

CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
April 27, 2021
Teams Meeting

The **April 27, 2021** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **April 27, 2021** in Temple, Texas at **6:17 PM**.

The following members of the Board, CCS Staff and Guests were present:

Board of Trustees via Teams - Virtual Meeting:

Mr. Steven Wick-Present
Mr. Ray Ashby-Present
Ms. Virgie Hardeman- Present
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins- Present
Judge James Lively-Present
Sheriff Jesus Ramos- Present
Felicia Inman-Present
Dr. Louella Tate-Present

Absent:

Rita Kelley-Absent
Bell County Ex. Officio-Sherriff Bob Reinhart- Absent

Guests:

None

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver –Present

Staff via Teams - Virtual Meeting:

Dr. Ray Helmcamp, Executive Director -Present
Keith Maxwell, Director of Quality/Utilization –Present
Monica Silcott, Program Specialist IV –Present
Charla Chaney, Director of Human Resources-Present
Johnnie Wardell, Deputy Executive Director-Present
DeWayne HaGans, Chief Financial Officer-Present
Darla Hogan, Director of Information Services – Present
Julie Fielder, Director of Early Childhood Intervention Services - Present
James Arnold, Associate Director of Adult Behavioral Health - Present
Rocky Frame, Director of Behavioral Health - Present
Dennis Edwards, Medical Services Director- Present
Misty Thompson, Director of Children’s Mental Health - Present
Andrea Erskine, Director of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services – Present

A. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Steve Wick, Chair of the Board of Trustees, at 6:15 PM by the Regular Session.

A moment of silence was held for those affected by COVID-19.

REGULAR SESSION

- 1. Introduction of Guests**
- 2. Review of Board Calendar**
- 3. Approval of March 25, 2021 Regular Session Board Minutes**

Dr. Louella Tate moved for approval of the March 25, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes as submitted. Ray Ashby seconded. The motion carried.

4. State of the Center – Executive Summary

Dr. Ray Helmcamp shared the State of the Center Executive Summary with the Board and fielded questions. He also shared that Sue Faulkner was presented with a plaque of service during the Lampasas County Commissioner Court meeting on April 26, 2021. She received a standing ovation from the Court and participants. Sheriff Jess Ramos of Lampasas County was also approved during this meeting to serve for two years on the Board of Trustees of Central Counties.

5. State of Texas Crisis Intervention Team Association: Organization of the Year- CCS MCOT

Dr. Ray Helmcamp shared with the Board that we received a special from the State of Texas to our MCOT team. We plan to do an in person receipt of this wonderful award.

6. Sheriff Ramos appointed to Central Counties Services Board of Trustees

Moved to next month due to technical difficulty.

B. Citizen Comments

None

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Medical Committee-Dr. Andrejs Avots-no report
2. Personnel Committee- Rita Kelley- no report
3. Finance Committee- James Lively-absent-no report
4. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee- Steve Wick –Johnnie Wardell shared that Copperas Cove group homes will physically be back in homes on Friday. Temple group homes repairs are underway. The Gatesville meeting with Judge Miller and Commissioner Ashby went well and we had a collaborative problem solving meeting that we feel will provide solutions.

D. PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Approval of Position(s) –Approval of the recruiting contract for the Medical Director

Charla Chaney requested the approval of the recruiting contract for the Medical Director with a local tentum or qualified team of recruiters to fill this position, as we have not had any successful candidates.

Dr. Louella Tate moved for approval of Recruitment contract for Medical Director as submitted. Dr. Andrejs Avots seconded. The motion carried.

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

a. None

E. FISCAL MATTERS

ACTION ITEMS

a. None

NON-ACTION ITEM

a. Financial Statement

DeWayne HaGans reviewed the **Financial Statements** and fielded questions from the Board.

F. SPECIAL REPORTS

a. FY 2021 PNAC 3rd Quarter Summary Report

Keith Maxwell shared the FY2021 PNAC 3rd Quarter Summary Report and filed question from the Board.

G. OLD BUSINESS

a. DeWayne HaGans shared that last month an ECI question was raised in regards to cost for personnel and fridge. These funds were deemed unallowable and transferred from the December financials and a corrective plan of action to reduce the amount.

b. Steve Wicks stated that last month he requested a volunteer to replace Sue Faulkner, Dr. Andrejs Avots has accepted and will now become our new secretary of the Board of Trustees.

