



## **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The Executive Committee of The Bridge Center for Hope will hold an Executive Committee meeting as shown below:

DATE: March 8, 2022

TIME: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84971829827?pwd=c1BJYmNpMStkSHVJTj9TeEF3aWp1QT09>

Meeting ID: 849 7182 9827

Passcode: 283278

Phone: 346-248-7799

**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”.

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Charlotte Claiborne, Bridge Center for Hope  
Executive Director



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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 January 11, 2022 |                     |
| IV.   | FINANCE COMMITTEE   | Sharon Robinson     |
|       | A. For Information: Finance Committee Update  |                     |
| V.    | COMMUNITY RELATIONS   | Charlotte Claiborne |
|       | A. For Information: Community Relations Update  |                     |
| VI.   | ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE  | Charlotte Claiborne |
|       | A. For Information: Accountability and Quality Update                                       |                     |
| VII.  | RI INTERNATIONAL  | Charlotte Claiborne |
|       | A. For Information: MCO Update  |                     |
|       | B. For Information: 2022 Program and Services Implementation                                |                     |
|       | C. For Information: Out of Parish Funding   |                     |
| VIII. | UNFINISHED BUSINESS   | Patrick Seiter      |
| IX.   | NEW BUSINESS  | Patrick Seiter      |
| X.    | 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 Executive Committee of the Bridge Center for Hope, Inc. hereby certifies on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2022, that it is unable to obtain an in-person quorum for its meeting scheduled for March 8, 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

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Patrick Seiter, Board Chair



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 11, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87513128139?pwd=bGd3ekRLdVZ0VGhUTHJQSXRUUWZwUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 1312 8139

Passcode: 038773

Phone: 346-248-7799

### MINUTES

#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM. Executive Committee members participating virtually were Chair Patrick Seiter, Sharon Robinson, Lauren Crump, and Chief Murphy Paul.

Also, participating virtually was Charlotte Claiborne from the Bridge Center for Hope.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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 Executive Committee meeting held November 10, 2021

Mr. Seiter reviewed the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on November 10, 2021. **On a motion by Sharon Robinson and a second by Lauren Crump, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on November 10, 2021.**

#### IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Information: Budget Review

Mr. Seiter called upon Ms. Robinson to review the budget. Ms. Robinson reviewed the budget for the fiscal year ending 2021, going over each line item and noting that the Bridge Center will incur a surplus.

Ms. Claiborne reported that, to date, RI International had contributed roughly \$2.5 million of its revenue to the Bridge Center for Hope.

## V. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### A. For Information: Community Relations Update

Mr. Seiter called upon Ms. Claiborne to give the update for the Community Relations Committee. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Community Relations Committee is scheduled to meet in February 2022 to discuss the new ad-hoc proposal from Brew Agency. In addition, Ms. Claiborne reported that the Community Relations committee wanted to better understand how the programs and services from LDH will align with the Bridge Center before engaging in community messaging and campaigns. Ms. Claiborne also reported that no contact had been renewed for communications and marketing if the committee decided to go in a different direction.

## VI. ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to provide the update for the Accountability and Quality Committee. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Accountability and Quality Committee was scheduled to meet and discuss the monthly performance and annual report. Ms. Claiborne reported on the December PMOR with the following statistic:

- 193 presentations (2,286 Year)
- 187 admitted (2,141 year)
- 50 first responders/137 independent (886 FR/ 1,255 independent)
- Average time 3.74 for December (3.53 year)
- 1,947 EBR 194 Out of parish
- 49% (972 mental health)
- 51% (998 substance use)

## VII. SUBCOMMITTEE

### A. For Information: Subcommittee Update

Mr. Seiter reported that the Subcommittee recommendation was not to amend to the service agreement per legal counsel interpretations and concluded that Year Two gap payment extension is not required based on the language written in the contract. Mr. Seiter added that the Bridge Center would reevaluate and consider all issues once Medicaid rates are implemented.

### B. For Discussion: 2022 Program and Services

Mr. Seiter called upon Ms. Claiborne to discuss the 2022 Program and Services. Ms. Claiborne reported that all crisis providers are about to undergo training by LSU for the new crisis services. In addition, Ms. Claiborne reported that all the services offered at the Bridge Center are in line with the services implemented by the state.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there were any unfinished business that required discussion. Ms. Crump suggested contacting the Coroner's office to request recommendations based on feedback provided at the September 17, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any new business that required discussion. Ms. Claiborne reported that Chad Guillot, the EMS Director, had retired and replaced interim director Michael Denicola.

Ms. Claiborne said that the current EMS interim director would attend the upcoming Board of Director's meeting because his board seat was linked to his position.

X. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, and **on a motion by Lauren Crump and a second by Sharon Robinson, the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.**

Minutes prepared by  
Charlotte Claiborne, Executive Director