

**MHMR of Tarrant County  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2023**

**Members Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

Ciara McCarthy, Star-Telegram  
Rachel Arellano, Commissioners Court Representative  
Linda Harman, Citizen  
Kimberly Harman, Citizen  
Rob Harman, Citizen  
Julie Sladek, Staff  
Espí West, Staff  
Jamie Love-Brockway, Staff  
Deanna Kratovil, Staff  
Nora Toreno, Staff  
Laura Castillo, Staff  
Mary Ledbetter, Staff  
Daniel Gadbury, Staff  
William Hill, Staff  
Dyan Eubank, Staff  
Geetha Reddy, Staff  
Lana Vela, Staff

Kathy Duer, Staff  
Irene Mokom, Staff  
Ellen Goodman, 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 have our CEO, Susan Garnett, and a special guest today, Rachel Arellano representing County Commissioners Court who are going to present a special recognition to Linda Harmon for her board service and will be introducing our new board member, Cheryl Bean.
- The next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2023, at noon.
- The next Business Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at noon.
- The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 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 would also like to share that the annual Texas Council Conference is coming up in June. If you are interested in attending, please let Victoria know by the end of this week.

### **Comments from Citizens**

None at this time.

### **Special Recognition**

Ms. Garnett and Ms. Arellano presented a special recognition to Linda Harman for her service to the MHMR Board of Trustees.

### **Board Training**

Aaron Bovos along with Eide Bailley auditors presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Report.

### **Committee Updates**

1. **Youth Behavioral Health CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet. Laura Kender provided updated dates for the Youth and Early Childhood Wellness CACs.
2. **Program Committee** (Carolyn Sims) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
3. **Business Committee** (Lyn Willis) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
4. **MHMR Foundation** (Twanda Wadlington) – Foundation Impact Summaries were provided in the Board packet. Catherine Carlton introduced Dr. Wadlington to the new board members.
5. **Texas Council Update** (Bob Brown) – There was no update this month.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

#### **Approval of Minutes of the February 28, 2023, Board Meeting**

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

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

### Action Agenda Items

#### **Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Financial Audit**

**Resolved,** By the Board of Trustees, that the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Financial Audit and accompanying report presented by EideBailly, LLP are accepted as submitted.

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

### February Financials

Mr. Bovos reviewed February Financials and the financial impact of the transition to the Directed Payment Plan (DPP) and the Charity Care Plan (CCP), including the announcement that our fiscal year 2023 income from the CCP program is \$16.7 million, an increase over the \$15.2 million originally expected. These funds will be shown on the March financial statements. Mr. Bovos mentioned the mid-year budget would be presented during the April board meeting which would incorporate the CCP revenue change. He also explained a new report included with the financials that shows the agency is protected, to the extent possible, from a bank failure as a result of the state law requirement to have our deposits in excess of FDIC insurance covered at 102% with pledged collateral.

### CEO Report

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Compliance Report – Paul Duncan explained his role as the compliance officer and presented the Q2 compliance report.
- Revenue/Expenditures – There were no updates.
- 1115 Transition (Directed Payment Program) Update – Ms. Garnett reiterated the discussion from Mr. Bovos report and provided explanation on DPP and CCP as they relate to our financial strategy moving forward.
- Legislative Update: Ms. Garnett shared there are discussions on Youth Mental Health First Aid for schools and crisis response. The Texas Legislative is in session with many bills that could impact the agency. Updates will be provided monthly.
- Chula Chaser Update: Ms. Carlton shared the annual donation that was recently made.
- Top Docs: Ms. Garnett presented a Top Doc Certificate to Dr. Carol Nati and highlighted Dr. Alesha Hill, who was unable to attend.

### 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 Carey Cockerell and seconded by Mr. Griffin that the March 28, 2023, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Ms. Sims adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

  
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Carolyn Sims, Chair



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Lea Ann Capel, Secretary