



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 11, 2023

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM. Executive Committee members present were Chair Patrick Seiter, Sharon Robinson and Lauren Crump.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held May 9, 2023

Following a review, the Executive Committee minutes for May 9, 2023 were approved on a motion by Sharon Robinson and a second by Lauren Crump.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: 2023 Financial Overview

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Robinson to provide the financial overview. Ms. Robinson provided an updated review of the Bridge Center's finances and questioned the specifics of the \$15,000 grant. Ms. Claiborne outlined how the grant was obtained and the grant's objective. In addition, Ms. Robinson also noted that the investment income yield had performed well, generating about \$100,000 in a few months.

B. For Discussion: Grants

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the grants. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Bridge Center for Hope was the recipient of two grants. Ms. Claiborne disclosed that the \$15,000

grant received from a donor who preferred to remain anonymous, and that the grant was intended to offer pharmaceutical and transportation assistance to the Bridge Center's indigent population upon discharge.

Ms. Claiborne noted that the Bridge Center was the subrecipient of the SAMSHA grant provided to Capital Area Human Services in order to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, with the Bridge Center providing crisis stabilization services. Ms. Claiborne reported a total budget of \$118,000 for this award.

Ms. Claiborne said that RI International was in the onset of negotiating a grant with the Baton Rouge Police Department to operate a mobile crisis team that would respond to 911 calls for call code 68 (Emotionally Disturbed Person).

V. RI INTERNATIONAL

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne for a facility update. Ms. Claiborne indicated that RI is considering relinquishing the BHSP license because it is no longer necessary given that the CRC license covers the services provided at the facility. Ms. Claiborne reported that Emily of Breazeale Sachse and Wilson was scheduled to meet with LDH to inquire about the possibility of transforming the detox unit into another CRC unit. Ms. Claiborne reported meeting with the office of Congressman Graves to explore the allocation of federal funding for the Bridge Center to continue providing crisis services in FY 24.

Ms. Claiborne reviewed the monthly report summary and highlighted that as of June 30, 2023, the Bridge Center received a total of 6,703 presentations with 6,381 admissions.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any unfinished business that required discussion. Ms. Robinson reported that Senate Bill 193, as previously discussed last meeting, died in committee therefore is no longer a concern.

Ms. Crump provided an update on the Mid City Medical Corridor (MCMC) project. Ms. Crump stated that MCMC project partners continue to work within MOVEBR's design and construction timeline to revitalize disinvested areas along Florida Boulevard and create viable greenspaces.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter inquired whether there were any new business requiring discussion. Ms. Claiborne stated that she was involved in two new initiatives launched by the mayor's office, the Opioid Planning Committee and Safe Hopeful Health Baton Rouge Executive Committee. Ms. Claiborne informed that annual trainings have begun.

VIII. ADJOURN

With no further business to conduct and on a motion by Lauren Crump and a second by Sharon Robinson, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.