

**CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**September 27, 2022**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

The **September 27, 2022** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **September 27, 2022** in Temple, Texas at **6:00 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  
Sheriff Jesus Ramos - Present  
Dr. Louella Tate – Present  
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins- Present  
Mr. Steven Wick - Present  
Judge James Lively  
Ms. Felicia Inman

Guests:

None

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver –Present

Staff:

Johnnie Wardell, Executive Director - 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  
Douglas Wells – QM Manager – Present  
Darla Hogan – Absent  
Andrea Erskine - Absent  
Barbara Theilen, Executive Assistant II – Present

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Ray Ashby, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, at 6:03 PM by a Regular Session.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**1. Introduction of Guests**

None

**2. Review of Board Calendar**

Discussed December 2022 Board Meeting and decided Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**3. Approval of August 23, 2022 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes**

*Steve Wick moved for approval of the August 23, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes as submitted Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins 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.

**5. Approval of Substance Use Disorder Policies – Tabled until October meeting**

**6. Appointment /Reappointment of PNAC & HCS Consumer Advisory Committee Members – Doug Wells**

**a. Appointment of Keith Maxwell to the PNAC & HCS Consumer Advisory Committee**

*Steve Wick moved for approval of Keith Maxwell's appointment to the PNAC & HCS Consumer Advisory Committee, Dr. Avots-Avotins seconded, All were in favor. The motion carried.*

**b. Reappointment of current PNAC & HCS Consumer Advisory Committee Members**

*Dr. Avots-Avotins moved for approval of Reappointment of Current Members to the PNAC & HCS Consumer Advisory Committee, Steve Wick seconded, All were in favor. The motion carried.*

**B. Citizen Comments**

- a. None

**C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Medical Committee met at 5:30 pm prior to the board meeting.

1. Medical Committee-Dr. Andrejs Avots – Dr. Avots shared the details of the Medical Committee meeting with the board. No questions.
2. Personnel Committee- Rita Kelley – No report
3. Finance Committee- No report
4. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee- Steve Wick- the Copperas Cove building will be listed with a realtor and we will put in an offer. Temple main fire suppression system final installation is in progress. MRB group is working with us to make the wheelchair ramp at Temple Main ADA compliant.

**D. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

1. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- a. None

**E. FISCAL MATTERS**

1. ACTION ITEMS

**a. Approval of FY2023 Budget Revision**

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the FY2023 Budget revision and answered questions from the Board.

*Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins moved for approval of the **FY2023 Budget Revision** as submitted. **Dr. Louella Tate** seconded. **All were in favor.** The motion carried.*

**b. Approval of Charity Care Policy**

DeWayne Hagans shared the approval of the Charity Care Policy is required before October 1, 2022. Johnnie Wardell confirmed Board approval is needed so that Central Counties Services can participate in the Public Health Providers Charity Care Pool.

*Steve Wick moved for approval of the **Charity Care Policy** as submitted. **Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins** seconded. **All were in favor.** The motion carried.*

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

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

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the financial statements for August 2022 and answered questions from the Board.

**F. SPECIAL REPORTS**

Doug Wells shared the PNAC & HCS Consumer Advisory Committee Annual Summary Report for FY 2022. The FY2022 Abuse and Neglect Report, and the FY2022 Quality Management Project Activities Report and answered questions from the Board.

**G. OLD BUSINES**

None

**H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Johnnie Wardell shared details of the Executive Leadership Team retreat on September 8<sup>th</sup> at Summers Mill. We would like to update the Board Member Biographies on our website. Everyone will receive a fillable form for his or her biography details and we would like to take a new picture of everyone during the October Board meeting if you can be present. Dr. Louella Tate asked if the biography is a requirement. Johnnie Wardell responded it is voluntary.

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

**Jack Tarver:** We have a great balance sheet and we could add more to that if we appraised our properties.

**Steve Wick:** We are doing well and our resources are in good standing.

**Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins:** I am grateful for Laurie and Dennis and the work they have done for medical services.

**Virgie Hardeman:** I think the Connecting the Dots event in Milam County will be great and I think it would be great to have folks who are attending visit the Cameron clinic.

**Sheriff Jesus Ramos:** Kudos to Temple Police department for implementing that program because it is much needed in today's world. Thank you all.

**Dr. Louella Tate:** I want to advocate for staff for a cost of living wage. I urge everyone to work hard to make that happen.

**Felicia Inman:** I am excited about the purchase of the building for Copperas Cove and I think all of you are doing a great job.

**Rita Kelley:** Thank you to the staff and everyone for the work you are doing. I am sad about the reduced ECI respite funds and I hope legislature can take a closer look at that. I am thrilled the services at the Center continue and that we are growing.

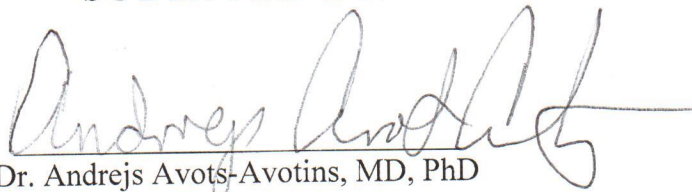
**Judge James Lively:** I had an opportunity to stop by the table at the Dove Festival and it was really nice. I did see many people make contact with them. It was encouraging. Good job everyone.

**Ray Ashby:** I want to echo everyone's thoughts and thank you to everyone.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further official business, Ray Ashby adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrejs Avots-Avotins", written over a horizontal line.

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.