



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2024

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM. Patrick Seiter, Sharon Robinson, Kathy Kliebert, Lauren Crump, and Donna Collins Lewis were among the executive committee members in attendance. A quorum was determined.

Charlotte Claiborne of the Bridge Center for Hope was also in attendance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Seiter opened the meeting and asked if any public member wished to comment. After hearing none, Mr. Seiter proceeded with the agenda as written.

III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held January 9, 2024

Mr. Seiter reviewed the minutes from the Executive Committee on January 9, 2024. On a motion by Donna Collins Lewis and a second by Kathy Kliebert, the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Financial Overview

Mr. Seiter asked Ms. Robinson to provide a financial overview. Ms. Robinson presented a detailed financial summary which included a breakdown of income and expenses, as well as a review of the return on investments.

V. BRIDGE CENTER BYLAWS

A. For Discussion: Bridge Center Bylaws

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the Bridge Center Bylaws. Ms. Claiborne reported that recent changes to the Open Meetings law directly impact the Bridge Center's Bylaws, Sections 11, 12, and 13. Ms. Claiborne reported that she consulted with legal and presented their recommendations.

After due discussion, the Executive Committee recommended presenting the recommendations to the Board for a full discussion.

VI. RI INTERNATIONAL

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to provide the facility update. Ms. Claiborne reported that she gave a quarterly update to the Metropolitan Council on February 28, 2024. Ms. Claiborne also reported that RI continues to engage LDH and the MCO about sustainable reimbursement and claims.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. For Discussion: Mobile Crisis Response

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to give the update on Mobile Crisis Response. Ms. Claiborne reported that she met with EMS, RI, Bridge's legal counsel, and City-Parish's legal counsel to discuss mobile crisis response. Ms. Claiborne reported that the issues regarding insurance and liability were addressed, which may result in an amendment to the Service Agreement and the CEA with City-Parish. Ms. Claiborne reported that Bridge's legal will continue to meet with City-Parish's legal counsel for future discussion.

B. For Discussion: Update on Brilliant Associates

Mr. Seiter asked Ms. Claiborne to give an update on Brilliant Associates. Ms. Claiborne stated that the team is currently working on the database and dashboard but has no other significant updates to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there were any new business that required discussion. After hearing none, he expressed his concerns regarding the long-term viability due to the current low reimbursement rate. To address this issue, Seiter proposed engaging a political strategist to assist with legislative advocacy efforts. Following a detailed discussion, the Executive Committee recommended retaining the services of Sequitur Consulting for assistance and presenting to the Board for approval at the scheduled March 19, 2024, Board of Directors meeting.

IX. ADJOURN

With no more business to discuss and on a motion by Sharon Robinson and a second by Lauren Crump, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:41 PM.