

**CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**July 26, 2022**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

The **July 26, 2022** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **July 26, 2022** in Temple, Texas at **6:18 PM**.

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

Board of Trustees Hybrid Meeting:

Mr. Ray Ashby – Present  
Ms. Rita Kelley – Present  
Ms. Virgie Hardeman – Present  
Judge James Lively - Present  
Dr. Louella Tate – Present  
Ms. Felicia Inman – Present  
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins- Present  
Mr. Steven Wick - Present

Absent:

Sheriff Jesus Ramos

Guests:

None

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  
Joanne Cospers, Director of Information Services - Present  
DeWayne HaGans, Chief Financial Officer - Present  
Julie Fielder, Director of Early Childhood Intervention Services - Present  
James Arnold, Director of Behavioral Health – Present  
Dennis Edwards, Director of Nursing – Present  
Laurie Seremetis – Medical Director - Present  
Andrea Erskine, Director of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services – Present  
Barbara Theilen, Executive Assistant II – Present

**1. PUBLIC HEARING**

Keith Maxwell shared the budget regarding the Federal Mental Health Block Grant Program at 6:14 pm and answered questions from the Board. Adjourned at 6:17 pm.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Felicia Inman, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, at 6:18 PM by a Regular Session.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**1. Introduction of Guests**

None

**2. Review of Board Calendar**

No changes or comments

**3. Approval of May 24, 2022 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes**

*Steve Wick moved for approval of the May 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes as submitted Virgie Hardeman seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

**4. 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**

Personnel Committee met at 5:00 pm prior to the board meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee met at 5:30 pm prior to the board meeting.

1. Medical Committee-Dr. Andrejs Avots – No report
2. Personnel Committee- Rita Kelley – We met and decided on the ED Evaluation process, the job description and self-assessment. Will meet again August 16, 1:30 pm.
3. Finance Committee- James Lively – No report
4. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee- Steven Wick- We met and will explore the building in Copperas Cove with expansion of services in Coryell County.

**D. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

1. ACTION ITEMS:

a. None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

a. None

**E. FISCAL MATTERS**

1. ACTION ITEMS

**a. Approval of FY22 Budget Adjustment**

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the FY22 Budget Adjustment for the additional funding for Behavioral Health Community Health Workers Grant Program, in the amount of \$446,250. Questions regarding the Community Health Workers Grant Program were addressed.

*Rita Kelley moved for approval of the **FY22 Budget Adjustment** as submitted. Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

**b. Form G – FY22 Quarter 3 Report**

DeWayne Hagans reviewed Form G – FY22 Quarter 3 Report. No questions.

*Virgie Hardeman moved for approval of the **FY22 Quarter 3 Report** as submitted. Steve Wick seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

**a. Monthly Financial Statements (June 2022)**

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the financial statements for June 2022. No questions.

**F. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**1. Program Performance and Audit Reports**

**a.** Julie Fielder shared the Early Childhood Intervention Program Performance report and answered questions from the Board.

**b.** Andrea Erskine shared the Intellectual and Developmental Disability Performance and LIDDA Audit report and answered questions from the Board.

**c.** James Arnold introduced Laurie Seremetis as the new Medical Director. He then shared the Behavioral Health Program Performance, YES Waiver and SUD Audit Reports and answered questions from the board.

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

a) None

**H. REQUIRED BOARD ACTION**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- a.** Approval to negotiate purchase of 1012 North Drive, Copperas Cove, Texas for fair market value.

*Virgie Hardeman moved for approval of Granting Johnnie Wardell Authority to negotiate purchase of 1012 North Drive, Copperas Cove as submitted. Steve Wick seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

**J. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Johnnie Wardell shared we are currently working on the budget for FY23 and trying to increase wages for some of our lower paid staff. We are moving positions that were previously funded by DSRIP funds into general revenue. We are expecting an increase in health insurance benefits and are trying not to pass those along to staff if we can absorb that increase. Questions from the board were addressed.

**K. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK**

**Virgie Hardeman:** The conference was good. Staff are doing a great job. The building in Copperas Cove would be a great thing. Cameron Open House did not coincide with the other open house well. All of the Milam County representatives did not go across the street to our facility. I think we should have a separate open house because I do not think the Cameron clinic is getting the exposure it needs to serve the clients. All the staff at the clinic are very nice and the building is nice. We should do something more official (Steve wick suggested a Ribbon cutting with the Chamber).

**Rita Kelley:** I think we had a good meeting and the reports from the audits were impressive. It has been a struggle, but with everything staff has faced, they have done a great job. I am excited about expanding our services in Copperas Cove. Staff is doing great work with what they have to work with.

**James Lively:** I am very excited about the building. I think there will be tough days ahead working on the budget, but have absolute faith you will do a good job. Good job everyone and I continue to be impressed.

**Ray Ashby:** Thank you everyone for allowing me to be remote for this meeting. Thank you Felicia for calling the meeting to order. Thank you everyone.

**Steve Wick:** When I look at where we were a year ago during COVID, the staff have done an amazing job keeping it all together. We seem to be moving upwards. I am grateful for our progress.

**Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins:** I am glad to be back after scheduling conflicts. I appreciate your comments about COVID. The numbers are going up. I am concerned about the state of the economy and inflation. I hope we can continue to serve the people we are serving with good results. It is going to be a tough year. I am grateful to our staff and it is amazing what we have accomplished.

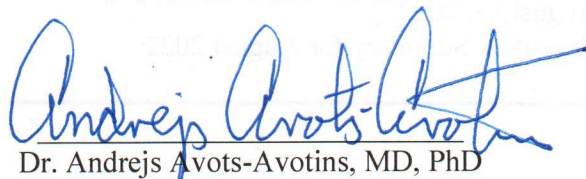
**Jack Tarver:** I am conservative with the use of reserve funds, except when you do it for capital investments and I am all for the purchase of the building. Great meeting.

**Felicia Inman:** There is some amazing growing efforts coming. The entire team is impressive and I am very impressed with Ms. Payton who did an amazing job with the suicide response. I see the need for marketing and I think we need to use those social media platforms, especially for mental health for children.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further official business, Felicia Inman adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:



Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins, MD, PhD  
Secretary

Board of Trustees

CCCMHMR

Recorded by:

Barbara Theilen

Executive Assistant II

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