

**BETTY HARDWICK CENTER**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING**  
**September 7, 2021**  
**2616 SOUTH CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS**



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**Trustees Present:**

Michael Whitehorn  
Dee Moore  
Terri Plumlee  
Judy Patterson  
Elijah Anderson  
Rosendo Contreras  
Tyler Cagle

**Staff Present:**

Jenny Goode  
Jennifer Farrar  
Dena Heaton  
Noreen White  
Mariana Guevara  
Angela Righi

Michael Jones  
Chris Mabry  
Theron Cole (Teams)  
Leslie Hutchison  
Alyssa Dowdy  
Deborah Kilpatrick

**Trustees Absent:**

Ed Miller  
Priscilla Rayford  
Vicky Hicks  
Andre Moore

**Executive Staff Absent: Guests Present:**

**22.01.01. Invocation/Quorum/Recognition of Guests**

Dr. Whitehorn called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. He stated that a quorum of seven (7) Board members was present. Dr. Whitehorn then delivered the invocation.

**22.01.02. Citizens Comments**

There were no citizens' comments.

**22.01.03. Employee Awards and Recognition 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

The following employees were recognized for their years of service.

Alyssa Dowdy	5 years	ECI Speech Language Pathologist
Mariana Guevera	5	CRT Crisis Specialist
Angela Righi	10	ECI Physical Therapist
Noreen White	15	ECI Program Director
Carolyn Snell-Wellborn	15	Consumer Benefit Specialist
Theron Cole	30	Chief Clinical Officer

**22.01.04. Training Info/Presentation – Texas Council Report**

Mrs. Goode shared information from the recent Texas Council Report, explaining the role of the Texas Council. We pay dues to the Texas Council Community Centers. They do lobbying at the capitol, work with State agencies and advocacy groups that serve our population. Danette Castle is the CEO. Some of the things highlighted include: End of

Session; Telehealth Legislation; 1115 Waiver Extension Status; Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Update; American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; Governor's Executive Order; Mental Health First Aid; Texas Council Annual Conference. The 1115 Waiver Extension was set to expire at the end of 2021. The State of Texas had applied for an extension. It was re-written to include 2 new financing strategies – Directed Payment Program for Behavioral Health Services and Charity Care Program. These programs had been approved, but the approval has been rescinded by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. The 1115 Waiver now remains in effect through September 30, 2022. The American Rescue Plan Act contains funds for COVID-19 relief to address the public health and economic impacts of the pandemic. There are grant opportunities that we may apply for to assist with services for individuals with behavioral health issues or substance use disorders. We have not heard if we will receive any of those funds. We have also applied for funds for the following new programs – Community Healthcare Worker (involves 3 Community Health worker positions that would provide outreach), Rural Diversion (Law Enforcement and Mental Health staff going together), Coordinated Specialty Care Program.

According to the Governor's Executive Order, we cannot require folks to wear mask.

Mental Health First Aid – In FY 21, we trained 303 school district employees, 31 university employees, 265 community members. Some trainings were face-to-face, but due to COVID restrictions, there was a large number of virtual trainings.

Texas Council Annual Conference is scheduled in person, at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin, Wednesday, November 17 – Friday, November 19, 2021.

**22.01.05. Oath of Office (Board Members and Officers)**

Mrs. Kilpatrick administered the Oath of Office to Board members: Michael Whitehorn, Dee Moore, Terri Plumlee, Elijah Anderson, Rosendo Contreras, Judy Patterson, Tyler Cagle and CEO, Jenny Goode. This is a requirement of the Performance Contract with Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

**22.01.06. Minutes of August 3, 2021 Board Meeting**

On a motion by Dee Moore, seconded by Judy Patterson, the Board approved the minutes from the Board meeting on August 3, 2021.

6 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

The Board Chair abstains from voting.

**22.01.07. Financial Reports, July, 2021**

Mr. Mabry summarized the financial reports for July, 2021.

The Center had a loss of \$35,143 for the month and a deficit of \$669,112 for the year. Removing construction expense, we would be at a profit of \$125,284 for the month and a surplus of \$296,643 for the year.

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

6 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

**22.01.08. Consideration of FY 2022 Fee Schedule**

On a motion by Judy Patterson, seconded by Elijah Anderson, the Board approved the FY 22 Fee Schedule for services provided by the Center

6 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

**22.01.09. Consideration of PNAC Charges**

On a motion by Rosendo Contreras, seconded by Dee Moore, the Board charged the Planning and Network Advisory Committee with a list of recommended initiatives.

6 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

**22.01.10. Information Items**

- 2626 South Clack Remodel, RBE Remodel – Mrs. Goode provided an update on the remodels. 2626 South Clack remodel is scheduled to be complete by October 15. RBE building had major water damage after the flooding from the water pipes freezing. Staff moved back in last week.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events – Open House at Adaptive Recreation on September 21; Had a Zoo event for staff in August; RBE Center Open House on October 20; 2626 South Clack in early December.
- Adaptive Recreation Status – Open date was September 1. Applications are available on our website. We have asked United Way for funds to provide lunch for participants.
- CAC Construction – Programs that are likely to relocate to the CAC building after some renovations are: Substance Use, Jails Transitions, TCOOMMI programs.
- Adaptive Recreation Open House Invitation – Mrs. Goode called attention to the invitation to the Adaptive Recreation Open House Invitation on September 21 at 10:00, at 2609 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

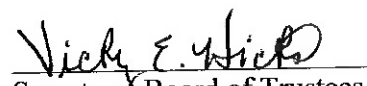
• Community and/or Staff Meetings for the CEO – Mrs. Goode provided a review of the meetings that she and executive staff attended for the month.

**22.01.11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. with all business being completed. The next meeting was set for October 5, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Chair, Board of Trustees

  
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Secretary, Board of Trustees