

BETTY HARDWICK CENTER
September 7, 2022
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Trustees Present:

Elijah Anderson
Tyler Cagle
Rosendo Contreras
Judy Patterson
Vicky Hicks
Andre Moore
Gustavo Villanueva
Doug Stanley

Staff Present:

Jenny Goode
Chris Mabry
Deborah Kilpatrick
Irene Fuentes
Courtney Horton
Gwen Boyd-McGhee
Tracy Grogan

Dena Heaton
Jennifer Farrar (Teams)
Christina Cizek
Heather Storey
Amy Leverton
Debbie Evans
Judy McDowell

Trustees Absent:

Priscilla Rayford
Dee Moore
Ed Miller

Executive Staff Absent:

Michael Jones

Guests Present:

Byl Boyd, PNAC Chair

23.01.01. Invocation/Quorum/Recognition of Guests

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. He stated that a quorum of eight (8) Board members was present. He then delivered the invocation.

23.01.02. Citizens Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

23.01.03. Employee Awards and Recognition 4th Quarter

The following employees were recognized for their years of service.

Irene Fuentes	5 years	IDD Crisis Intervention Specialist
Cyndi Garcia	5	C & A Parent Partner
Kara Collins	10	ECI Speech Language Pathologist
Christina Cizek	25	Administrative Assistant/Scheduling Coordinator

Additionally, Deborah Kilpatrick was recognized for 36 years of service as she plans to retire from the Center at the end of September.

23.01.04. Training Info/Presentation – WTHN & BHC Partnership

Ms. Horton and Mrs. Goode provided a presentation on the partnership between West Texas Homeless Network and Betty Hardwick Center. West Texas

Homeless Network is a coalition of local organizations and advocates working together to prevent and end homelessness in West Central Texas. The shared belief of Housing First model, lightest touch approach and a community systems network. The lightest touch provides: Financial assistance; referrals to proper agencies; calls to mediate conflicts with landlords; conversations with family members that are willing to provide more relational assistance; empowerment.

Coordinated Entry is a process through which people at risk or experiencing homelessness can – Access resources in the housing crisis response system in a streamlined way, have their strengths and needs quickly assessed and are referred to appropriate housing and mainstream services tailored to their needs, while the most intensive interventions are prioritized for those with the highest needs. Without coordinated entry – Should we accept this household into our program?, Program-centric, unique forms and assessment processes to each organization, uneven knowledge about available services and housing interventions. With coordinated entry – What housing and/or services quickly ends this household’s homelessness permanently?, Client-centric, standard forms and assessment processes used by every program for every household, accessible information about available services and housing interventions.

WTHN Coordinated Entry Points – Abilene Hope Haven, West Central Texas Regional Foundation-Support Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), Salvation Army and BCFS-Health and Human Services.

Current Initiatives of WTHN include: Progress towards a functional end of homelessness among families with children and homelessness among youth; Formation of a Youth Homelessness Steering Committee with members from BCFS Health & Human Services, WCTRF-SSVF, CASA, AISD Homeless Liaisons and Social Workers, 2 INGage, Safe Families, Boys & Girls Club, Abilene Hope Haven, City Square, Noah Project, New Horizons and Texas Homeless Network; Early stages of foundational work to collaborate with community partners in addressing ending homelessness for all.

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23.01.05. Oath of Office (Board Members and Officers)

Mrs. Cizek administered the Oath of Office to Board members: Elijah Anderson, Rosendo Contreras, Judy Patterson, Tyler Cagle, Doug Stanley, Gustavo Villanueva, Andre Moore, Vicky Hicks and CEO, Jenny Goode. This is a requirement of the Performance Contract with Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

23.01.06. Minutes of August 2, 2022 Board Meeting

On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by Judy Patterson, the Board approved the minutes from the Board meeting on August 2, 2022.

7 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

The Board Chair abstains from voting.

23.01.07.

Financial Reports, July, 2022

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

The Center had a profit of \$39,976 for the month and a surplus of \$2,052 for the year.

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

7 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

23.01.08.

Consideration of Charity Care Policy

On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by Judy Patterson, the Board approved the Charity Care Policy, as proposed. The policy was developed with input from the Contract and Fiscal Imperatives Committee of the Texas Council.

7 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

23.01.09.

Consideration of FY 2023 Fee Schedule

On a motion by Rosendo Contreras, seconded by Gustavo Villanueva, the Board approved the fee schedule for services provided by the Center.

7 For 0 Against 0 Abstained

23.01.10.

Consideration of PNAC Charges

On a motion by Tyler Cagle, seconded by Rosendo Contreras, the Board approved the FY 23 Charges for the Planning and Network Advisory Committee. The PNAC serves in an advisory role to the Board of Trustees.

7 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

23.01.11.

Discussion and Possible Action to HUD Funding

On a motion by Gustavo Villanueva, seconded by Rosendo Contreras, the Board authorized BHC to enter contract negotiation with HUD for current services provided by Hope Haven, with the understanding if there is significant deviation, the contract will be reviewed by the Board.

7 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

23.01.12.

Information Items

- What Every Board Member Should be Talking About Back Home – Mrs. Goode shared the publication noting that Danette Castle has stepped down as the CEO of Texas Council. She will continue to work part time. Lee Johnson has filled the position of CEO. She also called attention to 988 Nation Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The five sites in Texas that respond to the 988 calls include four Community Centers: The Harris Center, Integral Care, Emergence Health Network and MHMR Tarrant and a private non-profit: The Suicide and Crisis Center of North Texas. Most 988 calls are answered out of state.

Home and Community Based Services Settings Rule Compliance is causing concern for Day Habilitation programs. Compliance requires certain changes to a significant transition from Day Habilitation services to a new, more integrated service known as Individualized Skills and Socialization (ISS).

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.

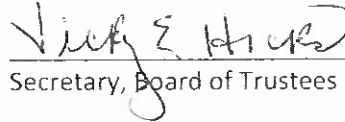
23.01.13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with all business being completed. The next meeting was set for October 4, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chair, Board of Trustees



Secretary, Board of Trustees