

**MHMR of Tarrant County
Board Meeting Minutes
July 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
- Aaron Bovos, Chief Financial Officer
- Laura Kender, Chief Program Officer
- Ramey Heddins, Deputy Chief of Program Services
- Jessica Trudeau, Deputy Chief of Program Operations
- Charles Hoffman, Assistant Center Administrator
- Dr. Carol Nati, Chief Medical Officer
- Grace White, Deputy Chief Program Systems
- Diana Awde, Chief Information Officer
- Dr. Twanda Wadlington, Executive Director MHMR Foundation
- Aleed Rivera, General Counsel
- Victoria San Martín, Board Liaison

Guests Present:

Richard Vickers, Citizen
Ebony Benns, Staff
Nora Tornero, Staff
Julia Sladek, Staff

Call to Order

Bob Brown, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:04 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.

Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

Board Training

Catherine Carlton introduced new Executive Leadership Jessica Trudeau, Deputy Chief of Program Operations. Ms. Carlton presented proposed updates to the Board Policy Manual for Fiscal Year 2025.

MHMR Foundation

Dr. Twanda Wadlington introduced new Development Support Specialist, Ebony Benns. Dr. Wadlington shared MHMR Foundation grant updates and Opening Doors sponsorship/tickets are for sale. The Foundation impact report was included in the Board packet.

Committee Updates

1. **Youth Services CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
2. **Homeless Services CAC** (Ramey Heddins) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
3. **Program Committee** (Carey Cockerell) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
4. **Business Committee** (Lyn Willis) - The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
5. **Texas Council Update** (Bob Brown) – The Texas Council update was provided in the Board packet.

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes of the June 25, 2024, Board Meeting

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the June 25, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

Approval of Nominations for Officers and Directors of Trinity Behavioral Rehabilitation for 2024-2025

Resolved, that pursuant to Article 5.01 of the bylaws of Trinity Behavioral Rehabilitation (TBR), the MHMR Board of Trustees, as Members of TBR, hereby nominate the following persons to the position of director of TBR, to hold such position until the next annual meeting of the Members or until their respective successors shall have been duly elected and qualified and that such nominations be presented to TBR Board of Directors for their approval:

Davinder Dhingra, M.D.
Garrick C. Prejean, M.D.
Carol Nati, M.D.

and;

It is further resolved, that pursuant to Article 7.02 of the TBR bylaws, the MHMR Board of Trustees, as Members of TBR, hereby nominate the following named persons to the offices set opposite their respective names, to hold such office, until the next annual meeting of the Members and until their respective successors shall have been duly elected and qualified and that such nominations be presented to the TBR Board of Directors for approval:

Susan Garnett President/CEO
Carol Nati, M.D. Secretary

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

Action Agenda Items

Approval of Board Policy Manual

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with Sun Life Financial for the specific and aggregate reinsurance coverage for medical claims for a premium cost estimated based on enrollment to be \$2,119,253.

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

Approval of Appointment of Jenny Wester to the Youth Behavioral Health Community Advisory Committee

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees that the appointment of Jenny Wester to the Youth Behavioral Health (BH) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is approved.

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

Approval to Amend Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2024, Expense Contracts, to Increase the Vendor Amount for Fort Worth Housing Solutions by \$304,370 for a Total Amount of \$1,251,294 to Provide Additional Rental Assistance Services

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that it authorizes and approves the amendment of Schedule 2 of Fiscal Year 2024, Expense Contracts, to increase the vendor amount for Fort Worth Housing Solutions by \$304,370 for a total amount of \$1,251,294 to provide additional rental assistance services.

Further Resolved, that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or the designee is authorized to negotiate and execute such documents, instruments and agreements as reasonably necessary and appropriate to obtain the services provided by Fort Worth Housing Solutions and authorize the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to adjust any and all agency budget(s) accordingly.

Motion: Made by Ms. Capel and seconded by Ms. Willis that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval to Accept the Grant Award from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the Peer Run Youth Crisis Respite Program (PRYCRP) in the Amount of \$1,161,912 and Add to Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue Contracts

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that this authorizes and approves the acceptance of the grant award from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the Peer Run Youth

Crisis Respite Program (PRYCRP) in the amount of \$1,161,912 and add to Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue Contracts.

