

BETTY HARDWICK CENTER
August 1, 2023
2616 SOUTH CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS

Trustees Present:
Elijah Anderson
Doug Stanley
Dee Moore
Priscilla Rayford
Vicky Hicks
Tyler Cagle
Rosendo Contreras
Ed Miller
Gustavo Villanueva

Staff Present:
Jenny Goode
Chris Mabry
Starla Cason
Dena Heaton
Jennifer Farrar
Chris Dillard
Heather Haddix

Trustees Absent:
Andre Moore
Judy Patterson

Executive Staff Absent:
Michael Jones

Guests Present:

23.12.01. Invocation/Quorum/Recognition of Guests
Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and provided the invocation. We had a quorum of 9 members present. Mr. Villanueva had to depart for another commitment at 6:20pm, therefore the vote number changes for items 11-13.

23.12.02. Citizens Comments
There were no citizens' comments.

23.12.03. Minutes of June 6, 2023, Board Meeting
On a motion by Tyler Cagle, seconded by Vicky Hicks, the Board approved the minutes from the Board meeting on June 6, 2023.

8 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

23.12.04. Financial Reports, June 2023
Mr. Mabry summarized the financial reports for June 2023. The Back to Budget meetings are creating positive trends in several of the key departments. Mr. Anderson inquired about how ARPA funds were being distributed and Mr. Mabry explained that ECI receives those in three separate programs. Mr. Anderson then inquired about the deferred income line of accounting and Mr. Mabry and Mrs. Goode explained how that would play out over the rest of the fiscal year.

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

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23.12.05. Consideration of FY 2024 Budget

Mr. Mabry presented the Board with the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024. The budget is very similar to the previous budget with adjustments based on historical trends in Medicare and insurance projections and necessary adaptations to absorb cost increases to the Center's portion of health insurance. Mrs. Goode explained that the revenue numbers are based on contracts in hand versus guesses of funds that are developing in the legislative pipeline, so there will be adjustments throughout the year as potential new funding sources and programs become available. The group discussed how the 6.5% increase this year compared to previous years and what impacted those changes. Lastly, the group discussed how the HUD transfer affected the budget.

On a motion by Rosendo Contreras, seconded by Tyler Cagle, the Board approved the FY 24 budget.

8 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

23.12.06. Consideration of Annual Board Training Program

Mrs. Goode presented the proposed Training Program for the next fiscal year and the group discussed the desire to schedule a facilities tour in October.

On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by Priscilla Rayford, the Board approved the Annual Board Training Program as presented. Board training is a requirement according to Texas Health and Safety Code, Title 7.534.006, which states that community centers shall provide annual training for their Board of Trustees.

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23.12.07. Consideration of Funding Opportunity

Mrs. Goode presented the Board with upcoming funding opportunities through the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Of the seven opportunities available, Mrs. Goode explained how the program funds associated with Multisystemic Therapy had the best potential fit for the Center.

On a motion by Priscilla Rayford, seconded by Rosendo Contreras, the Board approved the pursuit of HHSC funds regarding Multisystemic Therapy.

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23.12.08. Report of the Nominating Committee & Election of Officers

In June, Mr. Anderson appointed Dee Moore, Priscilla Rayford and Doug Stanley to the Board Officers Nominating Committee with instructions to recommend a slate of officers at the August Board meeting. The committee

reached out to the current officers, and all the incumbents agreed to continue in their positions, with the approval of the Board.

The nominations are as follows:

Chair – Elijah Anderson
Vice Chair – Tyler Cagle
Secretary – Vicky Hicks
Treasurer – Rosendo Contreras

On a motion by Dee Moore, seconded by Tyler Cagle, the Board approved the nominations, as recommended by the committee.

8 For 0 Against 1 Abstained

23.12.09. Chairperson’s Board Appointments

The following committee appointments were made by the Board Chair:

Texas Council Community MHMR Centers Board Liaison: Elijah Anderson
Texas Council Community MHMR Centers Board Alternate: Tyler Cagle

23.12.10. Information Items

Mrs. Farrar discussed the recent HHSC IDD Authority Review. Mrs. Goode discussed ongoing discussions regarding Board positions that are being renewed or filled in September. The group, led by Mrs. Cason, discussed the recent SIM Mapping meetings. Mrs. Goode then let the group know that the golf fundraiser that had been approved during the June board meeting had been cancelled by the organizers for this year. Additionally, she let the Board know of the timeline for HUD funding and that the progress would be briefed at the next Board meeting.

23.12.11. Closed Session – In Accordance with Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, Review Performance of Chief Executive Officer.

On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by Dee Moore, the Board voted to go into closed session to discuss the CEO performance review and any proposed adjustments to the renewal contract.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

23.12.12. Open Session – Consideration of Action Regarding Chief Executive Officer.
The Board went back into open session at 7:18 p.m. Mr. Anderson reported that the Board was back in Open Session after consideration of the Chief Executive Officer’s performance.

On a motion by Priscilla Rayford, seconded by Tyler Cagle, the Board approved the CEO evaluation.


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23.12.13. Consideration of CEO Contract
On a motion by Elijah Anderson, seconded by Dee Moore, the Board approved a new 3-year contract for CEO, Jenny Goode, expressing their continued appreciation of her leadership and representation of the Center within the community and the state.

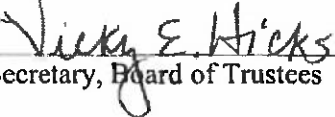
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23.12.14. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. with all business being completed. The next meeting was set for September 5, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chair, Board of Trustees



Secretary, Board of Trustees

CERTIFIED AGENDA

Presiding Officer: Elijah Anderson, Chair, Board of Trustees
Name Title

Announcement of beginning of meeting: August 1, 2023 6:35 P. M.
Date Time

Subject Matter

(List the specific items to be discussed in sufficient detail to make the subject matter clear.)

Closed Session – In Accordance with Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074,
Personnel Matters, Review Performance of Chief Executive Officer and proposed adjustments to the
renewal contract.

Further Action

(Describe any further action taken; a final vote or final action on a subject may not be taken in the
closed meeting.)

Open Session – Consideration of Action Regarding Performance of
Chief Executive Officer. No action was taken in Closed Session other than dialogue between Board
members.

Announcement of end of meeting: August 2, 2022 7:18 P.M.
Date Time

Certification

I, Elijah Anderson, presiding officer at the closed meeting held by the
Board of Trustees of the Abilene Regional MHMR Center dba Betty Hardwick Center on August 1, 2023,
between 6:35 P.M. and 7:18 P.M., certify by my
signature that the attached agenda is a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Signed: 

Date: 08/01/23 Time 7:34 P.M.

