

**BETTY HARDWICK CENTER**  
**May 2, 2023**  
**2616 SOUTH CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS**

**Trustees Present:**

Tyler Cagle  
Doug Stanley  
Dee Moore  
Priscilla Rayford  
Vicky Hicks  
Gustavo Villanueva  
Rosendo Contreras

**Staff Present:**

Jenny Goode  
Chris Mabry  
Starla Cason  
Michael Jones  
Jennifer Farrar  
Dena Heaton  
Chris Dillard

Kristi Terbush  
April Hernandez  
Daina Gonzales  
Andra Cobb  
Maria Ibarra

**Trustees Absent:**

Andre Moore  
Judy Patterson  
Ed Miller  
Elijah Anderson

**Executive Staff Absent:**

**Guests Present:**

- 23.09.01. Invocation/Quorum/Recognition of Guests**  
Mr. Cagle called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and provided the invocation. We had a quorum of 7 members present.
- 23.09.02. Citizens Comments**  
There were no citizens' comments.
- 23.09.03. Training Info / Presentation - Community Health Workers**  
Mrs. Terbush provided an overview of the Substance Use Disorder Community Health Worker (CHW) program and how it increases the linkage and retention of services for substance use, mental health, and medical assistance for residents living with substance use disorders (SUD).  
  
Dee Moore inquired about staffing, and Mrs. Terbush and Mrs. Goode explained the staffing numbers as well as the history of funding for this newer program. Doug Stanley inquired about the demographics and outreach area, especially in the rural areas. Mrs. Terbush explained the intentional scheduling of rural area visits and the group discussed the need for continued growth in the rural areas and possible connections (emergency rooms, sheriff visits, etc.) for this opportunity.
- 23.09.04. Minutes of April 4, 2023, Board Meeting**  
On a motion by Rosendo Contreras, seconded by Dee Moore, the Board approved the minutes from the Board meeting on April 4, 2023.  
  
6 For            0 Against            1 Abstained

**23.09.05. Financial Reports, March 2023**

Mr. Mabry summarized the financial reports for March 2023. The focused training sessions over the last few months are starting to show in the financial reports. He expressed optimism that continued training sessions with further divisions will have the same effect. The Center had a profit of \$18,916 for the month and has a surplus of \$34,932 for the year. Of concern is the Health fund deficit of \$346k YTD.

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

6 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

**23.09.06. Consideration of Ancillary Pay COI revisions**

Mr. Jones presented a proposed revision to the current Ancillary Pay COI policy. The revision is being driven by some recent contract allocations from the state intended for recruitment, retention and/or special assignments in the ECI and IDD programs. The policy revision has been worded to allow the Center to pursue these prospects and others that might become available in the future.

The board inquired about where these fund sources were coming from, and Mrs. Goode explained the current sources and ongoing legislation and grants in the pipeline for potential future sources.

On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by Priscilla Rayford, the Board accepted the revisions as presented.

6 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

**23.09.07. Consideration of FY24 Holiday Calendar**

Mrs. Goode explained to the Board the history of the Center Holiday schedule and presented recommendations for ten Center holidays for FY 24, to go along with three floating holidays that employees can use at their preference.

On a motion by Gustavo Villanueva, seconded by Doug Stanley, the Board accepted the proposed calendar as presented.

6 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

**23.09.08. Consideration of Application for CCBHC IA Grant**

Mrs. Goode explained to the Board the application process for the CCBHC IA Grant, which could be worth up to \$1M to cover annual expenses for up to four years.

Rosendo Contreras inquired about any more certifications or processes that would be required if the grant was issued. Mrs. Goode explained that it would not require any new certifications beyond CCBHC recertification that we are doing currently; and further, that the grant would be very competitive, since it is a nationwide grant.

On a motion by Rosendo Contreras, seconded by Doug Stanley, the Board approved the recommendation, as presented.

6 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

**23.09.09. Consideration of Sponsoring Agency Funding Requests**

Mrs. Goode presented the Board with a summary of funding from our local sponsoring agencies for the current fiscal year and explained how the funding is used as well as explaining how it provides a required percentage of match for state general revenue allocations. She further explained some additional cash investments in services related to Jail Navigators, and a good portion of in-kind funding that is not listed in the report that should be recognized by the Board. She is requesting permission to reach out to the sponsoring agencies for their continued commitment of support for the upcoming FY.

On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by Dee Moore, the Board approved the request, as presented.

5 For            0 Against        2 Abstained


**23.09.10. Information Items**

Mrs. Goode discussed the monthly calendar of events and meetings that the Executive staff has been a part of in April. Additionally, she then provided handouts from the Texas Council regarding status of several legislative bills and summary of care and source of funding pie charts as educational tools for future presentations and briefings.

**23.09.11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. with all business being completed. The next meeting was set for June 6, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Chair, Board of Trustees

  
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Secretary, Board of Trustees