Further Resolved, that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or the designee is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as reasonably necessary to negotiate and execute the contracts and agreements funded by the PRYCRP grant and authorize the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to adjust any and all agency budget(s) accordingly.

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

Approval to Accept the Grant Award from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to expand Texas Home Visiting Services through the Perinatal Connections Continuum in the Amount of \$330,000 and Add to Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue Contracts

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that this authorizes and approves the acceptance of the grant award from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to expand Texas home visiting services through the Perinatal Connections Continuum in the Amount of \$330,000 and Add to Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue Contracts.

Further Resolved, that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or the designee is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as reasonably necessary to negotiate and execute the contracts and agreements funded by the Texas Home Visiting services grant and authorize the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to adjust any and all agency budget(s) accordingly.

Motion: Made by Mr. Perez and seconded by Ms. Capel that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval to Accept the Grant Award from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the Youth Crisis Outreach Team (YCOT) Pilot Program in the Amount of \$875,000 and Add to Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue Contracts

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that this authorizes and approves the acceptance of the grant award from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the Youth Crisis Outreach Team (YCOT) Pilot Program in the Amount of \$875,000 and Add to Schedule 1 of Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue Contracts

Further Resolved, that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or the designee is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as reasonably necessary to negotiate and execute the contracts and agreements funded by the YCOT grant and authorize the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to adjust any and all agency budget(s) accordingly.

Motion: Made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Ms. Capel that the Action Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

June Financials

Mr. Bovos reviewed the June financials, including cash reserves, the number of days of reserve, charity care program reimbursement and accounts receivables.

CEO Report

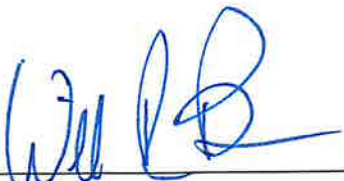
- Revenue/Expenditures – Ms. Garnett shared four revenue contracts recently finalized:
 - i. HHSC Supporting Mental Health and Resiliency in Texans (SMART) Grant: Total amount for grant agreement will not exceed \$493,372. This grant will promote identification of potential mental health needs and improve access to early intervention and treatment for children and families through community-based initiatives. This grant is 5 FTEs.
 - ii. Help Me Grow North Texas Grant Program: New grant agreement in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 (\$500,000 for FY25/26/27/28) Help Me Grow program is an evidence-based national system model that promotes collaboration among child-serving sectors to build a more efficient and effective system that promotes the optimal health development of young children. This grant has 4.55 FTEs.
 - iii. Tarrant County Juvenile Services for REACH – This will be for FY25 in the amount of \$458,660. PROVIDER will supply trained mental health specialist to support the services offered in the non-Special Needs Diversionary Program (SNDP) portion of the Family Partnership Program (FPP) and four (4) field teams. This will require 4.85 FTEs.
 - iv. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – VA’s Homeless Providers GPD Program Liberty House: \$751,608.00 (Bed rate increased 10/1/2023 to 68.64 per bed per day x 30 bed days x 365 days. Continuation Award - VA’s Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program awards per diem funding to the organization identified above to support Veterans experiencing homelessness achieve residential stability by providing transitional supportive housing under the Bridge Housing model, Clinical Treatment model, Low Demand model, Service Intensive model and Hospital to Housing model, for a total of 30 beds for homeless Veterans or for Veterans at risk of becoming homeless. No new FTEs.
- Preparing Fiscal Year 2025 – Ms. Garnett shared an update on state funding for the biennium. She also shared that the agency is aligning with one program area, which will be shared during budget presentation next month.
- Chula Chaser July Event – Ms. Carlton highlighted the July Chula Chaser fundraiser, which included a motorcycle escort for group homes to the event.

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. Willis and seconded by Mr. Griffin that the July 30, 2024, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.



William Brown, Chair



Carey Cockerell, Secretary