

**MHMR of Tarrant County
Board Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023**

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 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 Martín, Board Liaison

Guests Present:

Betty Edge, NAMI
Richard Vickers, Citizen
Twanda Wadlington, Staff
Paul Duncan, Staff
Nora Tornero, Staff

Call to Order

Bob Brown, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.; a quorum was present.

Comments from Chairperson

- Mr. Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and start of the new fiscal year.
- Mr. Brown mentioned per board policy, given the absence of the secretary, he is designating Roy Griffin as temporary secretary.
- Mr. Brown appointed Mario Perez and Cheryl Bean to the Program Committee.

- Mr. Brown shared the upcoming community advisory committee and board of trustees meeting schedule.

Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

Board Training

Catherine Carlton provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Board Policy Manual for Fiscal Year 2024.

MHMR Foundation

Dr. Twanda Wadlington shared the MHMR Foundation August Impact Report, which was provided in board packet. Dr. Wadlington celebrated an update on North Texas Giving Day funds raised and invited the board to the Opening Doors, scheduled for Oct. 26. Tickets and Sponsorships are now available.

Committee Updates

1. **Youth Services CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet. Ms. Kender shared the save the date invitation for the North Clinic Open House.
2. **Disability Services CAC** (Catherine Carlton) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
3. **Texas Council Update** (Bob Brown) – There was no update this month.

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes of the August 29, 2023, Board Meeting

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the August 29, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

Motion: Made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mario Perez 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 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 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), SAMHSA Treatment Drug Courts, in the Amount of \$2,000,000 for a 5-Year Period 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 SAMHSA, SAMHSA Treatment Drug Courts, in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a 5-year period and to add it to Schedule 1 of the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) 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 SAMHSA grant and authorize the CFO to adjust any and all agency budget(s) accordingly.

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

Approval to Accept the Grant Award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Healthy Transitions, in the Amount of \$3,750,000 for a 5-Year Period 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 SAMHSA, Healthy Transitions, in the amount of \$3,750,000 for a 5-year period and to add it to Schedule 1 of the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) 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 SAMHSA grant and authorize the CFO to adjust any and all agency budget(s) accordingly.

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

CEO Report

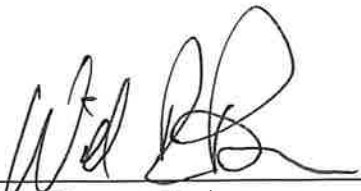
- 4th Quarter Compliance Report – Paul Duncan shared the 4th quarter compliance report.
- Revenue/Expenditures – Ms. Garnett shared two updates:
 - i. HHSC Coordinated Specialty Care - New contract FY24 and FY25 for Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) services for people who are between 15 to 30 years of age and are in the early stages of a primary psychotic disorder in the service are
 - ii. HHSC LMHA Performance Contract - New FY24/FY25 contract for the purpose of providing publicly funded mental health services in the following Texas counties: Tarrant.
- Leadership Training – Ms. Carlton shared recap of Gallup Boss to Coach leadership training initiative for all supervisors. Thirty participants completed the first cohort earlier this month.
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month – Ms. Carlton shared photos of employees' honoring the month; the communication team's toolkit that was shared with Texas Council Communicators.
- Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week – Ms. Carlton shared highlights of the agency's direct support professionals and how they were recognized for the important work they do each and every day.

Executive Session

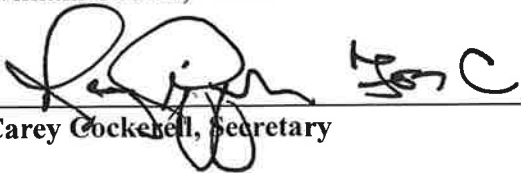
As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from its Attorney about any matters listed on the agenda.

Adjourn

Made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Ms. Chapel that the September 26, 2023, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.



William Brown, Chair



Carey Cockerell, Secretary