



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Bridge Center for Hope Board of Directors will hold a Board of Directors meeting as shown below:

DATE: January 18, 2021
TIME: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
LOCATION: Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87863355835?pwd=MEIzeGw1WXBVeTB1ZlcxMmwwweDNFQT09>
Meeting ID: 878 6335 5835
Passcode: 393476
Phone: 346-248-7799

AGENDA: Attached

The public is invited to attend.

Notice has been made of this meeting, through publication and via internet, to comply with the “Louisiana Open Meetings Law”.

Charlotte Claiborne, Bridge Center for Hope
Executive Director



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 18, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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AGENDA

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| I. | CALL MEETING TO ORDER | Patrick Seiter |
| II. | PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS | Patrick Seiter |
| III. | MINUTES | Patrick Seiter |
| | A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held November 17, 2021 | |
| IV. | FINANCE COMMITTEE | Sharon Robinson |
| | A. For Information: Budget Review | |
| V. | COMMUNITY RELATIONS | Greg Dicharry |
| | A. For Information: Community Relations Update | |
| VI. | ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE | Dr. Jan Laughinghouse |
| | A. For Information: Accountability and Quality Update | |
| VII. | BRIDGE CENER SUBCOMMITTE | Patrick Seiter |
| | A. For Discussion: Service Agreement and CEA | |
| VIII. | RI UPDATE | RI International |
| | A. For Information: MCO Update | |
| | B. For Information: 2022 Crisis Implementation | |
| IX. | UNFINISHED BUSINESS | Patrick Seiter |
| X. | NEW BUSINESS | Patrick Seiter |
| XI. | ADJOURN | Patrick Seiter |

**THE BRIDGE CENTER FOR HOPE, INC'S
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION JBE 2020-30**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Louisiana declared a Public Health Emergency due to the threat posed to public safety by the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation JBE 2020-30, entitled Additional Measures for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, the purpose of Proclamation JBE 2020-30 was to provide, in part, for additional measures to help combat the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Section Four of Proclamation JBE 2020-30 authorized attendance at public meetings via teleconference or video conference during the pendency of the emergency;

WHEREAS, Section Four of Proclamation JBE 2020-30 further mandated that, before invoking the authority of Section Four, a public entity is required to certify that it would be unable to operate due to quorum requirements;

WHEREAS, The Bridge Center for Hope, Inc. needs to conduct essential business;

WHEREAS, due to health and safety concerns and in order to comply with COVID-19 restrictions, The Bridge Center for Hope, Inc. is unable to obtain a quorum of the members to attend an in-person meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Bridge Center for Hope, Inc., therefore, needs to implement the authorization in Section Four of Proclamation JBE 2020-30;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Proclamation JBE 2020-30, The Bridge Center for Hope, Inc. hereby certifies on this 13th day of January 2022, that it is unable to obtain an in-person quorum for its Board of Directors meeting scheduled for January 18th due to the threat of COVID-19, and that, therefore, one or more of its members may participate in such meeting via teleconference or video conference. Additionally, all efforts will be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public. The meeting may be accessed at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87863355835?pwd=MEIzeGw1WXBVeTB1ZlcxMmwweDNFQT09> Meeting ID: 878 6335 5835; Passcode: 393476; Phone: 346-248-7799



Patrick Seiter, Board Chair



ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 17, 2021

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89504638193?pwd=Qmk1SEMzRnkvc1JmTW9tS0RsM0JLUT09>

Meeting ID: 895 0463 8193

Passcode: 314088

Phone: 346-248-7799

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Annual Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM. Board members participating virtually were Chair Patrick Seiter, Sharon Robinson, Lauren Crump, Chief Murphy Paul, Charles Abboud, Greg Dicharry, Carolina Jones, Dr. Jan Laughinghouse, Dr. Tiffany Simpson, Kathy Kliebert, Denise Amoroso, Donna Collins-Lewis, and Michael Mitchell. A quorum was determined.

