

CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
February 22, 2022
Teams Meeting

The **February 22, 2022** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **February 22, 2022** in Temple, Texas at **6:00 PM**.

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

Board of Trustees via Teams - Virtual Meeting:

Mr. Ray Ashby – Present
Judge James Lively - Present
Ms. Felicia Inman - Present
Dr. Louella Tate – Present
Sheriff Jesus Ramos - Present

Absent:

Mr. Steven Wick
Ms. Virgie Hardeman
Ms. Rita Kelley
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins

Guests:

Laurie Green – CCS Cameron
Melissa Mitchell – CCS Temple
Eric Fox – CCS Temple
Doug Wells – CCS Temple
David Schroll – CCS Temple

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver –Present

Staff:

Johnnie Wardell, Executive Director - Present
Keith Maxwell, Director of Quality/Utilization –Present
Charla Chaney, Director of Human Resources-Present
DeWayne HaGans, Chief Financial Officer-Present
Darla Hogan, Director of Information Technology Services – Present
Joanne Cospers – Director of Information Services – Present
Julie Fielder, Director of Early Childhood Intervention Services - Present
James Arnold, Director of Behavioral Health – Present
Dennis Edwards, Director of Nursing - Present
Andrea Erskine, Director of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services – Present
Barbara Belcher, Executive Assistant II – Present

A. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Ray Ashby, Chair of the Board of Trustees, at 5:59 PM by a Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

1. Introduction of Guests

- a) Laurie Green – CCS Cameron
- b) Melissa Mitchell – CCS Temple
- c) Eric Fox – CCS Temple
- d) Doug Wells – CCS Temple
- e) David Schroll – CCS Temple

2. Review of Board Calendar

- a. Ray Ashby reminded everyone about the Texas Council annual conference in June. No questions or comments from the board

3. Approval of January 25, 2022 Regular Session Board Minutes

*Dr. Louella Tate moved for approval of the **January 25, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes** as submitted. **Felicia Inman** seconded. *All were in favor. The motion carried.**

4. Take a Bow

Center staff Laurie Green, Melissa Mitchell, and Eric Fox were recognized for their Exceptional Service for the Center. Doug Wells thanked Laurie for her successes and service. David Schroll thanked Melissa for her dedication and service. Felicia Inman and Dr. Louella Tate also thanked them for their hard work, compassion and dedication.

5. Executive Summary – Center Happenings – Johnnie Wardell

Johnnie Wardell shared the State of the Center Executive Summary with the Board, and responded to questions and comments from the Board.

B. Citizen Comments

- a) None

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Medical Committee-Dr. Andrejs Avots - absent
- 2. Personnel Committee- Rita Kelley – absent
- 3. Finance Committee- James Lively – none
- 4. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee- Steven Wick- absent

D. PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS:

a. None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

a. COVID Update – Charla Chaney shared the current state of COVID cases at the Center with no known cases at this time. Ray Ashby commented that is the best COVID report we have had in a two years.

E. FISCAL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS

a. None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

a. Monthly Financial Statements (January 2022)

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the financial statements for January 2022. Felicia Inman asked what delayed invoicing means. DeWayne Hagans answered it refers to the delay between invoicing and reimbursement period for those programs that we invoice HHSC for our expenses, which may not fall on the same month. No other questions were expressed.

F. SPECIAL REPORTS

a. Substance Use Disorder Services Report

James Arnold shared details, funding sources, staffing plans, and next steps involved in implementing our Substance Use Disorder treatment services.

G. OLD BUSINESS

a) None

H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Johnnie Wardell informed the Board Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins is not able to join us for tonight's meeting, nor the March and April meetings due to a teaching commitment attached to his chair position with Baylor Scott & White. Johnnie also shared details of a collaboration with City of Temple and Rehab Warriors to build new group homes. It will be a great opportunity to relocate our group home clients. There has also been a recent increase in crime where our current group homes are located, so we are having Temple Police department conduct a security assessment at the homes. We want to do anything we can to ensure the safety of our staff and clients. Finally, we are exploring a collaboration with Baylor Scott and White that would place a child psychiatry resident with our Center. We are meeting with Texas Council and other community centers who are already engaged with this legislatively funded child psychiatry residency program, to gain insight into the benefits and challenges.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK

Dr. Louella Tate: Thank you for the Take-a-Bow recognition and thank you for the report on Substance Use Disorders.

James Lively: Great job everybody. I also like the Take-a-Bow and highlighting people for their work and appreciation.

Sheriff Jess Ramos: Thank you for all the passion. Passion gives you hope, and hope gives you a chance.

Felicia Inman: It was great to be present and I like hearing about the new opportunities. I enjoy Take-a-Bow as well. Is there funding for SUD services for teens? James Arnold answered that our license covers services for adults and youth, but we are currently standing up the program for adults at this time.

Jack Tarver: Very impressed for conducting a full meeting in a little less than an hour.

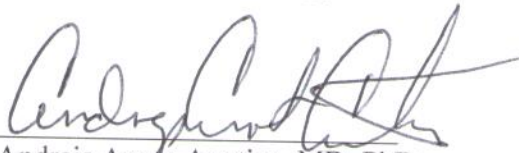
Ray Ashby: I also like Take-a-Bow. I enjoy hearing about what Center employees are doing for our clients. Thank you Felicia for filling in for me on site. I am looking forward to the Connect the Dots summit in April.

Johnnie Wardell: Informed the Board that the Center fulfilled our requirement for the Annual Notification to Commissioners Courts to our 5 counties. Staff Classification and Compensations, Executive Director Salary, FY21 Annual Fiscal Audit, and the approved FY22 Budget were included in the information sent to the Commissioners Courts.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further official business, Ray Ashby adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:



Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins, MD, PhD
Secretary

Board of Trustees
CCCMHMR
Recorded by:
Barbara Belcher
Executive Assistant II

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