

**MHMR of Tarrant County
Board Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2024**

Members Present:

- Bob Brown, Chair
- Lea Ann Capel, Vice-Chair
- Carey Cockerell, Secretary
- Brandon Teague
- Cheryl Bean
- Carolyn Sims
- Lyn Willis
- Mario Perez
- Roy Griffin
- Chief Greg Pilkington, Ex-officio Member

Executive Staff Present:

- Susan Garnett, Chief Executive Officer
- Catherine Carlton, Chief of Staff/Chief of Disability Services
- Aaron Bovos, Chief Financial Officer
- Ramey Heddins, Chief of Behavioral Health Services
- Laura Kender, Chief of Child and Family Services
- Charles Hoffman, Assistant Center Administrator
- Dr. Carol Nati, Chief Medical Officer
- Grace White, Chief Nursing / Quality Officer
- Diana Awde, Chief Information Officer
- Aleed Rivera, General Counsel
- Victoria San Martín, Board Liaison

Guests Present:

Richard Vickers, Citizen
Nan Terry, Citizen
Julie Griffin, Citizen
Becky Delaune, Citizen
Merl Glasseock, Citizen
Joseph, Apprentice
Justin, Apprentice
Dr. Jamie Benjamin, Staff
Christina Belmares, Staff
Dan Gadberry, Staff
Eliot Chisango, Staff
Dr. Elma Granado, Staff
Julie Sladek, Staff
Nora Tornero, Staff
Shani Hunter, Staff
Twanda Wadlington, Staff

Call to Order

Bob Brown, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.; a quorum was present.

Comments from Chairperson

- Mr. Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mr. Brown shared the upcoming Community Advisory Committee and Board of Trustee meetings schedule.
- Mr. Brown noted that the annual board assessment has been distributed to members to complete and return to Victoria San Martín by May 16.

Comments from Citizens

Julie Griffin shared comments regarding the need for a crisis intervention facility for mental health.

Special Recognition

Susan Garnett presented Top Doctors for Fort Worth Magazine and Magazine 360 West.

Board Training

Catherine Carlton introduced JoAnna Battle, Joseph and Justin to spotlight the Apprenticeship Grant.

MHMR Foundation

Dr. Twanda Wadlington shared the MHMR Foundation April Impact Report, which was provided in board packet, along with Fiscal Year 2023 Foundation Annual Report. Dr. Wadlington also highlighted a recent Donor Event and the save the date for October 10th Opening Doors Dinner and Silent Auction.

Committee Updates

1. **Early Childhood Wellness Council** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
2. **Disability Services CAC** (Catherine Carlton) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
3. **Homeless CAC** (Ramey Heddins) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
4. **Program Committee** (Carey Cockerell) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
5. **Business Committee** (Lyn Willis) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
6. **Texas Council Update** (Bob Brown) – Mr. Brown and Ms. Garnett provided an updated from the Texas Council Board Meeting, which was held earlier this month. Mr. Brown shared the upcoming Texas Council Conference in June in San Antonio. Ms. San Martin will help with travel arrangements for board members who would like to attend.

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes of the March 26, 2024, Board Meeting

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the March 26, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

Motion: Made by Lea Ann Capel and seconded by Mario Perez that the Consent Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Action Agenda Items

Approval of the Mid-Year Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees, approve the amended Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) General Fund, Internal Service Fund, and Partially Self-Insured Health Insurance Fund budget as presented in Exhibit A.

Motion: Made by Roy Griffin and seconded by Carolyn Sims that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

March Financials

Aaron Bovos reviewed the March financials, including cash reserves, the number of days of reserve, charity care program reimbursement and accounts receivables. General revenue associated with performance contracts was reviewed as was financial performance relating to the Partial Self-Insurance Health Plan Fund.

CEO Report

- Revenue/Expenditures – Ms. Garnett shared four revenue contracts recently finalized:
 - a. Texas Home Visiting Grant – \$1,140,000 full contract term (4/01/2024-8/31/2025); \$330,000 for FY24.
 - b. HHSC Multisystemic Therapy Grant Program - \$2,768,180 full contract term (4/25/2024 – 8/31/2025); \$1,384,090 for FY24. This grant will support the delivery of evidence-based intensive family and community-based treatment for youth.
 - c. Tarrant County Hospital District – Countywide – New FY24 contract with Tarrant County and Tarrant County Hospital District for Countywide MHMR Services.
 - d. City of Fort Worth High Impact Housing Pilot Program – Provide housing and mental health services as well as housing assistance to reduce the city’s population of unsheltered persons. The contract amount is \$1,096,847.00

Executive Session

As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from its Attorney about any matters listed on the agenda.

Adjourn

Made by Ms. Sims and seconded by Lyn Willis that the April 30, 2024, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.



William Brown, Chair



Carey Cokerrell, Secretary