

CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
February 27, 2024
Hybrid Meeting

The **February 27, 2024** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **February 27, 2024** 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
Ms. Rita Kelley – Present
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – Present
Mr. Steven Wick – Present
Ms. Virgie Hardeman – Present
Dr. Louella Tate – Present
Judge James Lively – Present
Sheriff Jesus Ramos – Present

Absent:

Felicia Inman - Absent

Guests:

Susan Peters – Central Counties Services, ECI – Retirement Recognition
Rebecca Wagner - Central Counties Services, ECI
Bill Schuman – Bell County Commissioner

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
Barbara Theilen, Executive Assistant II – Present
Joel Neil, IT Systems Analyst

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:

Ray Ashby introduced the guests. Johnnie Wardell presented a retirement recognition certificate and retirement gift to Susan Peters from ECI.

2) Review of Board Calendar

No questions or comments.

3) Approval of January 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

*Steve Wick moved for approval of the **January 23, 2024 Board Meeting minutes** as submitted, **Virgie Hardeman** 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.

5) Approval of Contract for Fire Suppression at 4607 Kit Carson Trail

Johnnie Wardell presented the contract for fire suppression at 4607 Kit Carson Trail, and asked for approval from the Board.

*Steve Wick moved for approval of the **Contract for Fire Suppression at 4607 Kit Carson Trail** as submitted, **Rita Kelley** seconded. **All were in favor.** The motion carried.*

6) Approval for FY24-25 Quality Management, Utilization Management & Continuous Quality Improvement Plan (QM/UM Plan)

Doug Wells presented the FY24-25 QM/UM Plan details, and asked for approval from the Board.

*Louella Tate moved for approval of the **FY24-25 Quality Management, Utilization Management & Continuous Quality Improvement Plan** as submitted, **Rita Kelley** seconded. **All were in favor.** The motion carried.*

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

a. None

C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Medical Committee-Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – No Report
2. Personnel Committee- Rita Kelley – No Report
3. Finance Committee - James Lively – No Report
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:

Kelli Sames shared details about the RFP for Benefits Broker, and answered questions from the Board.

E. FISCAL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of FY24 Budget Revision for Vocational Apprenticeship Program Contract

DeWayne Hagans presented the FY24 Budget Revision for Vocational Apprenticeship Program Contract, and asked for approval from the Board.

Steve Wick moved for approval of the FY24 Budget Revision for Vocational Apprenticeship Program Contract as submitted, Rita Kelley seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

a. Monthly Financial Statements (January 2024)

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the financial statements ending January 31, 2024. No questions from the Board.

F. SPECIAL REPORTS

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence at Central Counties Services

Joanne Cosper and shared information about how artificial intelligence will work at Central Counties Services, and answered questions from the Board.

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Johnnie Wardell shared information on the recent security breach with Change Healthcare, and though it has effected some of our processes that are anchored in Change Healthcare, we have no reason to think our client data was unprotected. The information services and behavioral health medical teams have developed a work around for the effected processes.

J. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK

Ray Ashby: Thank you Commissioner Bill Schuman for attending the meeting today. We appreciate you attending. I am excited about Bell County Connecting the Dots 7.0 and looking forward to attend. AI presentation was great.

Steve Wick: I am delighted with the progress we are making and the building we have invested in and I am pleased with our financial health. We are doing great and have wonderful staff.

Virgie Hardeman: Glad to hear about Connecting the Dots in Bell County. Glad to hear about the new programs. Thank you to all staff.

Rita Kelley: Excited and proud of how the Center is coordinating with law enforcement and other agencies for continuum of care.

James Lively: The staff is wonderful and I appreciate all of the Board members to conduct business in a consistent and trustworthy way.

Dr. Louella Tate: Great meeting, thank you to the staff and the Board. It is great to see the Center moving forward with new well-equipped facilities, and collaborating with other agencies. Makes me proud to see people working together to provide services to our clients.

Sheriff Jesus Ramos: Very impressed with positive financial growth. It certainly reflects on the leadership and the staff. Thank you very much.

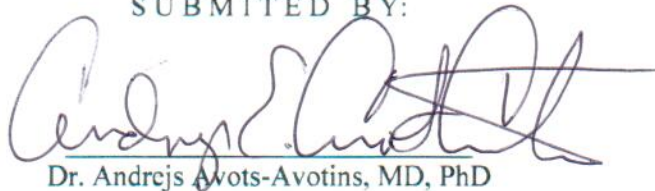
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins: I am excited about Connecting the Dots 7.0 and glad to have UMHB as a new partner in that. I am also grateful for employees like Susan who have committed a lifetime of service to children and families. Grateful for all of our staff.

Jack Tarver: Good reports everyone.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further official business, Ray Ashby adjourned the meeting at 7:03 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

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