Also, participating virtually were Charlotte Claiborne from the Bridge Center for Hope; Mike Singletary from Postlewaite and Netterville; Emily Grey and Murphy Foster from Breazeale, Sachse, and Wilson, Lysha Best and Joy Brunson-Nsubuga from RI International; Evon Roquemore with Brightside Social Services as a member of the public.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Seiter asked if any member of the public request to comment on the agenda items as presented. After hearing no request for comment, Mr. Seiter proceeded with the agenda as written.

III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 21, 2021

Mr. Seiter reviewed the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held on September 22, 2021. **On a motion by Kathy Kliebert and a second by Sharon Robinson, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 21, 2021.**

IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. Welcome: Dr. Tiffany Pitts Simpson

Mr. Seiter deferred to Chief Paul for the Nominating Committee update. Chief Paul welcomed Dr. Tiffany Pitts Simpson to the Board of Directors and asked her to introduce herself. Dr. Simpson greeted and thanked the Board of Directors for selecting her and provided an overview of her background and experiences.

B. For Information: Unanimous Consent of Board Directors

Chief Paul deferred to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported that ballots have been received and the Board of Directors have unanimously reelected Patrick Seiter as Director and Board Chair, Sharon Robinson as Director and Treasurer, and Michael Mitchell as Director. Ms. Claiborne also reported that Chad Guillot has retired from Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and thus vacating his role as a director. Ms. Claiborne reported that Mr. Guillot seat was tied to his EMS role and thus the interim Director Michael Denicola will assume this seat until a director is chosen.

V. ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

A. For Information: Monthly Performance

Mr. Seiter called upon Dr. Laughinghouse to provide the update for the Accountability and Quality Committee. Dr. Laughinghouse reviewed the monthly stats from the Provider Monthly Outcome Monthly Performance report citing that there were 243 presentations, 229 admits for August. Dr. Laughinghouse also reported that 149 entered the facility directly, and first responders escorted 80. Year to date, forty-nine percent were accompanied by Baton Rouge Police Department, 26% by East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's office, and 24% by EMS.

After due discussion, the board requested RI to track specific statistics centered around the indigent and homeless populations.

Ms. Amoroso requested an update be given to Metro Council. Ms. Claiborne reported that she will update Metro Council at the December 8, 2021, council meeting.

VI. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Information: Budget Overview

Mr. Seiter called upon Ms. Robinson to provide the update for the Finance Committee. Ms. Robinson provided an overview of the current budget for the remainder of the year.

VII. RI INTERNATIONAL

A. For Discussion: MCO/LDH Update

Mr. Seiter deferred to RI International representatives to provide an update. Ms. Nsubuga reported that RI International submitted the RFA to LDH to be able to provide crisis services

in Louisiana in 2022. Ms. Nsubuga reported that they are currently waiting for LDH to announce the providers.

B. For Discussion: 2022 Bridge Center Programs and Services

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the programs and services offered in 2022. Ms. Claiborne reported that due to the new crisis implementation by LDH/OBH, the Bridge Center would need to adjust its service delivery.

Ms. Claiborne reported that with the proposed new crisis services Medicaid does not cover the 18 to 20 or involuntary populations. Ms. Claiborne also reported that the current way that the Respite unit is described is not Medicaid reimbursable either and would have to reimage how these services can be covered going forward.

Ms. Claiborne suggested discussing the possibly of restricting a portion of any surplus funding to cover these services, extending the gap funding provision, and revising the current service agreement with RI International.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any unfinished business that requires discussion. Ms. Claiborne reported that the language written in the current CEA with City-Parish may need to be revised to include specific language regarding the mobile response team. Ms. Claiborne deferred to Emily Grey. Emily reported that legal is scheduling a meeting with the parish attorneys to discuss and would notify if an Amendment has to go before Metro Council.

After due discussion, Mr. Seiter recommended forming a subcommittee to address the issues regarding the potential amendments to the service agreement with RI and the CEA with City-Parish.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any new business that requires discussion. After hearing no comments Mr. Seiter proceeded with the agenda as written.

X. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, and on a motion by Denise Amoroso and a second by Charles Abboud, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM.

Minutes Prepared by
Charlotte Claiborne, Executive Director