



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

7711 Goodwood Blvd, Room 102

Virtual Option:

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MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 PM. Board members in attendance were Chair Patrick Seiter, Dr. Kathleen Crapanzano, Lauren Crump, Michael Denicola, Denise Amoroso, Sharon Robinson, Chief Thomas Morse, Jr., Greg Dicharry, Donna Collins-Lewis, Dr. Jan Laughinghouse, and Dr. Tiffany Simpson. A quorum was determined.

Also in attendance were Charlotte Claiborne of the Bridge Center for Hope, Emily Grey of Breazeale Sachse and Wilson, Shawne Langston Emery of RI International, Sharon Douglas of Baton Rouge Police Department, Jim Fairchild of Daigrepoint and Brian and Ivan Tolson of Maturity LLC.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held March 19, 2024

Mr. Seiter reviewed the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held on March 19, 2024. Dr. Simpson noticed that her name was omitted from the list of participants and requested it to be amended. On a motion by Michael Denicola and a second by Dr. Kathleen Crapanzano, the minutes with the correction to add Dr. Tiffany Simpson as a participant were unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: 2024 Financial Overview

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Robinson, who provided the financial overview and a detailed summary of the Bridge Center's financials.

B. For Action: Approval of the 2023 IRS Form 990

Mr. Seiter deferred to Mr. Fairchild to review the 2023 IRS Form 990. Mr. Fairchild gave a brief synopsis of the Bridge's Center's tax returns, noting nothing significant to report and explaining

that once approved, he would submit them. After presentations from Mr. Fairchild on a motion by Dr. Simpson and a second by Dr. Laughinghouse, the board approved the IRS Form 990 filing.

C. For Action: Approval of the 2023 Financial Audit

Mr. Seiter once again deferred to Mr. Fairchild to review the 2023 Financial Audit. Mr. Fairchild reviewed the audit filings, including significant cash balances, revenue, and expenses, and explained the audit process. Mr. Fairchild reported that he would send them to City-Parish's Finance Department once approved. After the review, on a motion by Michael Denicola and a second by Donna Collins Lewis, the board approved the 2023 Financial Audit.

V. BRIDGE CENTER UPDATES

A. For Discussion: Bridge Center for Hope Bylaws

Mr. Seiter explained that the Bylaws were not yet ready to be enforced, so they were amended to allow for discussion only. Potential changes to the bylaws were discussed, including electronic meetings, unanimous consent, voting by proxy, and the allowance for designees to appoint board members. After a thorough discussion, the Board proposed that the first electronic meeting would occur on July 16, 2024. Additionally, legal counsel will review the rules regarding designees further.

B. For Discussion: Mobile Crisis Response

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss Mobile Crisis Response. Ms. Claiborne provided an update on efforts to implement a mobile crisis response program in partnership with emergency services and law enforcement agencies across East Baton Rouge Parish. Ms. Claiborne reported that the next steps would be to develop detailed protocols to clarify roles and responsibilities between the various partners.

VI. ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Bridge Center Dashboard

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to provide the update on the Bridge Center Dashboard. Ms. Claiborne demonstrated the new dashboard to the board. The Accountability and Quality Committee recommended making the dashboard publicly accessible on the Bridge Center's website.

VII. RI INTERNATIONAL

A. For Discussion: Facility Update

Mr. Seiter deferred the facility update to Ms. Langston Emery. Ms. Langston Emery stated that efforts continue to make the rate more sustainable while continually speaking with the Managed Care Organizations about the services offered and reimbursement.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any unfinished business that required discussion. Ms. Claiborne reminded everyone to finish their annual training.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any new business that required discussion. After hearing none, Mr. Seiter proceeded with the agenda as written.

X. ADJOURN

With no further business to conduct, the Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 1:21 PM on a motion by Denise Amoroso and a second by Michael Denicola.