



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 8, 2025

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

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### MINUTES

#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Vice Chair Donna Collins Lewis. Executive Committee members present were Sharon Robinson, Kathy Klibert, and Cynthia Munn.

Also participating was Charlotte Claiborne from the Bridge Center for Hope.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Collins Lewis asked if any members of the public that 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 May 28, 2025

Ms. Collins Lewis reviewed the minutes from the May 28, 2025, Executive Committee meeting. On a motion by Sharon Robinson and a second by Kathy Klibert, the minutes were unanimously approved.

#### IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Financial Overview

Ms. Collins Lewis deferred to Ms. Robinson. Ms. Robinson reported a modest increase in funding from the City Parish. She noted that this increase was offset by a noticeable rise in expenses, resulting in a net decrease in revenue. The committee reviewed the YTD budget to actuals and noted that the budget is on target.

#### V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. For Discussion: Resignations and Appointments

Ms. Collins Lewis deferred to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported recent changes to the Board of Directors, including several resignations and new appointments. Notably, Dr. William Clark resigned and Treva Parolli-Barnes will represent the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office; Chief Morse has resigned, and Deputy Chief Sharon Douglas will represent the Baton Rouge Police Department; after retirement, Michael Denicola has been replaced by Chris Landry to represent Emergency Medical Services; Major Fontenot has resigned, and Major Fredrick Thomas will now represent the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office; lastly, Jeffrey LeDuff has resigned and Aishala Burgess will represent the Mayor's office.

Concerns were raised about enforcing the attendance policy for board members, especially those with repeated absences. A review of the bylaws, attendance policy, and a detailed discussion regarding the

current communication process for informing members of attendance expectations and the implications of noncompliance. Suggestions included strengthening member accountability and establishing a clearer resolution process.

VI. BRIDGE CENTER ORDERS

A. For Discussion: Update on MCO meetings

Ms. Collins Lewis deferred to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported that meetings with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) were underway to discuss rate increases. Ms. Kliebert recommended setting up a meeting with the new Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, Bruce Greenstein.

VII. RECOVERY INNOVATIONS

A. For Discussion: Response to Increase Request

Ms. Collins Lewis deferred to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported that she has notified Recovery Innovations that a 5% increase cannot be accommodated this year because it would violate Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution. Ms. Claiborne noted that changes to address this would be reflected in the upcoming contract.

VIII. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A. For Discussion: Community Events Update

Ms. Collins Lewis deferred to Ms. Claiborne. Ms. Claiborne reported on the success of the Bridging the Gap to Geaux initiative and reported that there are two more upcoming events.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Collins Lewis asked if there was any unfinished business that required discussion. Ms. Claiborne reported that the Bridge Center pylon sign has been installed. Ms. Claiborne also updated the committee on the status of Mobile Crisis Response with a target date of September 1, 2025.

X. NEW BUSINESS

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

XI. ADJOURN

With no further business to conduct and on a motion by Sharon Robinson, seconded by Kathy Kliebert, the Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 12:41 PM.