EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7, 2026
7711 Goodwood Blvd
Library Room 2E
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM. Executive Committee members in attendance were Chair Patrick Seiter, Sharon Robinson, Donna Collins Lewis, and Cynthia Munn.

Also in attendance was Charlotte Claiborne from the Bridge Center for Hope.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Seiter asked if any member of the public wished to comment, and after hearing none, proceeded with the agenda as written.

III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held March 5, 2026

Mr. Seiter reviewed the minutes of the March 5, 2026, Executive Committee meeting. On a motion by Sharon Robinson, seconded by Cynthia Munn, the minutes of the March 5, 2026, Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Financial Overview

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Robinson, who then provided a detailed financial overview of the current fiscal situation, including key metrics and projections.

B. For Discussion: Annual Audit

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Robinson, who reported that the Finance Committee convened on May 5, 2026, with auditor Jim Faichild, who presented the 2025 Annual Audit. After review, the Executive Committee approved the audit for presentation at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting on May 14, 2026.

C. For Discussion: 990 Tax Form

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Robinson, who reported that the Finance Committee convened on May 5, 2026, with auditor Jim Faichild, who presented Form 990 for 2025. After review, the Executive Committee approved the Form 990 for presentation at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting on May 14, 2026.

D. For Action: Approval of Pulse One Contract

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne, who sought approval to enhance the security software by contracting with Pulse One as the IT provider. Following an in-depth discussion, on a motion by Sharon Robinson, seconded by Donna Collins Lewis, the Executive Committee approved the contract with the IT upgrade.

V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Board Vacancies

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne, who stated that no responses have been received for the board vacancy post. After careful review, the Executive Committee decided to withdraw the vacancy announcement and will revisit the board vacancies during the next Board of Directors meeting on May 14, 2026.

VI. BRIDGE CENTER ORDERS

A. For Discussion: Legislative Update

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne, who reported that the concurrent Senate resolution was filed on May 6, 2026, and a hearing might be scheduled soon.

B. For Discussion: MCO Update

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne, who reported that, due to overwhelming complaints from providers, the Office of Behavioral Health has requested the Managed Care Organizations meet collaboratively to discuss how they can support the crisis response provider. In doing so, the MCOs have requested a copy of the Bridge Center's HMA rate analysis report.

C. For Discussion: HMA Analysis

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne, who shared the HMA analysis findings. The committee reviewed the report and agreed to delay presenting until there is clearer direction on the use of funds and further consideration of the Bridge Center's fiscal position ahead of the upcoming tax renewal.

D. For Discussion: Bridge Center Stats

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne, who reported the following statistics:

- 15,578 Presentations (920) average 300 per month (March 31)
- 14,769 Admissions (885)
- 82 BRPD, 40 EMS, 10 EBRSO, 157 MCR 2026

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked whether there was any unfinished business requiring discussion. Ms. Claiborne reported that the lobby sign was in fabrication, the 6th Annual Bridging the Gap Community Resource Fair was scheduled for May 29, 2026, and the BA with Goodwill Industries was completed. She also followed up on the in-person ethics training request.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked whether there was any new business requiring discussion. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Capital Area Human Services and the Bridge Center for Hope partnered to form the Region 2 Crisis Coalition in response to the recent events in East Baton Rouge Parish and established mental health pop-up sites. Ms. Claiborne also reported that she will be the guest speaker at the Baton Rotary Club on May 20 for the presentation Five Years of Hope: The Bridge Center's Impact on Crisis Care in EBR and Beyond.

IX. ADJOURN

With no further business to conduct, and on a motion by Sharon Robinson, seconded by Cynthia Munn, the Executive Committee adjourned at 1:18 PM.