

**MHMR of Tarrant County
Board Meeting Minutes
May 30, 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
- Bill Eaton, DS Program Administrator
- Aleed Rivera, General Counsel
- Victoria San Martin, Board Liaison

Guests Present:

Benjamin Ky Hunter, Staff
Bryan Bellamy, Staff
Cathy Stout, Staff
Desmond Hamilton, Staff
Espí West, Staff
Georgina Garner, Staff
Houssein Mouhamed, Staff
Ihoma Owhonda, Staff
Kevin Skinner, Staff
Kimberly Fox, Staff
Laura Garrison, Staff
Maria Ortiz Perez, Staff
Martin Tapia, Staff
Mikea Knox, Staff
Nicole Allen-Brantley, Staff

Niel Climer, Staff
Nora Tornero, Staff
Rick Mason, Staff
Twanda Wadlington, Staff

Call to Order

Bob Brown, Vice-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, June 19, 2023, at noon.
- The next Business Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at noon.
- The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 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.

Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

Board Training

Grace White introduced MHMR staff who deployed earlier this month to help LifePath Systems during the aftermath of tragedy that took place at Allen Outlet Mall. Desmond Hamilton and Bryan Bellamy provided updates on how MHMR best supported community along with MHMR staff who deployed.

MHMR Foundation

Dr. Twanda Wadlington provided recap of the Donor Appreciation Event. Impact report was provided in board packet. Dr. Wadlington introduced Houssein Mouhammed, Development Support Specialist for the Foundation.

Committee Updates

1. **Youth Behavioral Health CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
2. **Adult Behavioral Health CAC** (Ramey Heddins) - 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) – Bob Brown encouraged board trustees to attend the Texas Council Conference being hosted in Houston, TX between June 21 – 23.

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes of the April 25, 2023, Board Meeting

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the April 25, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

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

Action Agenda Items

No action items for this month.

April Financials

Mr. Bovos reviewed the April Financials and highlighted both the performance in the General Fund as well as within Behavioral Health, tying together our ability to generate revenue through the employees that are patient facing. While departments are focused on hiring needed staff and completing the required administrative duties required to bill for services, Finance is focused on receivable collection and management.

CEO Report

- Revenue/Expenditures – Susan Garnett shared three expenditure updates for the last month.
 - i. Tarrant County Hospital District - JPS for psychiatric beds, for funding that is available. Additional 803 bed days from them.
 - ii. Primary Care services at Tarrant County Mental Health Jail Diversion Center
 - iii. Family Connects International – Finalized contract for implementation of Family Connects along with getting certified.
- 1115 Transition (Directed Payment Program) Update – Ms. Garnett shared updated during financial report. There are two buckets, Directed Payment Program, payment made in additional to base Medicaid payment. Charity Cares Program, acquire funding for uninsured people. Mr. Bovos has spent time identifying strategies to capture funds and including in cost report.
- Legislative Update: Regular session ended yesterday, there is a special session taking place right now.
 - i. There will be new money in Mental Health services, designed for specific purposes.
 - ii. IDD workforce minimum wage for direct care workers, decreased from expected amount of \$15 to \$10.60 an hour.
 - iii. Did not receive funding – proposal for pilot for moving IDD services into managed care organizations, without pilot can not be moved over.
 - iv. Additional funding in ECI, not sure how money will roll out.
 - v. DFPS will be moved over to HHSC structure
 - vi. Mothers who are on Medicaid, currently only had access to Medicaid for only two months postpartum, will now have Medicaid for 12 months postpartum.
 - vii. Jail Based Competency Program – Grant for more funding to complete at local government level.

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 551.073 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:

- 8200 Camp Bowie West Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76116

Reconvene from Executive Session

Reconvene at 1:27 p.m.

Action Taken as a Result of Executive Session

After discussion in closed session the Chair will entertain a motion to approve the CEO to negotiate and purchase the property located at 8200 Camp Bowie West Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76116.

Motion: Made by Lea Ann Capel and seconded by Carey Cockerell that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Griffin that the May 30, 2023, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Ms. Sims adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.



Carolyn Sims, Chair



Lea Ann Capel, Secretary