

**MHMR of Tarrant County  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2024**

**Members Present:**

- ☒ Bob Brown, Chair
- ☒ Lea Ann Capel, Vice-Chair
- ☒ Carey Cockerell, Secretary
- ☒ Brandon Teague
- ☒ Cheryl Bean
- ☒ Carolyn Sims
- ☒ Lyn Willis
- ☒ Mario Perez
- ☒ Roy Griffin
- ☒ Chief Greg Pilkington, Ex-officio Member

**Executive Staff Present:**

- ☒ Susan Garnett, Chief Executive Officer
- ☒ Catherine Carlton, Chief of Staff/Chief of Disability Services
- ☒ Aaron Bovos, 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 Martín, Board Liaison

**Guests Present:**

Julie Griffin, Tarrant County Justice Network  
Pam Young, Tarrant County Justice Network  
Doreen Geiger, Tarrant County Justice Network  
Richard Vickers, Citizen  
Deanna Kratovil, Staff  
Nora Tornero, Staff

**Call to Order**

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

**Comments from Chairperson**

- Mr. Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mr. Brown shared the upcoming Community Advisory Committee and Board of Trustee meetings schedule.

### **Comments from Citizens**

Julie Griffin shared citizen comments, subject matter is needs for crisis and respite facilities/care.

### **Board Training**

Catherine Carlton, Susan Garnett, and Bill Eaton shared IDD Crisis Supports.

### **MHMR Foundation**

Ms. Carlton shared the MHMR Foundation January Impact Report, which was provided in board packet. Ms. Carlton shared the MHMR Foundation Nominating Committee has two recommendations for new directors. She also shared Opening Doors 2024 will be on Oct. 10.

### **Committee Updates**

1. **Early Childhood Services CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
2. **Adult Behavioral Health Services CAC** (Ramey Heddins) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
3. **Disability Services CAC** (Catherine Carlton) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
4. **Business Committee** (Lyn Willis) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
5. **Texas Council Update** (Bob Brown) – There was no update this month.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

#### **Approval of Minutes of the January 30, 2024, Board Meeting**

**Resolved**, by the Board of Trustees, that the January 30, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

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

### **Action Agenda Items**

#### **Approval to Renew the Eide Bailly Audit Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024**

**Resolved**, By the Board of Trustees, that per the attached engagement letter (see Exhibit A) and the attached planning letter (see Exhibit B), Eide Bailly is engaged to audit MHMR of Tarrant County's Annual Financial Statements and Single Audit Statements for the year ending August 31, 2024. The proposed rate for the third-year engagement is \$112,000, plus a 5% technology fee. Additional expenses may be incurred under this agreement depending on the activity needed to complete the engagement.

**Motion:** Made by Lea Ann Capel and seconded by Carolyn Sims that the Consent Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously with corrected scriveners' error with correct year.

#### **Approval of Appointment of Jina Walker to the Homeless Community Advisory Committee**

**Resolved** by the Board of Trustees that the appointment of Jina Walker to the Homeless Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is approved.

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

### **January Financials**

Aaron Bovos reviewed the January financials. Mr. Bovos reviewed the number of days in reserve, discussed pending contracts, and provided an update that the mid-year budget is expected to be presented in April.

### **CEO Report**

- Revenue/Expenditures – There are no revenue or expenditures to report this month.
- State Auditor Visit – Susan Garnett shared that there are State Auditors visiting for three days for the education and information on competency restoration. The State Auditors are visiting 10 counties in Texas to compile a report for what actions legislatures can take for competency restoration.
- Fort Worth Opera – Ms. Carlton shared two sensory friendly performances that Fort Worth Opera has done for patients and families of MHMR.
- Chula Chaser Annual Presentation – Ms. Garnett shared the recent presentation of the annual donation from Chula Chaser: \$87,336.

### **Executive Session**

As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from its Attorney about any matters listed on the agenda.



#### **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.

### **Reconvene from Executive Session**

### **Adjourn**

Made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Mr. Griffin that the February 27, 2024, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

  
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**William Brown, Chair**  
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**Carey Cockerell, Secretary**