

**MHMR of Tarrant County
Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2022**

Members Present:

- Carolyn Sims, Chair
- Bob Brown, Vice Chair
- Lea Ann Capel, Secretary
- Carey Cockerell
- Roy Griffin
- Linda Harman
- Brandon Teague
- Lyn Willis
- T. Ware
- Chief Henry Reyes, Ex-officio Member

Executive Staff Present:

- Susan Garnett, Chief Executive Officer
- Catherine Carlton, Chief of Staff/Chief of Disability Services
- Lucas Wilson, Chief Financial Officer
- Ramey Heddins, Chief of Behavioral Health Services
- Laura Kender, Chief of Child and Family Services
- Charles Hoffman, Assistant Center Administrator
- Dr. Carol Nati, Chief Medical Officer
- Grace White, Chief Nursing / Quality Officer
- Diana Awde, Chief Information Officer
- Aleed Rivera, General Counsel
- Victoria San Martin, Board Liaison

Guests Present:

Ricard Vickers – Citizen
Ciara McCarthy – Star-Telegram
Donna Hays – Staff
Elsa Zamarripa – Staff
Espí West – Staff
Pam Brown-Smith – Staff
Teddi Barry – Staff
Chase Dear – Staff
Jacqueline Green - Staff

Call to Order

Carolyn Sims, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.; a quorum was present.

Comments from Chairperson

1. Good afternoon, everyone.
2. We will start the meeting with Victoria San Martin taking roll.

3. The next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2022.
4. The next Business Committee meeting will be Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 9 a.m.
5. The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at noon.
6. Upcoming Community Advisory Committee meetings are listed at the bottom of your agenda. Be sure to double check the meeting location as they may be in person, postponed, canceled, or held virtually.
7. April is National Volunteer Month
 - a. I would like to recognize our MHMR volunteers as well as employees who volunteer in our community.
 - b. MHMR volunteers include the MHMR Board of Trustees, our local volunteer board is appointed by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, the MHMR Foundation board members and our Community Advisory Committee members.
8. MHMR is the Host Center for Texas Council Conference this year.
 - a. June 21 – 23 at the Omni Hotel in Fort Worth
 - b. Registration is now open, if you would like to attend let Victoria know

Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

Board Training

Catherine Carlton presented on National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals certification for Disability Services staff with Pam Brown-Smith, Teddi Barry, Chase Dear and Jacqueline Green.

Committee Updates

1. **Early Childhood Services CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
2. **Homeless Services CAC** (Ramey Heddins) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
3. **Program Committee** (T. Ware) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
4. **Business Committee** (Lyn Willis) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
5. **MHMR Foundation** (Rand Otten) – The Foundation Impact Summary was provided in the Board packet.
6. **Texas Council Update** (Bob Brown) – Update was provided in Board packet.

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes of the March 29, 2022, Board Meeting

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the March 29, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

Motion: Made by Lyn Willis and seconded by Roy Griffin that the Consent Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Action Agenda Items

Approval of Appointment of Natasha Fuller to the Adult Behavioral and Homeless Community Advisory Committees.

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees that the appointment of Natasha Fuller to the Adult Behavioral Health Services (ABH) and Homeless Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is approved.

Motion: Made by Bob Brown and seconded by Mr. Griffin that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Authorization for CEO to Issue Temporary Economic Payments to Employees in Fiscal Year 22 for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$850,000 and Authorization to Amend the FY22 Budget Accordingly

Resolved, the Board of Trustees authorizes the CEO to issue temporary economic payments to employees in Fiscal Year 22 for a total amount not to exceed \$850,000 and authorization to amend the FY22 Budget accordingly.

Motion: Made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Brown that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Authorization for CEO to Issue Retention Payments to New Employees in Eligible Hard to Fill Positions That Work Directly with People in Services in FY22 for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$2 Million and Authorization to Amend the FY22 Budget Accordingly

Resolved, the Board of Trustees authorizes the CEO to issue retention payments to new employees in eligible hard to fill positions that work directly with people in services in Fiscal Year 22 for a total amount not to exceed \$2 million and authorization to amend the FY22 Budget accordingly.

Motion: Made by Lea Ann Capel and seconded by Linda Harman that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report

- **Revenue/Expenditures Update** – Susan Garnett shared an update:
 - i. HHSC supplemental COVID-19 grant amendment – an increase to the current contract for Crisis Hotline and Mobile Crisis Outreach team statement of work for Behavioral Health services.
 - ii. FWISD Wrap Around Strategies – Renew the contract for 37 campuses where a navigator will be placed.
- **1115 Transition** – Ms. Garnett shared that the new version of 1115 has begun. Shared program chiefs are focusing on how the agency delivers services. Final payment for DSRIP is in July.
- **COVID-19 Update** – Dr. Carol Nati shared that COVID-19 cases have decreased. The agency is prepared to pivot if needed.
- **Personnel Update** – Ms. Garnett shared that Thomas Bledsoe has accepted a job in Kansas. Aleed is overseeing the Human Resources Department.

- **988 Update** – A soft launch for a 3-digit number for suicide prevention lifeline is 988 will be in July.

Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

Adjourn

Made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Brown that the April 26, 2022, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Ms. Sims adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.



Carolyn Sims, Chair



Lea Ann Capel, Secretary