



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 9, 2024

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM. Chair Patrick Seiter, Sharon Robinson, Kathy Kliebert, and Lauren Crump were among the executive committee members present.

Also in attendance was Charlotte Claiborne.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Seiter asked if any members 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 Executive Committee meeting held March 12, 2024

Mr. Seiter reviewed the March 12, 2024, Executive Committee minutes, and upon a motion by Lauren Crump and a second by Kathy Kliebert, the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Financial Overview

Mr. Seiter deferred the financial overview to Ms. Robinson. Ms. Robinson presented the newly formatted financial overview, which was designed to separate revenue, cash, and non-cash items, providing clarity and transparency.

B. For Discussion: 2025 City-Parish Budget Request

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the 2025 City-Parish Budget. Ms. Claiborne reviewed the budget request, which included an increase in the marketing budget, a 5% increase for direct program expenses, and the addition of the mobile crisis response program. After a thorough discussion, the Executive Committee recommended presenting the budget to the full board for approval.

V. BRIDGE CENTER ORDERS

A. For Discussion: Bridge Center Bylaws

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to give the update on the Bridge Center bylaws. Ms. Claiborne reported that, after consulting with legal counsel, the electronics meeting sections

require updating. Specifically, virtual meetings must have an anchor location and host, and recordings must be posted on the website for at least two years. Additionally, proxies will no longer be permitted, and to allow board designees, legal counsel will seek an opinion from the Attorney General's office, which may require amending the Articles of Incorporation.

B. For Discussion: Fifth Amendment to Service Agreement

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported that legal counsel was revising the payment structure to the Fifth Amendment to the Service Agreement, which will be presented at the upcoming July 16, 2024, Board of Directors meeting.

C. For Discussion: Mobile Crisis Response/BRPD Mental Health Justice Grant

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Bridge Center was presented with an opportunity to collaborate with the Baton Rouge Police Department on their Justice Mental Health Grant, which would provide additional funding to the Mobile Crisis Response program. Ms. Claiborne reported that a meeting was scheduled in late July to discuss the grant's additional details and determine if the Bridge Center could participate. Upon further discussion, the Executive Committee recommended adding legal counsel to the conversation with BRPD.

D. For Discussion: LDH Update

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported that representatives from Bridge Center met with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) on June 17, 2024, to discuss sustainable reimbursement for crisis services and the utilization of current procedural terminology (CPT) codes for professional services. Additionally, Ms. Claiborne mentioned that she and consultant Beverly Haydel had a brief meeting with a representative from LDH, who will consult with their actuary, Milliman, to discuss provider rates similar to those offered at the Bridge Center.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Seiter asked if there was any new business that required discussion. Ms. Claiborne reported that 2024 was a reassessment, and all districts are legally required to roll back to the adjusted millage determined by the Assessor's Office. Ms. Claiborne reported that each district was required to submit a written decision by July 11, 2024. Ms. Claiborne explained that the adjusted millage rate would still generate more revenue than originally budgeted. After discussion, on a motion by Sharon Robinson and a second by Lauren Crump, the Executive Committee approved the adjusted millage of 1.33 determined by the Assessor's Office.

VIII. ADJOURN

With no further details to discuss, with a motion by Sharon Robinson and a second by Lauren Crump, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:37 PM.