Mid-Columbia Center for living  
Tri-County board meeting  
Thursday, October 31, 2019  
Mid Columbia center for living, Hood River, OR

Board members present – Scott Hege, Wasco County Commissioner, board chair; Hood River County Commissioner Karen Joplin; Sherman County Commissioner Tom McCoy.

MCCFL staff present – Al Barton, interim Executive Director; David Pickering, human resource manager

The board had all members in attendance and called to order at 10:05 AM.

Chair Hege requested any comments from the public be shared. There were no public comments shared.

The board reviewed the minutes from the 10/22/19 executive session meeting. Commissioner Joplin made a motion and Commissioner McCoy seconded. The minutes were unanimously accepted as written. Minutes will be posted to MC CFL website and sent to interested parties via email.

Chair Hege initiated an open discussion that MC CFL needed to stay within the expected and advertised salary ranges for the recruitment of the new Executive Director. Chair Hege expressed concerns that highly qualified individuals might command a salary well outside MC CFL’s ability to compensate.

Mr. Pickering outlined the attached interview protocols and explained the format for the Executive Director interviews.

Due to the nature of confidential interviews, chair Hege had the board enter in executive session per ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider employment of an Executive Director. The executive session began at 10:15 AM.

Executive session ended at 11:35 AM at chair Hege’s request to exit.

The board heard a discussion from interim Dir. Barton about the possibility of acquiring housing units that currently serve a number of severe and persistently mentally owned individuals in the Dalles, Oregon. Mr. Barton shared the attached proposal with the board, outlining the benefits to MC CFL clients, increasing the availability of affordable housing while outlining some of the risks fiscally to the agency if some of the committed funds were requested to be returned to the Oregon health authority. The board enthusiastically supported further pursuit of this proposal, and while did not make a motion, directed Mr. Barton to query the Oregon health authority about the nature of the existing housing funds held in MC CFL reserves.

The board took a recess at 11:45 AM.

The board noted no members of the public present, and began another executive session at 1 PM per ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider employment of an Executive Director.
The board exited executive session at 2:15 PM. The board reviewed the ongoing hiring process and it agreed to attempt to winnow the pool of candidates down to three individuals. Board members unanimously agreed to make a final decision at their November 12 board meeting. Mr. Pickering advised that the talents recruitment agency would like to debrief with the board at that November 12 meeting.

The board adjourned at 2:25 PM