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AC&C Board Meeting
June 14, 2013 – 10:00 AM
Location: 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium
New York, NY

Board members and officers present:

Patrick Nolan, Chair
Dr. Jay Kuhlman, Secretary
Edward Delattore, Director
Yonaton Aronoff, Director
Elaine Keane, Director
Dan Kass, Deputy Commissioner
Risa Weinstock, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:35 AM.

Patrick Nolan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He acknowledged Risa Weinstock as the newly appointed Executive Director of AC&C and noted the confidence the Board has in her leadership since serving as interim Executive Director from October 2012.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Kuhlman made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting, seconded by Edward Dellatore. The minutes of the previous board meeting were approved.

FY 2013 Report - Risa Weinstock, Executive Director

With the implementation of Local Law 59 AC&C received substantial funding for FY 2013 – FY 2015 which allowed for increase in services and hours of operations and increase in staff across the organization. Hiring will continue in FY 2014 for positions in the Medical Department; Animal Care Officers and Overnight Supervisors. The search for a Medical Director is ongoing.

The Bronx and Queens Receiving Centers have been open 5 days per week, 8 hours per days as of October 2012. Services will be extended to 7 days per week effective July 1, 2013. Field Services and Call Center weekend services were restored and services will be extended to 12 hours per day on July 1, 2013. Emergency response is available 24/7.

AC&C will continue to focus on growth to its various programs. The adoption program was redesigned with a focus on increasing adoptions, ensuring quality adoptions, reducing returns and overall improvement in the adoption experience.

Members of the public wishing to adopt through the online At Risk List will receive a follow up phone call. A total of 202 animals have been adopted from the Public At Risk list.

A comparison of the first four months of 2012 and 2013 revealed a decline in the euthanasia rate. AC&C is committed to ensuring that euthanasia continues to decrease. There is also a decline in intakes as of April 30, 2013 as compared to the same period in 2012. Almost 6,000 animals have been placed between January and April 2013 and New Hope was responsible for placing almost 4,000 of that number.

Facility improvement planned at the Care Centers include upgraded fixtures in the dog and cat adoptions areas; bathroom and locker rooms upgrades in Manhattan and Brooklyn; and repainting all 5 locations. There is a security system in place at all 5 locations and staff received OSHA training. New signage will replace the Care Centers outdated signs.

Several ad campaigns are up around the city in subway cars, phone kiosks and local newspapers. In addition to the Spring fling in May 2013 and several third party fundraising events there will be a direct mail appeal in the summer.

Financial Update - Joe Belan, BTQ Financial

AC&C is projected to finish FY 2013 with revenue and expenses of \$11.8 million. The proposed budget for FY 2014 is a balanced budget with total revenues and expenses of \$14.2 million, reflecting a \$2.4 million increase in FY 2013 due to the increase in funding from DOHMH for the 4-year service expansion plan.

Elaine Keane made a motion to approve the FY 2014 budget, seconded by Yonaton Aronoff. The FY 2014 budget was approved.

Public Comments

The meeting was open to public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:01pm.