

**MHMR of Tarrant County
Board Meeting Minutes
January 30, 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:

Rebekah Scott, Eide Bailly
Keenan Nash, Eide Bailly
Julie Griffin, Citizen
Richard Vickers, Citizen
Nan Terry, Citizen
Alyssa Mierzejewski, Staff
Christina Belmares, Staff
Julia Sladek, Staff
Nora Tornero, Staff
Twanda Wadlington, Staff

Call to Order

Bob Brown, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 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.
- Mr. Brown asked Ramey Heddins to introduce our new appointee from Tarrant County Sheriff's Department, Chief Greg Pilkington.

Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

Board Training

Aaron Bovos introduced auditors from Eide Bailly to present the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Audit.

MHMR Foundation

Dr. Twanda Wadlington shared the MHMR Foundation December Impact Report, which was provided in board packet. Dr. Wadlington provided a quick update about new board members being

Committee Updates

1. **Youth Services CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
2. **Homeless Services CAC** (Catherine Carlton) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
3. **Program Committee** (Carey Cockerell) – The committee update was provided in Board packet.
4. **Business Committee** (Lyn Willis) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
5. **Texas Council Update** (Bob Brown) – Mr. Brown provided an update on Texas Council Board of Directors meeting about Legislature session and next steps.

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes of the November 28, 2023, Board Meeting

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the November 28, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

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

Action Agenda Items

Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Financial Audit

Resolved, By the Board of Trustees, that the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Financial Audit and accompanying report completed by EideBailly, LLP are accepted as submitted.

Motion: Made by Lyn Willis and seconded by Lea Ann Capel that the Consent Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously

Approval to Accept the Grant Award from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) for Health Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support (HOPES) Expansion in the Amount of \$508,885 and Add to Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue Contracts

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that this authorizes and approves the acceptance of the grant award from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) for Health Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support (HOPES) Expansion in the amount of \$508,885 and add to Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue Contracts.

Further Resolved, that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or the designee is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as reasonably necessary to negotiate and execute the contracts and agreements funded by the HOPES grant and authorize the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to adjust any and all agency budget(s) accordingly.

Motion: Made by Carey Cockerell and seconded by Carolyn Sims that the Consent Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously

Approval to Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Collect Unclaimed Property from the Texas Comptroller

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that it approves and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, Susan Garnett, to collect unclaimed property from the Texas Comptroller.

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

Approval to Submit Grant Applications to the Office of the Governor for Project CANVAS to Provide Residential and Community-Based Services for Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation; and Multi-Disciplinary Teams to Provide Trauma-Informed Culturally Competent Services to People with Disabilities Who Have Been Victims of Crime

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Tarrant County to continue to provide residential and community-based services to commercially sexually exploited youth victims and trauma-informed culturally competent services to people with disabilities who have been victims of crime.

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that it hereby authorizes the submission of a one-year continuations to receive funding from the Office of the Governor for Fiscal Year 2025 for:

- 1) Project CANVAS to provide residential and community-based services for victims of commercial sexual exploitation and
- 2) Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) to provide trauma-informed culturally competent services to people with disabilities who have been victims of crime. In the event of loss or misuse of the grant funds, the MHMR Board of Trustees assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

It is further resolved, the Board of Trustees designates Susan Garnett, CEO, as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate these grants on behalf of MHMR.

It is further resolved, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Board Resolutions included in Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

Motion: Made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Ms. Sims that the Consent Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously

Approval to Amend Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2024, Expense Contracts, to Add an Agreement with the MST Group to Provide Training and Manuals for Multisystemic Therapy Treatment in an Amount of \$200,000.

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that this authorizes and approves the amendment of Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2024, Expense Contracts, to add an agreement with the MST Group to provide training and manuals for Multisystemic Therapy treatment in an amount of \$200,000.

Further Resolved, that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or the designee is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and execute such documents, instruments, and agreements reasonably necessary and appropriate to obtain the services provided by the MST Group and authorize the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to adjust any and all agency budget(s) accordingly.

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

November Financials

Aaron Bovos mentioned that the November financials are in the board packet.

December Financials

Aaron Bovos presented an overview of December financials.

CEO Report

- 1st Quarter Compliance Report – Susan Garnett introduced Paul Duncan to provide the first quarter report.
- Revenue/Expenditures – There are no revenue or expenditures to report this month.
- Holiday Event Recap – Ms. Carlton shared a recap of holiday activities that took place around the agency.

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.

Adjourn

Made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Mr. Griffin that the January 30, 2024, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.



William Brown, Chair



Carey Cokerell, Secretary