EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 7, 2026
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
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MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM. Executive Committee members participating were Chair Patrick Seiter, Donna Collins Lewis, and Cynthia Munn. A quorum was determined.

Also participating were Charlotte Claiborne from the Bridge Center for Hope and Erika Vension, a member of the public.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Seiter asked whether any members of the public wished to comment. A member of the public participating in the meeting declined to comment, and Mr. Seiter proceeded with the agenda as written.

III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held May 28, 2026

Mr. Seiter reviewed the minutes of the May 28, 2026, Executive Committee meeting. On a motion by Donna Collins Lewis, seconded by Cynthia Munn, the May 28, 2026, Executive Committee minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Financial Overview

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne, who reported that the Bridge Center had received $7,967,272 in City-Parish funding. She noted that receipts were approximately $104,298 below budget projections but advised that future monthly allocations were expected to close the difference.

Ms. Claiborne reported total year-to-date revenue of $8,113,864 and total expenses through May of $3,228,705. Expenses included general administrative and professional services costs, with approximately $2,935,417 attributable to facility operations and mobile crisis response services.

V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Nominating Committee Overview

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Munn, who reported that the Nominating Committee had agreed to delay filling current Board vacancies until members whose terms expire on December 31, 2026, confirm whether they intend to remain on the Board.

Reconsideration letters will be sent to eight members, with responses due by July 31, 2026. The Committee also agreed to continue recruiting a psychiatrist to fill a remaining vacancy.

VI. BRIDGE CENTER ORDERS

A. For Discussion: LDH/MCO Update

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne, who provided an update on LDH's crisis-service rate study and the Bridge Center's response to requests for provider feedback. The Committee also discussed plans to review applicable Recovery Innovations financial records in accordance with the service agreement, with written notice to be prepared in coordination with legal counsel and Recovery Innovations.

B. For Discussion: Strategy Committee

Ms. Claiborne provided an update on the formation of the Strategy Committee and recommended scheduling its initial meeting so members could begin preparing for the Bridge Center's upcoming tax renewal.

C. For Discussion: 2027 Medicaid Requirements and ACT 788

Ms. Claiborne provided an overview of Act 788, the planned August stakeholder meeting, and the need to clarify the Bridge Center's role within the community response system. The Committee discussed concerns regarding inappropriate referrals, hospital and law enforcement transports, capacity limitations, and coordination among community partners.

Ms. Claiborne also reviewed Medicaid eligibility changes expected in 2027 and their potential impact on Bridge Center services and Recovery Innovations' reimbursement.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked whether there was any unfinished business requiring discussion. After hearing none, he proceeded with the agenda as written.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee reviewed the proposed agenda for the upcoming Board of Directors meeting and agreed that it was appropriate as presented.

Ms. Claiborne reported that she would distribute the agenda and supporting documents to the Board, including explanatory information regarding Act 788, Medicaid eligibility and enrollment requirements, and a simplified intake scenario illustrating the potential impact on Bridge Center operations.

IX. ADJOURN

With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Donna Collins Lewis, seconded by Cynthia Munn, the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.