H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Dr. Ray Helmcamp shared that the State is advising community centers to liaison with local legislators in regards to the April 16 ruling by CMS to rescind the approval of the 1115 Waiver extension. \$330 million dollars of federal funds are at stake if not renewed. The State is working diligently to respond to this rescinding of the approval decision.

The State is seeking to properly respond to the CMS decision before this legislative session ends 5-31-21. The initial DSRIP program will end 9-30-21, and we will receive funds for FY22 for the work done this year. Additional drawdowns are expected in

January and July, so we have two future drawdowns, but no more. However; we hope that the state responds accordingly; if not CCS will have to respond assertively to address this.

Johnnie Wardell shared that these dollars will be in the FY23's budget and that is where we will see the impact, if no other retention of the dollars comes from the state. This coming year we will drop down funds that are connected with the services we are providing now under this program. We typically budget \$5-6 million of DSRIP dollars annually as a norm.

Dr. Louella Tate asked what we could do about this as Board members. Dr. Ray Helmcamp shared that we have contacted the state legislatures and will put that in a form of a letter we will also show up face to face at their legislative office to make sure this gets attention.

Dr. Louella Tate asked that if we could not go in person, she would like some talking points as a standard letter or template to use so that we can send it off as our board service. She stated that this is millions of dollars that could be lost to our counties. Dr. Ray Helmcamp shared that he would send the letter that he received and revise it to our needs and send it to the board members for their support in sending it as their initiatives.

Steve Wick asked if we could explore meeting with our state legislative contacts here and in Austin to educate the need.

We have a joint project with Bluebonnet Trails and a FEMA Crisis Counseling Program (CCP). BB Trails had an HHSC review of Central Counties and Bluebonnet joint program and their findings indicated they were pleased with this grant and our efforts. The only deficiency was a \$3.00 entry put in the wrong column.

Mystery caller process was administered by the State and we received a shiny star from HHSC. We have received these 3 quarters in a row. The focus is that they pretend to be a consumer asking for services, no money attached. We received a good review of how we do things. The "consumer" was able to be linked to a CCS staff member who conducted the screening.

We also received a fleet safety award for the lowest number of auto claims over the last four years in Centers our size. The award was presented by the Texas Council Risk Management Fund. This will be publicly acknowledged by the Fund at the annual training conference.

Finally, CCS will be going "full service" and "opening up our doors" June 1, 2021. Staff will be moving back to their offices from the home environment. We will still respect safety protocols. If the center goes back to full services, we would like the board to consider coming back in full person. If no objection, we would like to begin this in June 2021. More to come on this topic.

I. COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK

Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – No comment, disappointing about the 1115 not being continued, but we need to see how we can get that extended

Ray Ashby – Thank everyone for what you are doing and looking forward to meeting in person.

Virgie Hardeman- Good meeting, congratulation on safety award. I too am happy that we will return to the face-to-face meeting. I had a JP approach me about an issue on jail visitation. I will call and speak to Ray and or Johnnie about it.

Steve Wick- I also want to reinforce Dr. Tate's comments and our responsibilities as BOT to educate the decision makers on the money needed and the impact to our consumers. Those numbers represent human beings and they are in critical need. Mental health is a number one priority on all levels. I want to thank Dr. Avots on his willingness to serve as secretary. Look forward to having Sheriff Ramos on the Board. I have worked with him for many years so it is great to have him join. Again I apologize for my tardiness and will continue to do better and look forward to June to see everyone face to face.

James Lively- echo everyone, designated that we can meet again in person. The technical difficulty I had was due to my phone vs. iPad. I do not feel the staff was responsible for our connection issues.

Felicia Inman- Despite the technical difficulties, I am glad we met, and excited about the MCOT award.

Louella Tate- Great meeting, appreciation to us all for working together. As board members, we must be serious about our commitment. Please take time in your schedule for a phone call or letter to support the need and we need to encourage the same and express to our legislature our concerns.

Jack Tarver- My kind of meeting. 45 min meeting is a record. Proud of our good work.

Rita Kelley- absent

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further official business, Steve Wick adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

S U B M I T E D B Y:

Ms. Sue Faulkner
Secretary

Board of Trustees
CCCMHMR
Recorded by:
Monica Silcott
Executive Assistant

NOTE: The reference material disseminated during the meeting will be archived with the official Minutes.