



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

7711 Goodwood Blvd, Room 102

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM. The board participants were Chair Patrick Seiter, Thomas Morse, Jr., Catherine Fontenot, Donna Collins-Lewis, Sharon Robinson, Tiffany Simpson, Charles Abboud, Cynthia Munn, Kathy Kliebert, Dr. William Clark, Randal Johnson, Denise Amoroso, Dr. Kathleen Crapanzano, Hillar Moore.

Charlotte Claiborne, Emily Grey, Shawne Langston-Emery, Lysha Best, Dr. Sarwat Gad, and Beverly Haydel also participated.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Seiter asked if any members of the public wished to comment. Ms. Claiborne asked for a moment to introduce the invited guests who were attending the meeting for the first time. Once introductions were made, Mr. Seiter proceeded with the agenda as written.

III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held September 17, 2024

Mr. Seiter reviewed the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 17, 2024. On a motion by Cynthia Munn and a second by Kathy Kliebert, the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Financial Overview

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Robinson to provide the financial overview. Ms. Robinson gave a detailed analysis of the 2024 finances.

V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. For Action: Approval of the Slate of Directors and Officer

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Kliebert to present the slate of directors and officers for approval. Ms. Kliebert reported that the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate:

Patrick Seiter – Director
Sharon Robinson – Director
Charles Abboud – Director
Dennis Grimes* - Director
Dr. William Clark* - Director
Hillar Moore* - Director

Denise Amoroso* - Director
Cynthia Munn – Secretary

The slate of directors was unanimously approved on a motion by Thomas Morse, Jr., and a second by Cynthia Munn. Tiffany Simpson and Charles Abboud also moved to approve Cynthia Munn as secretary.

VI. BRIDGE CENTER UPDATES

- A. For Discussion: Grant/Donations/Special Projects
- B. For Action: Approval of Transportation Voucher
- C. For Action: Approval of Vehicle Wrapping
- D. For Action: Approval of Signage
- E. For Discussion: Bridge Center for Hope Bylaws
- F. For Discussion: Mobile Crisis Response
- G. For Discussion: LDH
- H. For Discussion: Contract Subcommittee

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the Bridge Center updates. Ms. Claiborne discussed proposals for grants and donations. She proposed expanding the transportation portion of the Indigent Population Support program to allow residents to receive bus tickets for additional treatment outside the parish.

Ms. Claiborne also proposed wrapping the Bridge Center vehicle for better awareness and community engagement.

Additionally, Ms. Claiborne proposed installing pylon signage at the Bridge Center facility on Florida to enhance visibility. On a motion by Dr. William Clark and a second by Tiffany Simpson, the proposal for the Indigent Population Support Program, vehicle wrapping, and pylon signage was unanimously approved.

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Grey to discuss the bylaws. Ms. Grey reported that designees would not be permitted per the AG discussion. In light of this opinion, Ms. Claiborne proposed rewriting the bylaws to include representatives from appointed offices. After discussion, the Board recommended revising the bylaws to reflect this change and resubmitting them to the Board for approval.

Mr. Seiter asked Ms. Claiborne for an update on mobile crisis response. Ms. Claiborne shared that she and EMS members, along with RI, had met to evaluate the call criteria. Ms. Claiborne mentioned that the procedures had been updated and resubmitted for approval. Once the EMS attorneys approve them, they will be forwarded to parish attorneys.

Mr. Seiter deferred the LDH update to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported that, due to a lack of progress in previous LDH meetings, a recommendation was made to the Executive Committee to contract an actuarial firm to conduct a comprehensive analysis of effective rates for crisis services. Ms. Claiborne also reported that she and Ms. Haydel have a meeting with HMA to discuss the required scope of work. Ms. Haydel recommended sending a formal letter to LDH executives to establish a written record. After due discussion, the board recommended calling a special board meeting to discuss and approve the scope of services by HMA after the initial meeting.

Mr. Seiter deferred to Ms. Claiborne for the contract subcommittee discussion. Ms. Claiborne reported that due to the upcoming contract negotiations with Recovery Innovations, she

recommended creating a Contract Subcommittee to begin formal discussions in January 2025. Upon discussion, Chair Patrick Seiter reported that he would be selecting directors to serve on the committee.

VII. RI INTERNATIONAL
A. For Discussion: Facility Update

Mr. Seiter deferred to Recovery Innovations for the facility update. Ms. Langston-Emery reported a significant increase in individuals using the facility. Ms. Best reported that October recorded the second-highest admission rate since the facility opened.

VIII. 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.

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 discuss, the Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM on a motion by Sharon Robinson and a second by Charles Abboud.

CLOSED

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION