



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 18, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

7711 Goodwood Blvd Room 102 – Main Library

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### MINUTES

#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Board members in attendance were Chair Patrick Seiter, Sharon Robinson, Lauren Crump, Charles Abboud, Denise Amoroso, Dr. William Clark, Greg Dicharry, Dennis Grimes, Michael Denicola, Gerri Hobdy, Kathy Kliebert, Dr. Jan Laughinghouse, Donna Collins-Lewis, Michael Mitchell and Cynthia Munn. A quorum was determined.

Also participating were Charlotte Claiborne of the Bridge Center for Hope, Emily Grey of Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson (BSW), Shawn Langston Emery, Joy Brunson Nsubuga, and Lysha Best of RI International.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

#### III. DIRECTORS

##### A. Introduction of New Directors

Mr. Seiter welcomed the two newest directors, Cynthia Munn and Gerri Hobdy, provided an opportunity for current directors to introduce themselves and gave the new directors a few minutes to speak and address the rest of the board.

#### IV. MINUTES

##### A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held March 21, 2023

Mr. Seiter reviewed the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held on March 21, 2023, noting that not enough members were present to establish a quorum for the meeting scheduled on May 16, 2023; therefore, the minutes were not approved. On a motion by Donna Collins-Lewis and a second by Michael Denicola, the minutes from the March 21, 2023, Board of Directors meeting were approved.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Update: 2023 Financial Overview

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Robinson to provide the financial overview. Ms. Robinson presented a detailed financial overview and reported that implementing the investment policy has resulted in a satisfactory return on interest revenue.

VI. GRANTS

A. For Discussion and Resolution: SAMHSA CCBHC Grant

B. For Discussion and Resolution: 15K Grant

C. For Discussion: Justice Mental Health Collaboration Grant with BRPD

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the grant proposals. Ms. Claiborne reported that the CCBHC grant was a discretionary grant awarded to the Capital Area Human Service District (CAHSD) and that the Bridge Center is a subrecipient whose primary purpose is to assist CAHSD in meeting the crisis services requirements for CCBHC certification. The Bridge Center for Hope will provide 24/7 Crisis Stabilization services to CAHSD-referred uninsured adult participants of the grant initiative.

Ms. Claiborne reported that the \$15,000 grant will provide medication and transportation to the indigent population following discharge. This grant will provide up to 14 days of mental health medications until the referral appointment or the beginning of insurance coverage, as well as limited transportation services in the form of Capital Area Transit System (CATS) day passes.

Lastly, Ms. Claiborne reported that the Justice Mental Health Collaboration Grant was a collaboration between the Baton Rouge Police Department and RI International, in which RI would provide mobile crisis services for emotionally disturbed individuals, refer them to available services, and manage the case for each individual encountered by the team.

Ms. Claiborne reviewed the resolution for the SAMHSA CCBHC GRANT. On a motion by Kathy Kliebert and a second by Denise Amoroso, Charlotte Claiborne was authorized to execute and issue any and all documents and instruments necessary to enter into the sub-recipient agreement with Capital Area Human Services in her capacity as executive director.

Ms. Claiborne reviewed the resolution for the \$15,000 grant whereby the donor wishes to remain anonymous, and on a motion by Gerri Hobdy and a second by Cynthia Munn, Charlotte Claiborne was authorized to execute and issue any and all documents and instruments necessary in her capacity as executive director.

VII. RI INTERNATIONAL

Mr. Seiter deferred to RI International to provide a facility update. Ms. Claiborne summarized how licensure was initially obtained, noting that the current language differs from the original language, rendering the Behavioral Health Service Provide (BHSP) licenses unnecessary. As a result, RI will relinquish the BHSP license, as those services can now be provided under the Crisis Receiving Center (CRC) license. Ms. Claiborne emphasized that the Bridge Center will continue to offer the same services as before, albeit under a single license.

Ms. Brunson Nsubuga added that the detox unit would need to maintain a 120% occupancy rate to be financially viable in its current state, that reimbursement was only 12% as opposed to 100% of claims submitted, and that the Bridge Center's services were best provided under a CRC license.

On a motion by Kathy Kliebert and a second by Lauren Crump, the board approved Emily Grey of BSW to represent the Bridge Center for Hope and RI International in a meeting with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to determine the best way to cede the BHSP license.

#### VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### A. For Discussion: Annual Training and Conflict of Interest Form

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any unfinished business that required discussion. Ms. Claiborne reminded everyone to complete annual training and return Conflict-of-Interest forms.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any new business that required discussion. During the discussion, Mr. Seiter proposed forming a subcommittee to create a comprehensive sustainability plan and actively involve local and state leaders. After due discussion, committee members were Emily Grey, Charlotte Claiborne, Patrick Seiter, Kathy Kliebert, Jan Laughinghouse, and Lauren Crump.

#### X. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Lauren Crump and a second by Denise Amoroso, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.