

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 14, 2025 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM 7711 Goodwood Blyd, Room 2D

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:06. Executive Committee participants were Donna Collins-Lewis, Sharon Robinson, Cynthia Munn, and Kathy Kliebert. A quorum was determined.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Collins-Lewis asked if there were any members of the public who wished to comment. After hearing none, Ms. Collins-Lewis proceeded with the agenda as written.

III. MINUTES

A. For Action: Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held March 11, 2025

Ms. Collins-Lewis reviewed the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on March 11, 2025. The minutes of the Executive Committee for March 11, 2025, were approved following a motion by Sharon Robinson and a second by Cynthia Munn.

IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Resignations and Appointments

Ms. Collins-Lewis referred to Ms. Claiborne for an update from the Nominating Committee. Ms. Claiborne reported that the newly amended bylaws now allow for representatives from appointed offices. Additionally, it was noted that Dr. Clark has resigned from the board, and Treva Barnes has been appointed to represent the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's office. The resignation and appointment were accepted following a discussion.

V. BRIDGE CENTER ORDERS

A. For Discussion: LDH Meeting

Ms. Collins Lewis deferred the update to Ms. Kliebert, who shared that the meeting with LDH was productive and that HMA effectively presented the report's findings. However, Ms. Kliebert mentioned that the unpredictability of Federal funding makes it challenging to foresee future outcomes at this stage. Ms. Claiborne indicated that alternative methods would be explored to increase funding.

B. For Discussion: Involuntary Transports

Ms. Collins-Lewis deferred the update to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported that challenges have arisen in providing inter-facility transport for the indigent population, and she is exploring alternative options for transporting guests who require a higher level of care. C. For Discussion: Mobile Crisis Response

Ms. Collins-Lewis deferred the update to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported that the CEA for Mobile Crisis Response has been approved and is awaiting signature from the Mayor's office.

VI. RI INTERNATIONAL

A. For Discussion: Funding Request

Ms. Collins-Lewis reviewed the request for a five percent funding increase to address rising costs throughout the five-year contract period. Following thorough discussion and review, the Executive Committee recommends presenting the request to the Board of Directors for approval of the five percent increase for the 2025 calendar year, to commence on June 1, 2025, with an amendment to the Service Agreement at the May 20, 2025, Board of Directors meeting.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Collins-Lewis asked if there was any unfinished business that required discussion. After hearing none, Ms. Collins-Lewis proceeded with the agenda as written.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Collins-Lewis asked if there was any new business that required discussion. Ms. Claiborne updated everyone on the upcoming events for May's Mental Health Awareness Month and stated that she would send the board a calendar of events soon.

IX. ADJOURN

With no further business to conduct and on a motion by Kathy Kliebert and a second by Cynthia Munn, the Executive Committee adjourned at 12:53 PM.