

CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
January 23, 2024
Hybrid Meeting

The **January 23, 2024** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **January 23, 2024** in Temple, Texas at **6:03 PM**.

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

Board of Trustees Hybrid Meeting:

Mr. Ray Ashby – Present – Facilitator
Ms. Rita Kelley – Present
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – Present
Mr. Steven Wick – Present
Ms. Virgie Hardeman – Present
Dr. Louella Tate – Present Virtually

Absent:

Judge James Lively – Absent
Sheriff Jesus Ramos – Absent
Felicia Inman - Absent

Guests:

Steve Watt – Central Counties Services FEP – DE&I Update
Maria Dennis – Central Counties Services IDD – DE&I Update
Lea Dunbar - Central Counties Services IDD – DE&I Update
Whitney Onyango - Central Counties Services – IDD/DE&I Committee Lead – DE&I Update

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver –Present

Staff:

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

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 6:03 PM by a Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

1) Introduction of Guests:

Ray Ashby introduced the guests from Central Counties Services DE&I Committee.

2) Review of Board Calendar

No questions or comments.

3) Approval of December 12, 2023 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, and December 19th Special Session Board Meeting Minutes

Rita Kelley moved for approval of the December 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes, and the December 19, 2023 Special Session Board Meeting Minutes as submitted, Steve Wick seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

4) 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 – Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins shared comments from the Medical Committee meeting that was held at 5:30 p.m. prior to regular session.
2. Personnel Committee- Rita Kelley – No Report
3. Finance Committee - James Lively – Absent
4. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee - Steve Wick – Mr. Wick shared comments concerning Long Range Planning initiatives.

D. PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS:

None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

None

E. FISCAL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of FY24, Qtr. 1 Financial Statement – MH & IDD Form G

DeWayne Hagans presented the FY24 Qtr. 1 Financial Statement – MH & IDD Form G and answered questions from the Board, and asked for approval from the Board.

Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins moved for approval of the FY24, Qtr. 1 Financial Statement – MH & IDD Form G, as submitted, Virgie Hardeman seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

b. Approval of FY24, Qtr. 1 Investment Summary

DeWayne Hagans presented the FY24, Qtr. 1 Investment Summary and asked for approval from the Board.

Rita Kelley moved for approval of the FY24, Qtr. 1 Investment Summary as submitted, Steve Wick seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

c. Approval of FY24 Budget Adjustment for IDD ARPA & ECC Funds

Dewayne Hagans presented the FY24 Budget Adjustment for IDD ARPA & ECC Funds and answered questions from the Board, and asked for approval from the Board.

Steve Wick moved for approval of the FY24 Budget Adjustment for IDD ARPA & ECC Funds as submitted, Virgie Hardeman seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

a. Monthly Financial Statements (October 2023)

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the financial statements ending December 31, 2023. No questions from the Board.

F. SPECIAL REPORTS

Julie Fielder presented the FY24, Qtr. 1 ECI Program Performance Report to the Board. No questions from the Board.

Andrea Erskine presented the FY24, Qtr. 1 IDD Program Performance Report and answered questions from the Board.

James Arnold presented the FY24, Qtr. 1 Behavioral Health Program Performance Report and answered questions from the Board.

Doug Wells presented the FY24 Qtr. 1 PNAC & HCS Advisory Committee Report to the Board. No questions from the Board.

Johnnie Wardell provided a description of the DE&I Update and introduced the DE&I Lead, Whitney Onyango. Whitney Onyango presented the FY23 DE&I Year in Review update and answered questions from the Board.

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Johnnie Wardell shared the retirement announcement of our maintenance supervisor, Rod Brown. We will have a reception for him at noon next Wednesday, January 31. Jon Baker is taking on the maintenance supervisor role. Jon is a great person for the position.

J. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK

Dr. Louella Tate: I am glad to hear about the funding opportunities and the continued community Collaboration.

Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins: Great Meeting, Excited to meet our new Medical Director and I look forward to working with him. Thank you Johnnie for the great work you do, and Whitney, thank you for presentation and your team. I appreciate the work you are doing.

Steve Wick: I am impressed with our infrastructure and improvements. I am encouraged about our funding reserves. I appreciate the DE&I Efforts.

Virgie Hardeman: Good to hear about the grant opportunities and the vocational apprentice program. I hope that we can get ECI services up with the new program and I think you are doing a great job. I think the center leadership under Johnnie is wonderful and seems like everyone is working very well together.

Rita Kelley: I am very impressed with the program reports. Encouraging with all the funding opportunities. I am impressed with the DE&I Report. I think you have done a good job of balancing the needs and the education of DE&I, and looking at the disability portion.

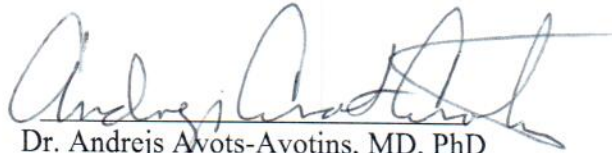
Jack Tarver: The program reports were good and I appreciate them.

Ray Ashby: Thank you Whitney for your work and thank you to the committee for all you do. Thank you to Johnnie and the Executive team.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further official business, Ray Ashby adjourned the meeting at 7:36 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.