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BETTY HARDWICK CENTER
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
May 3, 2022
2616 SOUTH CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS

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Trustees Present:

Michael Whitehorn
Rosendo Contreras
Dee Moore
Judy Patterson
Vicky Hicks
Priscilla Rayford

Staff Present:

Jenny Goode
Jennifer Farrar
Dena Heaton

Michael Jones
Chris Mabry
Theron Cole (Teams)
Deborah Kilpatrick

Trustees Absent:

Tyler Cagle
Elijah Anderson
Andre Moore
Ed Miller
Terri Plumlee

Executive Staff Absent: Guests Present:

22.09.01. Invocation/Quorum/Recognition of Guests

Dr. Whitehorn called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. He stated that a quorum of six (6) Board members was present. He then delivered the invocation.

22.09.02. Citizens Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

22.09.03. Training Info/Presentation – Consumer Benefits Unit

Mrs. Cantu and Mrs. Snell-Welborn provided an overview of CBU, which is comprised of 4 staff that are trained and certified on SSA and HHSC benefit programs, rules and regulations. Mrs. Cantu, Mrs. Snell-Wellborn and Ms. Lopez are located in the Abilene office and Ms. Allday is officed in Breckenridge.

Staff are responsible for: Assisting eligible consumers in accessing, understanding, applying for and maintaining state and federal benefits; Facilitating claims as appointed non-attorney representatives with the Social Security Administration; Act as the Center liaison for the SSA, Disability Determination Services and Department of Health and Human Services and Performing duties as Certified Application Assistance Navigators for HHSC's Community Partner Program.

State performance contracts require that all Texas Community Centers have designated, trained and certified staff to provide benefits assistance eligible consumer at no charge. Benefits provide a funding source to help cover the costs of services provided by the Center. Staff remove barriers to understanding and accessing state and federal benefit programs. Benefits provide stability, independence, access to healthcare and a gateway to other community resources. Benefits include: Social Security Disability Benefits (SSI and SSDI), Continuing Disability Reviews, Overpayment Waivers, Work Incentive Program referrals, Medicare Savings Programs, Low Income Subsidy, Part D plans, Buy In programs, Waiver Programs and RSDI Exclusions/MEPD Medicaid Programs.

22.09.04.

Minutes of April 5, 2022 Board Meeting

On a motion by Judy Patterson, seconded by Priscilla Rayford, the Board approved the minutes from the Board meeting on April 5, 2022.

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22.09.05.

Financial Reports, March, 2022

Mr. Mabry summarized the financial reports for March, 2022.

The Center had a profit of \$118,312 for the month and a deficit of \$233,706 for the year.

On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by, Dee Moore, the Board accepted the financial report as presented.

6 For 0 Against 0 Abstained

22.09.06.

Consideration of FY 23 Holiday Calendar

On a motion by Judy Patterson, seconded by Priscilla Rayford, the Board approved the FY 23 Holiday Calendar. There was discussion regarding the addition of 2 extra Floating Holidays. Ms. Patterson's motion included also revising the FY 22 calendar to include these additional days. Floating holidays may be used for any purpose, including your birthday, mental health day, anniversary, religious or cultural holidays.

6 For 0 Against 0 Abstained

22.09.07.

Consideration of Application for CCBHC IA Grant

On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by Priscilla Rayford, the Board approved the Center's application for a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center Improvement and Advancement (CCBHC IA) grant, not to exceed \$1 million in annual expenses.

6 For 0 Against 0 Abstained

22.09.08.

Consideration of Sponsoring Agency Funding Requests

On a motion by Rosendo Contreras, seconded by Judy Patterson, the Board approved the CEO to submit letters requesting FY 23 funding requests to sponsoring entities.

6 For 0 Against 0 Abstained

22.09.09.

Information Items

- Community Health Worker Contract FY 22 – Although we were notified about one year ago that we would receive this contract, we are still awaiting the funds and approval to start the program.
- Taylor County ARPA Funds Update – Mrs. Goode provided an update on the ARPA Funds. Taylor County Commissioners have appointed a committee to determine how to spend the approximately \$26 million that they have received as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act. This act is to provide relief to the economy after COVID 19. The committee has interest in funding behavioral health projects. Current items for consideration: Crisis Diversion Center where a client in crisis could stay for 23 hours or less and an Electronic Health Record System. Taylor County Commissioner Court will vote on how the ARPA Funds will be used.

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.

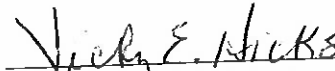
22.09.10.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with all business being completed. The next meeting was set for June 7, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:


Mallie Vite-Trosic, Chair
Board of Trustees


Vicki E. Nicks
Secretary, Board of Trustees