: Kate Callahan – Chair; Gina Russ – Vice Chair; Sharon Langer – Secretary; Tony Tegnalia – Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: moved and seconded to vote for these individuals into office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion passes unanimously. ○ Revised Policies & Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Procurement Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: moved and seconded to adopt this policy. ▪ Contract Monitoring Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: moved and seconded to adopt this policy. ▪ Anti-Nepotism Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: moved and seconded to adopt this policy. ▪ Conflict of Interest Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: moved and seconded to adopt this policy. ▪ Falsification of Client Records Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: moved and seconded to adopt this policy. ▪ Proposed By-Law Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion is tabled for September’s meeting • Independent Living/Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2018 Our Kids Graduation Ceremony will take place Friday, June 8th. Board members are encouraged to attend.
Agenda Item 8.	Old Business
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Agenda Item 9.	New Business
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resignation of Andrea Nhuch from Board of Trustees for Our Kids
Agenda Item 10.	Adjourn

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