

**MHMR of Tarrant County
Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2021**

Members Present:

- Carolyn Sims, Incoming Chair
- Bob Brown, Vice Chair
- Lea Ann Capel, Secretary
- Carey Cockerell
- Roy Griffin
- Linda Harman
- Jim Teague
- T. Ware
- Chief Henry Reyes, Ex-officio Member

Executive Staff Present:

- Susan Garnett, Chief Executive Officer
- Catherine Carlton, Chief of Staff
- Lucas Wilson, Chief Financial Officer
- Ramey Heddins, Chief of Behavioral Health Services
- Laura Kender, Chief of Child and Family Services
- Linda Kurland, Chief of Disability Disabilities
- Charles Hoffman, Chief of Organizational Development
- Dr. Carol Nati, Chief Medical Officer
- Grace White, Chief Nursing / Quality Officer
- Diana Awde, Chief Information Officer
- Thomas Bledsoe, Chief Human Resources Officer
- Aleed Rivera, General Counsel
- Brian Brooks, Board Liaison

Guests Present:

Deanna Kratovil – Staff
Rand Otten – Staff
Chena Spencer – Staff
Holly Wafford – Staff
Richard Vickers – Citizen

Call to Order

Carolyn Sims, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.; a quorum was present.

Comments from Chairperson

1. Brian Brooks took roll.
2. Thank you for accommodating and joining the meeting and call. As we mentioned previously, these meetings are now back to normal as required by the Texas Office of the Attorney General

and require a quorum be present in the room, as we have today. We will continue to have a virtual option for those not able to attend in person.

3. The next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2021, at noon.
4. The next Business Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2021, at 11 a.m. Meeting was moved from Thursday to not be on Thanksgiving Day.
5. The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at noon.
6. 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 held virtually.

Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

Board Training

Catherine Carlton shared proposed edits and changes to the Board Policy Manual.

Committee Updates

1. **Early Childhood Services CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
2. **Homeless CAC** (Ramey Heddins) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
3. **Program Committee** (T. Ware) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
4. **Business Committee** (Lyn Willis) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
5. **MHMR Foundation** (Rand Otten) – The Foundation Impact Summary was provided in the Board packet.

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes of the September 28, 2021, Board Meeting

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the September 28, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

Motion: Made by Jim Teague and seconded by T. Ware that the Consent Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Action Agenda Items

Approval of Board Policy Manual

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the Board Policy Manual, as set forth in Exhibit A, including all revisions, is approved.

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

Approval to Amend Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2022, Expense Contracts, to Add an Agreement with Talkspace Network LLC to Provide Additional Services to the Employee Assistance Program in the Amount of \$373,000 for a 3-Year Period

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that it authorizes and approves the amendment of Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22), Expense Contracts, to add an agreement with Talkspace Network LLC (Talkspace) to provide additional services to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) in the amount of \$373,000 for a 3-year period.

Further Resolved, that the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to negotiate and execute such documents, instruments and agreements as reasonably necessary and appropriate to obtain the services provided by Talkspace.

Motion: Made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Ware that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval to Add to Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2022 Revenue Contracts an Agreement with Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) in the Amount of \$500,000 for a 2-Year Period to Build, Leverage, and Expand Infrastructure for COVID-19 Prevention and Control Among Populations that are at Higher Risk and Underserved

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that it authorizes and approves to add to Schedule 1 of the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Revenue Contracts, a contract with Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) in the amount of \$500,000 for a 2-year period to build, leverage, and expand infrastructure for COVID-19 prevention and control among populations that are at higher risk and underserved.

Further Resolved, that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as reasonably necessary to negotiate and execute the contracts and agreements between MHMR and TCPH.

Motion: Made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Teague that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval to Accept and to Add to Schedule 1 of the Fiscal Year 2022 Revenue Contracts a Grant Award from the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) in the Amount of \$433,769.15 for One-Year Period

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that it authorizes and approves the acceptance and addition to Schedule 1 of the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Revenue Contracts, the grant award from the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division (CJD) for a total amount of \$433,769.15 for a one-year period.

Further Resolved, that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is hereby authorized is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute such documents, instruments and agreements as reasonably necessary and appropriate to accept and comply with the terms of the CJD grant.

Motion: Made by Mr. Ware and seconded by Mr. Griffin that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval to Amend Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2022, Revenue Contracts, to Add an Agreement with Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) to Provide Student and Support Services in an Amount Not To Exceed \$3,000,000 for a 2-Year Period

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that it authorizes and approves to amend Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2022, Revenue Contracts, to add an Agreement with Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) to provide student and support services in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for a 2-year period.

Further Resolved, that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is hereby authorized is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute such documents, instruments and agreements as reasonably necessary and appropriate to provide student and support services to FWISD.

Motion: Made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Teague that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report

- **Revenue/Expenditures Update** – Susan Garnett shared that there were two updates:
 - i. **Texas A&M** – Ms. Garnett shared an update on an award received to provide COVID-19 vaccine education and outreach in the amount of \$145,000.
 - ii. **Project CANVAS** – Ms. Garnett shared an update on the receipt of award in the amount of \$182,000 for trauma treatments for those working with sexually exploited victims.
- **COVID-19 Update** – Grace White shared information that numbers are trending down for both patients and employees. Dr. Carol Nati shared that they also are staying aware with the holiday season approaching. They also recommend flu shots for all.
- **Legislative Update** – Ms. Garnett shared that the third special session has come to an end, and our teams are keeping an eye on new deadlines for potential funds associated with this session.
- **1115 Update** – Ms. Garnett shared that there is still some discussion around 1115, but we do know that there will be a one-year extension of current 1115. There are plans for a State-Directed Payment Program to be put in place, which will fill shortfalls of Medicaid along with a Charity Care Program, which helps us access federal funds for uninsured persons.
- **Patient Statement Update** – Mr. Wilson shared information regarding the upcoming launch of patient statements, which will begin going out in November for billing no further back than 90-days.
- **Diversion Center Update** – Ms. Garnett shared an update on the new location for the Diversion Center.
- **Salary Adjustment Update** – Ms. Garnett shared an update on the feedback received by employees regarding the salary adjustment announced in September.

Executive Session

No Executive Session

Adjourn

Made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Brown that the October 26, 2021, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Ms. Sims adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Carolyn Sims

Carolyn Sims, Chair

Lea Ann Capel, Secretary