



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, January 30, 2025

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

7711 Goodwood Blvd, Room 102

AGENDA

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:41 AM. Board members in attendance were Sharon Robinson, Catherine Fontenot, Donna Collins Lewis, Hillar Moore, Cynthia Munn, Charles Abboud, Denise Amoroso, Thomas Morse, Jr., Gerri Hobdy, Michael Denicola, and Kathy Kliebert. A quorum was determined.

Also in attendance were Charlotte Claiborne of the Bridge Center for Hope, Emily Grey of Breazeale, Sachse and Wilson, and Shawne Langston Emery of Recovery Innovations (RI).

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Robinson asked if any members of the public wished to comment. After hearing none, Ms. Robinson proceeded with the agenda as written.

III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Special Board of Directors meeting held December 18, 2024

Ms. Robinson reviewed the minutes from the Special Board of Directors meeting held on December 18, 2024. Upon a motion by Gerri Hobdy and a second by Hillar Moore, the minutes of the Special Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Financial Overview

Ms. Robinson provided a detailed summary of the 2024 financials, including the return on investments, and updated the board on the 2025 funding.

B. For Approval: Investment Funds

Ms. Robinson deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the investment funds for 2025. Ms. Claiborne requested approval to transfer the current \$4.5 million and February deposit into the ICS investment account at Gulf Coast Bank. After thorough discussion and upon a motion by Hillar Moore and a second by Charles Abboud, the board unanimously approved the transfer of \$4.5 million and the upcoming February deposit to the ICS account at Gulf Coast Bank.

V. BRIDGE CENTER

A. For Action: Approval of the Sixth Amendment to the Service Agreement

Ms. Robinson deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss the Sixth Amendment to the Service Agreement. Ms. Claiborne explained that the Fifth Amendment to the Service Agreement,

which included provisions for the Mobile Response Unit and the extension of the 1/12 payment option, was approved at the Board of Directors meeting held on March 19, 2024. However, RI chose to postpone the implementation of Mobile Crisis until the issues with City-Parish were resolved. Consequently, the Fifth Amendment to the Service Agreement was revised to exclude Mobile Crisis Response and include only the 1/12 payment option, which was approved by the Board during the meeting on July 16, 2024. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Sixth Amendment of the Service Agreement includes the Mobile Response Unit that was originally approved. Following a discussion and a motion by Michael Denicola, seconded by Donna Collins Lewis, the Sixth Amendment to the Service Agreement was approved.

B. For Discussion: HMA

Ms. Robinson deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss HMA. Ms. Claiborne reported that HMA holds regular ongoing meetings and is collaborating with RI on data for the report. Ms. Klibert suggested that HMA interview key stakeholders within the Louisiana Department of Health to assist with the report.

C. For Discussion: LDH

Ms. Robinson deferred to Ms. Claiborne to discuss LDH. Ms. Claiborne reported that Dr. Croughan, Deputy Secretary for the Louisiana Department of Health, is scheduled to tour the Bridge Center for Hope facility.

VI. RI INTERNATIONAL

A. For Discussion: Facility Update

Ms. Robinson deferred the discussion to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported the following 2024 stats for the facility:

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Presentations | 2,286 | 2,992 | 2,833 | 3,061 |
| Admissions | 2,141 | 2,897 | 2,672 | 2,871 |
| Individual | 1,253 | 2,183 | 2,106 | 2,327 |
| First Responders | 888 | 714 | 566 | 544 |
| BRPD | 425 | 339 | 295 | 358 |
| EBRSO | 235 | 211 | 188 | 48 |
| EMS | 210 | 148 | 55 | 102 |

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. For Discussion: Pylon sign and Bridge Center Vehicle

Ms. Robinson inquired if there was any unfinished business that needed discussion. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Bridge Center vehicle was scheduled to be branded this week, and the permit for the pylon sign has been received, with the artwork finalized and ready for production.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

IX. ADJOURN

With no further business to conduct, and on a motion by Cynthia Munn, seconded by Kathy Klibert, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.