**Safe Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes**

**May 19, 2021,3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**Meeting Attendees:** Tom Rawlings, April Hale, Susan Boatwright, LaMarva Ivory, Jay Neal, Chris Hempfling, Theresa Schiefer, Melissa Carter, Judith Fouts, Rachel Davidson, Kristy Carter, Amy Hutsell, Michelle Smith, Ansley Reeves, Alex Sponseller, Erica Mortonson, Gabrielle Star, Aleks Jagiella-Litts, Allison Ashe, Christopher Perlera, Dahlia Brown and Salena Perry.

**Called to Order:** 3:02pm

1. **Welcome and Call to Order – Tom Rawlings, DFCS Division Director** 
   1. Call to Order
      1. Chairman Tom Rawlings called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.
   2. Roll Call
      1. Christopher Perlera called roll which resulted in a quorum. Six of eight Commission members were present (Allison Ashe, Theresa Schiefer, April Hale, Tom Rawlings, Judith Fouts, and Jay Neal).
   3. Approval of Minutes
2. The motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was made by Allison Ashe and seconded by Judith Fouts.
3. The motion was passed unanimously.
4. **Standard Order of Business**
   1. Rule 565-1.01 Fund Administration
      1. Chris Hempfling, General Counsel for DFCS, explained the Proposed Rule.
      2. The Proposed Rule was published on the DHS website under the Safe Harbor Commission tab for 30 days.
      3. There was a public hearing for Rule 565-1.01. There were no comments or objections to the proposed rule.
      4. The motion to adopt Rule 565-1.01 was made by Jay Neal and seconded by April Hale.
      5. The motioned was passed unanimously.
   2. RFA Recommendations from CJCC
      1. Kristy Carter, Division Director of CJCC shared a memorandum detailing the RFA process and applicant recommendations.
      2. There were seven grant applications that identified within the three priority areas as outlined in the RFA.
      3. The applications were due April 30, 2021.
      4. Initial awards will begin July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.
      5. CJCC recommended the following applicants to receive funding: Children’s Advocacy Center of Georgia (CACGA), Gigi’s House, Micah’s Promise, University of Georgia CEASE Clinic, and Wellspring Living, Inc.
      6. The details of the funding and the funding process can be found in CJCC’s memorandum to the Safe Harbor Commission.
      7. Judith Fouts made a motion to receive the recommendations from CJCC. It was seconded by Theresa Schiefer and the motion passed unanimously.
      8. Tom Rawlings requested that CJCC and DFCS collaborate on drafting press releases for local media.
      9. All quotes for the press releases should be sent to Christopher Perlera.
      10. Christopher Perlera agreed to take the lead with coordinating the press releases among DFCS, CJCC, and the First Lady’s Office.
   3. Joint meeting between the Grace and Safe Harbor Commissions
      1. The Grace Commission is working on finding dates that will accommodate members. They will reach out to the Safe Harbor Commission with potential meeting options.
   4. Update from the Attorney General’s Office
      1. Alex Sponseller emailed a copy of the State’s brief in the Georgia Supreme Court in the lawsuit challenging the Adult Business Assessment.
      2. He discussed the challenges and opportunities regarding the lawsuit.
      3. The initial brief that was emailed to the Safe Harbor Commission addresses the vagueness challenge.
      4. Alex believes that they have strong arguments for getting the vagueness challenge thrown out and reestablish the assessment over lingerie modeling studios.
      5. Alex agreed to email the Safe Harbor Commission a copy of the response to the club’s appeal over the remaining constitutional issues when it is filled.
5. **Next Steps** 
   * 1. The next Safe Harbor Commission meeting will be Thursday, July 29th from 3pm-4pm via Microsoft Teams.
     2. During this meeting, the Safe Harbor Commission will discuss the next round of RFAs, the joint meeting between the Grace and Safe Harbor Commissions, and general updates.
     3. The motion to adjourn was made by April Hale and seconded by Judith Fouts.
     4. The motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned: 3:46pm**