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**BETTY HARDWICK CENTER
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
November 3, 2020
2616 SOUTH CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS**

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1-325-305-5116

Participant Pin is 957 013 007#

Trustees Present:

Michael Whitehorn
Vicky Hicks
Dee Moore
Priscilla Rayford
Terri Plumlee (on Teams)
Andre Moore
Elijah Anderson
Rosendo Contreras
Judy Patterson
Ed Miller

Staff Present:

Jenny Goode
Jennifer Farrar
Dena Heaton
Starla Cason

Michael Jones
Chris Mabry
Theron Cole (on Teams)
Rhonda Cox
Deborah Kilpatrick

Trustees Absent:

Art Casarez

Executive Staff Absent: Guests Present:



21.03.01. Invocation/Quorum/Recognition of Guests
Dr. Whitehorn called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. He stated that a quorum of ten (10) Board members was present. Dr. Whitehorn delivered the invocation. There was one guest – J. D. Coffey

21.03.02. Citizens Comments
There were no citizens' comments.

21.03.03. Training Info/Presentation – Meet Rhonda Cox/HB 19 Implementation
Mrs. Cason introduced Ms. Cox, the Regional Mental Health Consultant, which is a position that is a result of the last legislative session. House Bill 19 provided funding and direction to Community Centers that are located in the same city as a Regional Educational Service Center to hire a “Non-Physician Mental Health Professional”.
Ms. Cox shared information regarding her position at BHC. As the MH Consultant, she serves as a resource to schools not only in our service area, but also the Region 14 ESC service area which includes Center for Life Resources, Helen Farabee Center and West Texas Centers. Ms. Cox will be a resource for school districts to help them understand mental health and what resources are available, ensure that personnel are aware of best practice programs and research-based practices and other public and private mental health and substance use programs, facilitate Mental Health First Aid trainings, facilitate trainings regarding the impact of grief and trauma, special considerations in supporting children with IDD who are impacted by grief or trauma and prevention and intervention programs proven effective in helping students cope with pressure.

21.03.04. Minutes of October 6, 2020 Board Meeting
On a motion by Priscilla Rayford, seconded by Vicky Hicks, the Board approved the minutes from the Board meeting on October 6, 2020.

9 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

The Board Chair abstains from voting.

21.03.05. Financial Reports, September, 2020
Mr. Mabry summarized the financial reports for September, 2020. The Center had a profit of \$51,116 for the month and a surplus of \$51,116 for the year.

On a motion by Judy Patterson, seconded by Elijah Anderson, the Board accepted the financial report as presented.

9 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

21.03.06. Consideration to 2626 Remodel Construction Bids
On a motion by Dee Moore, seconded by Priscilla Rayford, the Board approved the award of the 2626 Remodel construction bid to Teinert Construction and authorized Center staff to work with Jacob and Martin and the contractor to complete the work.

9 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

21.03.07. Consideration of Enterprise Fleet Agreement
On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by Judy Patterson, the Board

authorized the CEO to sign the Enterprise Fleet Agreement and transition current fleet operations into this service.

9 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

21.03.08. Approval of Investment Policy
On a motion by Terri Plumlee, seconded by Rosendo Contreras, the Board approved the Investment Policy as proposed.

9 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

21.03.09. Consideration of FY 21 Corporate Compliance Work Plan and Annual Report
On a motion by Judy Patterson, seconded by Vicky Hicks, the Board approved the FY 21 Corporate Compliance Work Plan and Annual Report as presented.

9 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

21.03.10. Consideration of QM/UM Plan
On a motion by Dee Moore, seconded by Rosendo Contreras, the Board approved the Quality and Utilization Management Plan as presented.

9 For 0 Against 1 Abstained


21.03.11. Information Items

- Status of BJA Grant for CRT – Mrs. Goode reported that staff have been identified for the 2nd CRT unit. Plans for them to start providing services in early December.
- Staff Holiday Party will be on December 16 at the Cinemark Theater with 3 showings of Elf, at 10:00, 1:00 and 3:30. There will be social distancing and masks are required.


Community and/or Staff Meetings for the CEO – Mrs. Goode provided a review of the meetings that she and executive staff attended for the month.

21.03.12. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. with all business being completed. The next meeting was set for December 1, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chair, Board of Trustees



Secretary, Board of Trustees