

**MHMR of Tarrant County  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2022**

**Members Present:**

- Carolyn Sims, Chair
- Bob Brown, Vice Chair
- Lea Ann Capel, Secretary
- Carey Cockerell
- Roy Griffin
- Linda Harman
- Brandon Teague
- 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
- Thomas Bledsoe, Chief Human Resources Officer
- Aleed Rivera, General Counsel
- Victoria San Martin, Board Liaison

**Guests Present:**

Natalie Rose – Judge Glen Whitley Office  
Richard Vickers – Citizen  
Bill Hill - Staff  
Chalee Rivers – Staff  
Chena Spencer – Staff  
Deanna Kratovil – Staff  
Holly Wafford - Staff  
Kirstin Alonzo - Staff  
Mark Ware – Staff  
Rand Otten -Staff  
Shay Lett – Staff  
Tai Tatum - Staff  
Unidentified caller

**Call to Order**

Bob Brown, vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.; a quorum was present.

### Comments from Vice-Chairperson

1. Good afternoon, everyone.
2. We will start the meeting with Victoria San Martin taking roll.
3. All upcoming meetings are on the bottom of the agenda.
4. For our board training today, we have Mark Ware and Shay Lett from Crisis Services.

### Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

### Board Training

Mark Ware and Shay Lett shared an update on ICARE call center along with the National Suicide Lifeline.

### Committee Updates

1. **Early Childhood Services CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
2. **Youth Behavioral Services CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
3. **Adult Behavioral Services CAC** (Ramey Heddins) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
4. **Program Committee** (T. Ware) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
5. **Business Committee** (Lyn Willis) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
6. **MHMR Foundation** (Rand Otten) – The Foundation Impact Summary was provided in the Board packet. Rand Otten provided an overview of 2021 Annual Report for the Foundation.
7. **Texas Council Update** (Bob Brown) – No update this month.

### Consent Agenda Items

#### **Approval of Minutes of the January 25, 2022, Board Meeting**

**Resolved**, by the Board of Trustees, that the January 25, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

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

### Action Agenda Items

#### **Approval of Appointment of Vancarlus Tennison to the Adult Behavioral Health Community Advisory Committee**

**Resolved**, by the Board of Trustees that the appointment of Vancarlus Tennison to the Adult Behavioral Health Services (ABH) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is approved.

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

**Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Financial Audit**

**Resolved**, by the Board of Trustees, the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Financial Audit and accompanying report completed by Scott, Singleton, Fincher and Company, PC are accepted as submitted.

**Motion:** Made by Carey Cockerell and seconded by Ms. Harman that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval to Amend Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2022, Expense Contracts, to Add an Additional \$158,228 for Buildian Construction Services, Inc. for Demolition, Re-Construction and Remodeling Services**

**Resolved**, by the Board of Trustees, that it authorizes and approves the amendment of Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22), Expense Contracts, to add an additional \$158,228 for Buildian Construction Services, Inc. for demolition, re-construction, and remodeling services.

**Further Resolved**, that the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute such documents, instruments and agreements as reasonably necessary and appropriate to obtain the construction services provided by Buildian.

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

**Approval to Amend Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2022, Expense Contracts, to Add an Agreement with Sigma Surveillance d/b/a STS360 to Provide Video Surveillance Equipment and Installation Services not to Exceed \$225,000 for One Year**

**Resolved**, by the Board of Trustees, that it authorizes and approves the amendment of Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22), Expense Contracts, to add an agreement with Sigma Surveillance d/b/a STS360 (STS360) to provide video surveillance equipment and installation Services in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.

**Further Resolved**, that the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to negotiate and execute such documents, instruments and agreements as reasonably necessary and appropriate to obtain the services provided by STS360.

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

**Approval to Amend Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2022, Expense Contracts, to Add an Agreement with Pathways Early Autism Intervention and to Include Additional Services to an Existing Contract for \$42,500 for A Total Contact Amount Of \$132,500.**

**Resolved**, by the Board of Trustees, that it authorizes and approves the amendment of Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22), Expense Contracts, to add an agreement with Pathways Early Autism Intervention and to include additional services to an existing contract for \$42,500 for a total contact amount of \$132,500.

**Further Resolved**, that the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute such documents, instruments and agreements as reasonably necessary and appropriate to obtain the training services provided by Pathways.

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

### CEO Report

- **Revenue/Expenditures Update** – Susan Garnett shared a few updates:
  - i. **HHSC: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Pandemic Emergency Assistance (PEA)**
    - a. All Service Divisions
    - b. Term: 2/16/2022 – 9/30/2022
    - c. Contract Total Amount: \$1,215,598
  - ii. **Tarrant County: Assistive Outpatient Treatment (AOT)**
    - a. Behavioral Health Division
    - b. Contract Term: 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023
    - c. Contract Total Amount: \$2,400,000 (\$1,200,000 each for FY22 and FY23)
  - iii. **Tarrant County: Help Me Thrive**
    - a. Child and Family Services Division
    - b. Term: 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023
    - c. Contract Total Amount: \$3,810,000
- **1115 Transition** – Ms. Garnett shared that the new version of 1115 has begun
- **COVID-19 Update** – Dr. Carol Nati shared cases are going down but now Flu is on the rise.
  - i. **Vaccine Mandate**- Aleed Rivera and Thomas Bledsoe shared update on healthcare worker vaccine mandate. The agency is currently at 88% compliance and goal is to be 100% compliant in the mandate. For individuals who are non-compliant HR will help with possible relocation within the agency.
- **February Inclement Weather** – Catherine Carlton highlighted employee kudos during the winter storm.
- **Mental Health Jail Diversion Center** – Ms. Susan Garnett shared an update on the Mental Health Jail Diversion Center.
- **Texans Recovering Together Recognition** – Mr. Ware and Ms. Lett shared highlights and impact of this grant for the community.

### Executive Session

#### **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters**

As authorized by Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, a governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

- Chief Executive Officer Evaluation

#### **Section 551.073 Deliberating Regarding Real Property**

As authorized by Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person:

- 1502 E. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76102

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**Adjourn**

Made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Ms. Sims that the February 22, 2022, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

  
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Carolyn Sims, Chair

  
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Lea Ann Capel, Secretary