

**MHMR of Tarrant County
Board Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2023**

Members Present:

- Carolyn Sims, Chair
- Bob Brown, Vice Chair
- Lea Ann Capel, Secretary
- Brandon Teague
- Carey Cockerell
- Cheryl Bean
- Lyn Willis
- Mario Perez
- Roy Griffin
- Chief Henry Reyes, 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
- Bill Eaton, DS Program Administrator
- Aleed Rivera, General Counsel
- Victoria San Martin, Board Liaison

Guests Present:

Richard Vickers, Citizen
Pat Sanders, Consultant
Twanda Wadlington, Staff
Mike Olson, Staff
Deanna Kratovil, Staff
Iftin Mohamed, Staff
Espí West, Staff
Nora Tornero, Staff
Paul Duncan, Staff

Call to Order

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

Comments from Chairperson

- Good afternoon, everyone.

- We will start the meeting with Victoria San Martín taking roll.
- The next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023, at noon.
- The next Business Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at noon.
- The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at noon.
- 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 virtual.
- I have asked Lyn, Carey, and Roy to be part of the nominating committee and present the slate of officers during the July Board meeting.

Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

Board Training

Aaron Bovos introduced Pat Sanders, a consultant with Insurance Management Services, to review the Health Plan for Fiscal Year 2024. Mr. Sanders discussed stop loss gap coverage, recommended changes for the coming year, and success of the partial self-insured plan. Mr. Sanders shared that 88% of employees are utilizing the health plan.

MHMR Foundation

Dr. Twanda Wadlington shared impact report which was provided in board packet. MHMR Foundation is recruiting for board members who are experts in their field.

Committee Updates

1. **Early Childhood Wellness Council** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
2. **Disability Services CAC** (Catherine Carlton) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
3. **Program Committee** (Carey Cockerell) - 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 May 30, 2023, Board Meeting

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the May 30, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

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

Action Agenda Items

Authorization for Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Contract for the Specific and Aggregate Reinsurance Coverage with Sun Life Financial

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with Sun Life Financial for the specific and aggregate reinsurance coverage for medical claims for a premium cost estimated based on enrollment to be \$2,160,168.

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

Approval of Nominations for Officers and Directors of Trinity Behavioral Rehabilitation for 2023-2024

Resolved, that pursuant to Article 5.01 of the bylaws of Trinity Behavioral Rehabilitation (TBR), the MHMR Board of Trustees, as Members of TBR, hereby nominate the following persons to the position of director of TBR, to hold such position until the next annual meeting of the Members or until their respective successors shall have been duly elected and qualified and that such nominations be presented to TBR Board of Directors for their approval:

Davinder Dhingra, M.D.
Garrick C. Prejean, M.D.
Carol Nati, M.D.

and;

It is further resolved, that pursuant to Article 7.02 of the TBR bylaws , the MHMR Board of Trustees, as Members of TBR, hereby nominate the following named persons to the offices set opposite their respective names, to hold such office, until the next annual meeting of the Members and until their respective successors shall have been duly elected and qualified and that such nominations be presented to the TBR Board of Directors for approval:

Susan Garnett	President/CEO
Carol Nati, M.D.	Secretary

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

Approval to Renew the EideBailly's Audit Agreement for FY24

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that per the attached engagement letter (see Exhibit A) and the attached planning letter (see Exhibit B), EideBailly is engaged to audit MHMR of Tarrant County's Annual Financial Statements and Single Audit Statements for the year ending August 31, 2023. The proposed rate for the second-year engagement is in the amount of \$112,000 plus a one-time fee to audit the implementation of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 96 of \$3,000. Additional expenses may be incurred under this agreement depending on the activity needed to complete the engagement.

Further Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that it authorizes and approves the amendment of Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23), Expense Contracts, to add this engagement with EideBailly for audit services.

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

May Financials

Mr. Bovos reviewed the May Financials and highlighted the General Fund. He explained the new base line of budget moving forward due to Charity Care Payment (CCP) and Directed Payment Program (DPP). Mr. Bovos did mention working on the financial plan for Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

CEO Report


- 3rd Quarter Compliance Report - Susan Garnett introduced Paul Duncan, Compliance Officer, to review the third quarter compliance report.
 - i. There were six investigations.
 - ii. Three investigations concluded in termination of employee and the other three investigations included the retraining of staff.
- Revenue/Expenditures – Ms. Garnett shared three revenue contract updates for the last month from State of Texas.
 - i. Mental Health First Aid - Renewal contract to provide Adult MHFA or Youth MHFA training to public school district employees, public school resource officers, higher education employees, and any other HHSC-authorized course participants by MHFA certified instructors as a preventative measure to assist in early identification of children and adults at risk of social-emotional disorders
 - ii. Early Childhood Intervention Performance Contract - Personnel Retention Grant, which shall be utilized for Targeting Early Intervention Turnover Through Proven Retention Strategies Grant services, and \$13,664 for Texas Workforce Commission Stimulus Activities, which shall be utilized for specialized training related to infant mental health.
 - iii. HHSC Healthy Community Collaborative - The total value of this Contract will not exceed \$19,731,992.00. This includes the System Agency's share of \$9,865,996.00 and Grantee's required match amount of \$9,865,996.00.
- 1115 Transition (Directed Payment Program) Update – Ms. Garnett shared that agency is continuing transition from 1115 to Directed Payment Program. This is funding for the future and covering services that we provide.
- Legislative Update: Ms. Garnett shared the following updates:
 - i. Early Childhood Intervention, children ages 0-3, will receive additional funding.
 - ii. Mental Health Services will receive a small amount of funds for workforce and support current staff.
 - iii. Additional funding for competency restoration beds in Tarrant County.
 - iv. Services for people with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) did not get additional funding. The wage crisis for direct care was addressed in State Supported Living Centers but not for MHMR community-based services.
- Texas Suicide Prevention Symposium- Catherine Carlton introduced Mike Olson from Crisis Services. Mr. Olson shared that MHMR was recognized with the Outstanding Partner Award for the agency's efforts rolling out 988 as well the Zero Suicide Initiative.
- Texas Council Conference Highlights – Ms. Carlton shared highlights from Texas Council 36th Annual Conference in Houston. Ms. Carlton highlighted staff who presented as well as the Frank M Adams Community Volunteer Award recipients, Chula Chaser. Ms. Carlton shared the highlight video that was done by Texas Council along with Chula Chaser's acceptance speech.

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 Mr. Griffin and seconded by Ms. Capel that the June 27, 2023, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Ms. Sims adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.



Carolyn Sims, Chair



Lea Ann Capel, Secretary