

CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
October 24, 2023
Hybrid Meeting

The **October 24, 2023** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **October 24, 2023** 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 – Facilitator
Judge James Lively – Present Virtually
Mr. Steven Wick – Present
Sheriff Jesus Ramos – Present Virtually
Ms. Virgie Hardeman – Present
Ms. Felicia Inman – Present Virtually
Dr. Louella Tate – Present Virtually

Absent:

Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – Absent
Ms. Rita Kelley – Absent

Guests:

Marquisa Davis – Central Counties Services
Carlos Cardona – Central Counties Services
Mary Madrigal – Central Counties Services
Whitney Onyango – Central Counties Services
Todd Mullen – Central Counties Services
Terrelyn Moses – Central Counties Services
Chris McCormick – Central Counties Services
Alexis Alexander – Central Counties Services
Michelle Cato – Central Counties Services
Patricia Cole – Central Counties Services - Virtually
Rey Mata – MARC Center
Paula Stewart – MARC Center
Wendie Upson – MARC Center
Ann King – MARC Center
Keith Maxwell – ARC of Bell County
Janet Abbe – ARC of Bell County
Commissioner Bill Schumann – Bell County Commissioner

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver – Present

Staff:

Johnnie Wardell, Executive Director - Present
Kelli Sames, Director of Human Resources - Present
Joanne Cosper, Director of Information Services - Present
James Arnold – Director of Behavioral Health - Present
DeWayne HaGans, Chief Financial Officer – Present
Doug Wells – Manager of Quality Management - Present
Julie Fielder, Director of Early Childhood Intervention Services - Present
Andrea Erskine – Director of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – Present
Barbara Theilen, Executive Assistant II – Present
Darla Hogan – Director of Information Technology – Absent

A. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Ray Ashby Chairman of the Board of Trustees, at 6:00 PM by a Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

1. Introduction of Guests:

Chairman Ray Ashby introduced the guests that attended for Direct Service Provider Recognition. Johnnie Wardell announced Central Counties Services, Milam County ARC and ARC of Bell County want to officially acknowledge and thank the CCS Direct Service Providers for all of their hard work and dedication. Board of Trustees, Mr. Steve Wick, Ms. Virgie Hardeman, Chairman Ray Ashby, and Sheriff Jesus Ramos shared words of appreciation.

Janet Abbe – Director of ARC of Bell County and Keith Maxwell, ARC of Bell County Board Member spoke about the hard work and dedication Central Counties Services Direct Service Providers provide to individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities. Ms. Abbe awarded Michelle Cato and Alexis Alexander certificates of appreciation.

Johnnie Wardell spoke about the appreciation Central Counties Services has for ARC of Bell County for the services they provide to our clients and presented them with a certificate of appreciation. Johnnie Wardell introduced Ann King, Director of Milam County ARC and presented Milam County ARC with a certificate of appreciation for all the services they provide to clients of Milam County.

Ann King – Director of Milam County ARC spoke about the hard work and dedication Central Counties Services Direct Service Providers provide to the clients of Milam County ARC. Ann King awarded Michelle Cato with a certificate of appreciation.

2. Appointment of Board Committee Chairs for FY 2024-2025:

Chairman Ray Ashby announced all current committee chair members agreed to chair their current committees for the next two years.

3. Review of Board Calendar

Chairman Ray Ashby and Johnnie Wardell announced we will not have a Board Meeting in November. December Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

4. Approval of September 26, 2023 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Louella Tate moved for approval of the September 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as submitted, Steve Wick seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

5. Executive Summary- Center Happenings

Johnnie Wardell shared the Executive Summary - Center Happenings and answered questions from the Board.

B. Citizen Comments

a. None

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Medical Committee-Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – Absent
2. Personnel Committee- Rita Kelley – Absent
3. Finance Committee - James Lively – No Report
4. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee - Steve Wick – No Report

D. PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS:

None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

None

E. FISCAL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS

None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

a. **Monthly Financial Statements (September 2023)**

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the financial statements ending September 30, 2023 and answered questions from the Board.

F. SPECIAL REPORTS

a. **FY 2023, Qtr. 4 – PNAC & HCS Summary Report**

Doug Wells reviewed the FY2023, Qtr. 4 PNAC & HCS Summary Report. No questions or comments from the Board were presented.

b. Vocational Apprentice Program Update

Chris McCormick provided an update about the Vocational Apprentice Program and answered questions from the Board. Johnnie Wardell shared the Center's support for the program and the positive outcomes it is enjoying.

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Johnnie Wardell shared Dr. Laurie Seremetis, our Medical Director has resigned for another position. November 1st is her last day. We have re-engaged with Dr. Mark Janes to be our interim medical director until we successfully recruit a new medical director. The Deputy Director Position, added to the FY24 budget has been filled. Joanne Cosper, a 27-year CCS Staff person with a breadth of organizational knowledge was selected for the position.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK

Virgie Hardeman: Great presentation for the DSP recognition. I will attend Connecting the Dots in Milam County on November 9th. Welcome Joanne to the Deputy Director Position.

Steve Wick: It was fun to acknowledge the service providers. I am sorry I missed the Staff Appreciation event.

Sheriff Jesus Ramos: Thank you for all that you do. You are the unsung heroes.

Felicia Inman: I enjoyed the provider acknowledgement. It is an enjoyment to hear employees are serving passionately. Everything seems to be moving forward in a positive direction and it is always good to give that praise to the people doing the work.

James Lively: Positive meeting. It has become normal for things to be going well. I enjoy that things are going well. The passion that people show is awesome.

Ray Ashby: I share everyone comments and I enjoyed the presentation; it was great to see Ann King. Thank you Chris McCormick. Congratulations Joanne to the Deputy director Position.

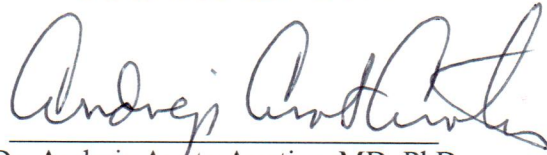
Jack Tarver: Recognizing the direct service providers was necessary. As the Sheriff said, they are unsung heroes they are the heart and soul. It was good that we recognized them.

Dr. Louella Tate: Very heartwarming meeting. Hearing about the help, support and compassion that very special people are providing to very special people in our community, and thank you for going the extra mile. Thank you for everything you are doing.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further official business, Ray Ashby adjourned the meeting at 7:12 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.