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**BETTY HARDWICK CENTER
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
February 2, 2021
2616 SOUTH CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS**

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Trustees Present:

Dee Moore
Vicky Hicks
Elijah Anderson
Rosendo Contreras
Michael Whitehorn (Teams)
Terri Plumlee (Teams)
Art Casarez (Teams)
Andre Moore

Staff Present:

Jenny Goode
Jennifer Farrar
Dena Heaton

Michael Jones
Chris Mabry
Noreen White
Deborah Kilpatrick

Trustees Absent:

Priscilla Rayford
Judy Patterson
Ed Miller

Executive Staff Absent: Guests Present:

Theron Cole

21.06.01. Invocation/Quorum/Recognition of Guests
Ms. Moore, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m. She stated that a quorum of eight (8) Board members was present. Mrs. Plumlee then delivered the invocation.

21.06.02. Citizens Comments
There were no citizens' comments.

21.06.03. Training Info/Presentation – ECI Overview
Mrs. White presented an overview of services provided by ECI (Early Childhood Intervention). ECI is a coordinated system of services and supports for Texas families who have children, birth to age 3, with delays in development, atypical development or disabilities. Families are expected to be active partners in their child's service delivery and to integrate activities into their daily routine. There are 3 ways for ECI eligibility – Developmental Delay (25% delay in any one of five developmental areas or 33% delay in Expressive Language if that is the only delay; Medical Diagnosis (ECI provides a list of qualifying diagnoses); Qualitative Determination of Delay (HELP Strands, LHPH determination, intelligibility, oral motor, hyper or hypotonicity, autism characteristics).

An Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed for each client to determine: what services are needed; how often and where those services will be provided; who will provide the services; goals for the child and family; activities the caregiver can do every day to help the child reach their identified goals, what the child's current needs and strengths are and when services will be begin and end. Services are provided in the child's natural setting whether that be in the home, daycare, park, etc. Delivered services include: Speech Language Therapy, Developmental Services SST, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Service Coordination. A transition plan is developed when the child reaches 27 months of age. Review plan allows changes and/or to meet with different programs to see which best meets the child's needs. The family will make their referral decision.

Many families do not pay for ECI services. Other pay based on a sliding fee scale called Family Cost Share. Referrals may be made by anyone. There is no diagnosis necessary, no prior screening or assessment, insurance is not required and assessments are done at no cost to the family

21.06.04. Minutes of January 5, 2021 Board Meeting
On a motion by Elijah Anderson, seconded by Vicky Hicks, the Board approved the minutes from the Board meeting on January 5, 2021.

6 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

The Board Chair abstains from voting.

21.06.05. Financial Reports, December, 2020
Mr. Mabry summarized the financial reports for December, 2020. The Center had a profit of \$36,233 for the month and a deficit of \$22,991 for the year.

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

6 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

21.06.06. Consideration of CCBHC Grant Application

On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by Rosendo Contreras and Terri Plumlee, the Board approved the Center's application for CCBHC Expansion Grant and authorized the CEO to submit.

6 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

21.06.07. Information Items

- Things Every Board Member Should be Talking About – This document includes information regarding the 1115 Extension Request, SAMHSA CCBHS Expansion Grant Opportunity, COVID 19 Vaccine, Specialty Mental Health Services for People with IDD, Crisis Counseling Program Update, Texas Council Children's Consortium, Mental Health First Aid Certificate of Achievement, Nominations for Frank M. Adams Award and Redesigned Website and Marketplace Connector Sponsorship Page.
- 2626 Construction Update – The start date on the construction was adjusted to provide time for an asbestos inspection. Date will be announced soon.
- CAC/Adaptive Recreation Discussion – Mrs. Farrar stated that results of a survey to private providers show there is interest in re-opening Adaptive Recreation. BHC is in discussion with the City of Abilene about taking over this program. The City would lease a facility to us, as there would be such an increase in participants that there would not be adequate space at CAC. Additional staff would be needed. Discussions will continue.
- 1115 Extension Request Approved, New Uncompensated Care Pool – Mrs. Goode said the Center for Medicaid and Medicare approved Texas's 1115 waiver extension for 10 years. There is also an uncompensated care pool (Public Health Provider Charity Care Pool or PHPCCP) being developed, which will start in the fall of 2021. It allows some reimbursement for delivering a service to folks who are indigent. The new PHPCCP, along with a directed payment program for Medicaid recipients, there is less concern about the DRIP program ending in 2021.
- Staff & COVID 19 Vaccine – Mr. Jones stated there have been 210 employees that have been monitored for COVID/exposure. Some of those are repeats. There were 266 clients that were monitored. Staff were provided the opportunity to use emergency leave instead of using PTO for COVID issues. Mrs. Goode sent out a survey to see if staff had interest in receiving the vaccine. There were 132 employees that said they wanted the vaccine and have started receiving through the health department.

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.

21.06.08. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. with all business being completed. The next meeting was set for March 2, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chair, Board of Trustees



Secretary, Board of Trustees