

**BETTY HARDWICK CENTER**  
**August 6, 2024**  
**2616 SOUTH CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS**

**Trustees Present:**

Elijah Anderson  
Doug Stanley  
Andre Moore  
Priscilla Rayford  
Vicky Hicks  
Vickie Street

**Staff Present:**

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

**Trustees Absent:**

Ed Miller  
Tyler Cagle  
Dee Moore  
Rosendo Contreras  
Gustavo Villanueva

**Executive Staff Absent:**

None

**Guests Present:**

None

**24.12.01.**

**Invocation/Quorum/Recognition of Guests**

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. and provided the invocation. We had a quorum of 6 members present.

**24.12.02.**

**Citizens Comments**

There were no citizens' comments.

**24.12.03.**

**Minutes of June 4, 2024, Board Meeting**

On a motion by Vickie Street, seconded by Priscilla Rayford, the Board approved the minutes from the Board meeting on June 4, 2024.

5 For

0 Against

1 Abstained

**24.12.04.**

**Financial Reports, June 2024**

Mr. Mabry summarized the financial reports for June 2024. The Health Fund is down right now but is still projected to be near break even by the end of FY as stop loss payments trickle in as deposits. The Center continues to do well with revenue and expenses budgeting and currently has a surplus of \$261K for the year. Mrs. Goode noted that the financial auditors will be here next month to start the annual review and that several of the Netsmart EHR changeover impacted billing processes that we are still working on and as they are resolved, may result in adjustments to the Accounts Receivable numbers. Staff are working on daily with the Netsmart RCM and insurance companies.

Mr. Anderson asked about the timeline expectations for the stop-loss payments for the Health Fund. Mr. Mabry explained that it was 2 weeks to a month before we receive the stop-loss refund payments after covering the expenses.

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

5 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

**24.12.05.        Consideration of FY 2025 Budget**

Mr. Mabry presented the Board with the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The budget is very similar to the previous budget in most program areas. The Center did add on Multisystem Therapy this year, but did not reapply for Jail Transitions funding and Community Response Team 2 federal grant ends, so those cost centers are no longer active. Overall, the proposed budget has a 2.5% increase for FY25 in expenses and revenue projections.

Mr. Anderson noted a couple of line items on the revenue budget that reference negative revenue. Mr. Mabry and Mrs. Goode explained that those line items are just contract adjustments for larger consolidated revenue lines (i.e. Medicaid).

The board also reviewed the FY25 contracts with focus on contracts that exceed \$25,000.

On a motion by Doug Stanley, seconded by Priscilla Rayford, the Board approved the FY25 budget and the associated FY25 contract list.

5 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

**24.12.06.        Consideration of Approval of State Leadership Letter**

Mrs. Goode presented the background and goal of a board signed letter that is intended to go to the Senate Finance Committee members and state leadership as they prepare for the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The group reviewed the current draft of the letter and discussed the process for signatures and submitting the letter.

On a motion by Vicky Hicks, seconded by Vickie Street, the Board approved the development of the letter and supported its submission.

5 For            0 Against        1 Abstained

**24.12.07. Consideration of Annual Board Training Program**

Mrs. Goode presented the proposed Training Program for the next fiscal year and the group asked for more information/briefings from our Community Partners and how BHC programs are integrated into the community.

On a motion by Vickie Street, seconded by Doug Stanley, the Board approved the Annual Board Training Program as presented, with note that there will be at least six topics and that the topics may be adjusted.

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.

5 For      0 Against      1 Abstained

**24.12.08. Report of the Nominating Committee & Election of Officers**

In June, Mr. Anderson appointed Dee Moore, Vickie Street and Sheriff Ed Miller 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 Priscilla Rayford, seconded by Doug Stanley, the Board approved the nominations, as recommended by the committee.

5 For      0 Against      1 Abstained

**24.12.09. 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

**24.12.10. Information Items**

Mrs. Farrar discussed the recent HHSC IDD Authority Review. The audit mostly focused on General Revenue funded services and the Center passed with an overall 87 percent. Vickie Street applauded this number, knowing how difficult these external reviews can be.

Mrs. Goode discussed the OIG Audit status, the upcoming Exit Conference, and the expected way forward with management responses. Overall, it went well; but it will be nice to be done with this long audit.

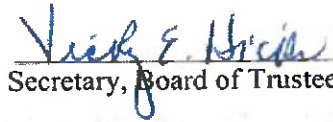
24.12.11. **Open Session** – The board decided not to go into Closed Session and the group openly discussed the CEO Leadership survey results and performance evaluation. No action was taken.

24.12.12. **Adjournment**  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. with all business being completed. The next meeting was set for September 3, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chair, Board of Trustees



Secretary, Board of Trustees