



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 19, 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, Vice Chair Murphy Paul, Michael Denicola, Denise Amoroso, Cynthia Munn, Kathy Kliebert, Gerri Hobdy, Greg Dicharry, Charles Abboud, Donna Collins-Lewis, Dr. Jan Laughinghouse, Lauren Crump, Hillar Moore, Sharon Robinson, Michael Mitchell, Tiffany Simpson, and Dr. William Clark. A quorum was determined.

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

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Paul opened the meeting by asking if any members of the public wished to comment. After hearing no comments, Mr. Paul proceeded with the agenda as written.

#### III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held July 18, 2023

Mr. Paul reviewed the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held on July 18, 2023. On a motion by Greg Dicharry and a second by Kathy Kliebert, the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held on July 18, 2023, were unanimously approved.

#### IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Update: 2023 Financial Overview

Mr. Paul deferred to Ms. Robinson to provide the financial overview. Ms. Robinson provided a detailed summary of the current 2023 financials, paying particular attention to the return on investments from the CD and ICS accounts.

#### V. ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: SAMSHA CCBHC Grant

B. For Approval: Indigent Population Support Program Policy

Mr. Paul deferred to Dr. Laughinghouse to discuss the SAMSHA CCBHC Grant. Dr. Laughinghouse announced that Capital Area Human Services received a \$3.9 million grant to establish a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. The Bridge Center is a sub-recipient responsible for providing adult crisis services, one of the nine components of the grant.

During the meeting, Dr. Laughinghouse asked Ms. Claiborne to provide an overview of the Indigent Population Support Program Policy. Ms. Claiborne announced that the Indigent Population Support Program will offer medication and transportation services to the indigent population after discharge. The program provides mental health medications for up to 14 days until the referral appointment or insurance coverage begins. It also provides limited transportation services through Capital Area Transit System (CATS) day passes.

Ms. Claiborne reported that the policy had been submitted and approved by the Accountability and Quality Committee and now requires board approval. After discussion, upon a motion by Gerri Hobdy and a second by Murphy Paul, the Indigent Population Support Program Policy was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

## VI. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

### A. For Discussion and Approval: Community Resource Mobile Unit

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the Community Resource Mobile Unit. Ms. Claiborne reported exploring various methods to promote the Bridge Center's programs and services through community engagement and mentioned collaborating with the Baton Rouge Police Department (BRPD) on a vehicle donation for community engagement initiatives. Ms. Claiborne stated that the initiative was presented and approved by members of the Community Relations Committee and recommended by the Executive Committee for board approval. After due discussion and on a motion by Michael Denicola and a second by Murphy Paul, the Community Resource Mobile Unit was approved.

## VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### A. For Discussion: Reconsideration and Board Vacancy

Mr. Paul asked Ms. Claiborne to provide an update on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Ms. Claiborne reported that board terms are staggered and provided the slate of directors whose terms expire at year's end. Ms. Claiborne mentioned that directors are notified in August about their upcoming term expiration in December and are allowed to request reconsideration for their appointment. Ms. Claiborne reported that all directors have requested reconsideration at the forthcoming Annual Board of Directors meeting in November.

Ms. Claiborne mentioned that there have been no applicants for the vacancy left by the passing of Ms. Nichols and requested that the directors send information to potential applicants—if applicable.

## VIII. RI INTERNATIONAL

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne for an update on RI International. Ms. Claiborne introduced Dr. Charles Browning, the Chief Medical Director of RI. Dr. Browning introduced himself and provided a brief update on the services offered by RI from a company-wide perspective. He also touched upon the recidivism rates. During the meeting, it was decided that Ms. Claiborne would request the 72-hour recidivism rate and prepare a quarterly report for the upcoming Annual meeting.

IX. 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 their annual training before the Annual Board of Directors meeting in November.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. For Discussion: Changing the November Annual Meeting Date

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any new business that required discussion. Ms. Claiborne requested that the January board meeting date be moved to the following week. After discussion, the board agreed.

XI. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, and on a motion by Denise Amoroso and a second by Murphy Paul, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.