



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 21, 2023  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM  
7711 Goodwood Blvd Room 102 – Main Library  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

### MINUTES

#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM. Board members in attendance were Chair Patrick Seiter, Sharon Robinson, Murphy Paul, Lauren Crump, Charles Abboud, Denise Amoroso, Dr. William Clark, Michael Denicola, Greg Dicharry, Kathy Kliebert, Dr. Jan Laughinghouse, Donna Collins-Lewis, Hiller Moore, and Dr. Tiffany Simpson. A quorum was determined.

Also in attendance were Charlotte Claiborne from the Bridge Center for Hope, Emily Grey from Breazeale, Sachse, and Wilson, Kristi Marionneaux from Postlewaite and Netterville, Ginny Engholm from For Good Content, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga, Lysha Best, and Shawne Langston Emery from RI International, and Porsha Thompson from Baton Rouge Police Department.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Seiter asked if any members of the public wished to comment. After hearing no response, Mr. Seiter proceeded with the agenda as written.

#### III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held January 24, 2023

Mr. Seiter reviewed the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held on January 24, 2023. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Dr. William Clark and a second by Michael Denicola.

#### IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: 2023 Finance Overview

Mr. Seiter called upon Ms. Robinson to give the 2023 financial overview. Ms. Robinson noted that \$6,798,568.00 had been received in total revenue, which includes parish funding, donations, and interest income. In addition, Ms. Robinson reported the total YTD earnings from the investment of idle funds.

V. RI INTERNATIONAL

A. For Discussion: Bridge Center Facility Update

Mr. Seiter requested the update from RI. Ms. Brunson-Nsubuga reported that the current funding model presented in late 2022 has allowed RI to break even with funds recognized versus funds collected. Ms. Nsubuga further indicated that reimbursement rates for services offered in the Behavioral Health Crisis Center (BHCC) are severely underfunded, noting that the actual cost per service results in a deficit upwards of \$700 per guest. Ms. Nsubuga explained that RI reimburses around 45% of claims for the BHCC on average. RI submitted a request for a 1/12<sup>th</sup> payment option to ensure the program's viability and continued service delivery. The board asked for additional information to continue discussions regarding the 1/12<sup>th</sup> payment option following consideration.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any unfinished business that required discussion. After hearing no comment, Mr. Seiter proceeded with the agenda as written.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any new business that required discussion. Ms. Claiborne announced that updates for the Community Relations and Accountability and Quality committees will now be presented in the monthly summary report to allow time for more critical discussions.

VIII. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Murphy Paul and a second by Denise Amoroso, the Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.