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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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PSDP Board of Directors Minutes
3/9/15, noon PDT/3:00 p.m. EDT

Attendees

Veronica, Elaine, Chanda, Morgance, & Brad

Agenda

- Election of Directors
- Next Regular Meeting
- Bylaws
- Nonprofit Status
- Website
 - 2015 FAQ Flyer, + Translation
 - Work & Task List
 - Location
 - Hospitals
 - FAQ
- Tourette's Resource Partnership
- Treasury Report
- Scientific Research

This regular meeting was called by verbal agreement during the prior meeting, or by intermediate written reasonable notification made in good faith and agreed to by a majority of board members through email or phone, and was held through videoconferencing.

- Election of Directors
 - To comply with legal requirements since incorporating, at the beginning of this meeting Veronica Morris and Bradley W. Morris (the incorporators, officially) each cast one vote per person for the three open board spaces for Elaine Malkin, Chanda Hagen, and Morgance Ellis to serve on the board. Consequently, Elaine Malkin, Chanda Hagen, and Morgance Ellis were elected to serve approximately one-year terms on the board along with Veronica Morris and Bradley W. Morris, consistent with PSDP's bylaws, and in their same respective offices.
- Next Regular Meeting
 - Monday, March 23rd, noon PDT/3:00 p.m. EDT, through videoconferencing.
- Bylaws
 - Each director electronically signed a statement, annually required by PSDP's bylaws, to the effect that the director:
 - a. has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy (Article 9 of the bylaws);
 - b. has read and understands the policy;
 - c. has agreed to comply with the policy; and
 - d. understands the corporation is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities that accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.
- Nonprofit Status
 - PSDP has incorporated in York County, South Carolina. This first official step toward 501(c)(3) status was made possible by the completion of PSDP's move and a generous donation. The next steps are for PSDP to raise sufficient funds for the federal 501(c)(3) fees, then file the federal paperwork (1023EZ) to receive recognition of PSDP's charity/tax-exempt status.

- Website

- 2015 FAQ Flyer, + Translation

- We completed the 2015 update to our "Answers to Common Questions" flyer. We are beginning work toward will be working on translating the text into at least one other language.

- Work & Task List

- We are working on editing PSDP's Work and Task List to be: consonant with up-to-date theory, internally consistent, amenable to use by those with a greater breadth of mental illness symptoms and etiologies, etc.

- Location

- Our new address is now reflected on our website.

- Hospitals

- We are generating a sample hospital service dog policy and other resources to assist those who have service dogs and need to be in a hospital. The committee is continuing to draft resources.

- Tourette's Resource Partnership

- We are working with a group regarding the possibility of posting their to-be-constructed work and task list for service dogs for people with Tourette Syndrome. This project is ongoing.

- Treasury Report

- We discussed changes to and progress in the categories of: income, expenses, current funds, the budget, earmarked funds, and fundraising.

- Scientific Research

- We had an initial brainstorming session to try to assist one of our community's advocates in developing ideas related to scientific research regarding service dogs. We will make further inquiries to focus our efforts.