

BETTY HARDWICK CENTER
June 4, 2024
2616 SOUTH CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS

Trustees Present:

Elijah Anderson
Tyler Cagle
Rosendo Contreras
Vickie Street
Vicky Hicks
Gustavo Villanueva
Priscilla Rayford
Dee Moore

Staff Present:

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

Terry Hayhurst

Trustees Absent:

Andre Moore
Ed Miller
Doug Stanley

Executive Staff Absent:

N/A

Guests:

Travis Sartain (MMA)

24.10.01. 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 eight (8) members present.

24.10.02. Citizens Comments
There were no citizens' comments.

24.10.03. Training Presentation – Health Plan Overview
Mr. Travis Sartain, Executive Vice President of Marsh McLennan Agency, provided a review of the current state of our Health Plan and discussed various strategies for the upcoming 2024/2025 renewal. The review included general plan overview and how ours compared to others. Our plan performance, and the way forward; to include compliance with ongoing legislative updates.

24.08.04. Training Presentation – 2024 Strategic Initiatives
Mrs. Goode provided the group with a presentation of past, current, and future initiatives that the Executive Staff is using to drive conversation and action plans.

24.10.05. Minutes of May 7, 2024 Board Meeting
On a motion by Tyler Cagle, seconded by Priscilla Rayford, the Board approved the minutes from the Board meeting on May 7, 2024.

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24.10.06. Financial Reports, April 2024

Mr. Mabry provided a review of the Financial reports from April 2024. The Health Fund currently improved to a deficit of \$142,231 for the year; and is optimistically projected to break even for the year. On the income side, earned revenue continues to make up for lack of budgeted DPP funds. Expenses are in line with the budget. The Center experienced a profit of \$107,029 for the month and is just above break even for the year with a \$17,125 surplus.

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

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24.10.07. Consideration of Change to IDD Respite Program

Mrs. Farrar presented a proposal to change the current IDD Respite Program to a voucher system, instead of keeping out IDD Respite center open continuously.

The Center has provided IDD Respite at RB Evans for many years. Over the past twenty years, the Center has seen very little increase in IDD General Revenue as costs of operations continue to grow. We are using a lot of resources in our IDD Respite program to serve only a small portion of our clients. We believe that by closing the 6-bed facility and changing to a voucher-based Respite service, we can continue to provide Respite in a different way and add some Community Support Skills Training capacity to serve more clients in other ways.

Most Centers around the state use a Voucher based approach to IDD Respite, and we use a similar approach in both our ECI program and our YES Waiver program. While we believe there are a few client situations where the current model is desirable, the voucher is a more cost-effective approach. Further, the ability to redirect current resources helps us address other Center needs and increase other services to our IDD clients and their families, while continuing to provide some respite care. We believe that this will also expand the use of our rural clients who do not utilize our current program as much due to the distance.

Vickie Street asked about any impacts that this change would have on our current grant requirements. Mrs. Farrar discussed the training requirements and the system of checks and balances that we would have to maintain under a voucher system.

Tyler Cagle asked about the level of oversight to avoid abuse of the voucher program. Mrs. Goode and Mrs. Farrar discussed the program Agreement and documentation that takes place in a voucher type program, along with our set limits on number of hours per month/year available to minimize risk.

Priscilla Rayford asked if there would be capacity or flexibility for the client to use their limited hours to best serve their need; and Tyler Cagle asked about clients how do not fit the voucher system. Mrs. Farrar explained that the voucher system provides the guidance for normal operating procedures; but we do have the flexibility to fit the vouchers to their needs as well as use other emergency plans (use of our MH Respite facility or other forms of support). Additionally, the maximum hours per week, per month, etc. are guidance for budgeting but can be adjusted by our staff to support the clients' needs.

On a motion by Tyler Cagle, seconded by Vicky Hicks, the Board approved the proposal to change as presented.

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24.10.08. Officer Nominating Committee

Mr. Anderson appointed a committee including Dee Moore, Vickie Street and Ed Miller. This group will provide a list of officer nominations for the August Board meeting.

24.10.09. Information Items

Mrs. Goode reviewed the upcoming and future calendar of events and discussed the status of Sponsoring Agency fund requests and the status of the ongoing OIG audit. We do not plan to meet in July due to the holiday schedule.

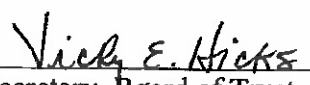
24.10.10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. with all business being completed. The next meeting was set for August 6, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chair, Board of Trustees



Secretary, Board of Trustees

