

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

The **July 23, 2024** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **July 23, 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
Mr. Steve Wick – Present
Ms. Rita Kelley – Present
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – Present
Ms. Virgie Hardeman – Present
Dr. Louella Tate – Present
Sheriff Jesus Ramos – Present

Absent:

Judge James Lively – Absent
Felicia Inman - Absent

Guests:

Linda Weber - Central Counties Services Retirement Recognition
Sandra Pollard
Kristen Jefferson
John Rude
Steve Slaughter
Keith Maxwell
Jon Baker

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver –Present

Staff:

Johnnie Wardell, Executive Director - Present
Kelli Sames, Director of Human Resources - 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 Services - 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 6:00 PM by a Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

1) Introduction of Guests:

Ray Ashby introduced Linda Weber for her Retirement Recognition, and her guests. Board Members, staff and guests thanked Linda for her service, and congratulated her on her retirement.

2) Review of Board Calendar

Ray Ashby mentioned Finance Committee will meet at 5:30pm before August Board meeting Regular Session to review the FY2025 Budget. Johnnie Wardell announced during August Board Meeting, before Finance Committee meeting we will have a reception to celebrate Dr. Louella Tate for her years of service on the Board of Trustees, and her retirement from the Board of Trustees. We will also celebrate Julie Fielder, Director of ECI for her years of service and her retirement recognition.

3) Approval of April 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Andrejs Avots-Avotins moved for approval of the April 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted, Dr. Louella Tate seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

- 4) Approval to Negotiate a Contract with MRB Group – Architectural Services for the Renovation of 1011 Wales Drive in Killeen, and 1012 North Drive in Copperas Cove**
Johnnie Wardell shared the memo to negotiate a contract with MRB Group for Architectural Services for the Renovation of 1011 Wales Drive in Killeen, and 1012 North Drive in Copperas Cove, and answered questions from the Board.

Steve Wick moved for approval to Negotiate a Contract with MRB Group – Architectural Services for the Renovation of 1011 Wales Drive in Killeen, and 1012 North Drive in Copperas Cove as submitted, Andrejs Avots-Avotins seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried

5) Approval of Appointment of Denicia Howard to the Center’s Planning and Network Advisory Committee

Doug Wells shared the request to appoint Denicia Howard to the Planning and Network Advisory Committee with the Board. No questions from the Board.

Rita Kelley moved for approval of Appointment of Denicia Howard to the Center’s Planning and Network Advisory Committee as submitted, Virgie Hardeman seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

6) **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 – No Report
2. Personnel Committee- Rita Kelley – The Personnel Committee continues to work on the Executive Director Evaluation, and we will be ready to request approval in August.
3. Finance Committee - James Lively – Absent
4. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee - Steve Wick – The Copperas Cove building is great for our services. The new group home in Killeen is very nice. The apartment complex across the street from Temple main will be great.

D. PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS:

None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

None

E. FISCAL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Form G – 3rd Quarter Financial Statements and Certification Form March -May

DeWayne Hagans presented the Form G – 3rd Quarter Financial Statements and Certification Form - March –May, and asked for approval from the Board.

Andrejs Avots-Avotins moved for approval of the Form G – 3rd Quarter Financial Statements and Certification Form March -May as submitted, Steve Wick seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

b. Approval of FY24, Quarter 3 Investment Report

DeWayne Hagans presented the FY24, Quarter 3 Investment Report, and asked for approval from the Board.

Rita Kelley moved for approval of FY24, Qtr. 3 Investment Report as submitted, Virgie Hardeman seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

c. Approval of FY24 Audit Engagement Letter

DeWayne Hagans presented the FY24 Audit Engagement Letter, and asked for approval from the Board.

Steve Wick moved for approval of FY24 Audit Engagement Letter as submitted, Andrejs Avots-Avotins seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried

d. Approval of FY24 Budget Adjustment(s) - \$2,016,910

DeWayne Hagans presented the FY24 Budget Adjustment(s) - \$2,016,910, and asked for approval from the Board.

Steve Wick moved for approval of FY24 Budget Adjustment(s) - \$2,016,910 as submitted, Andrejs Avots-Avotins seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

a. Monthly Financial Statements (June 2024)

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the financial statements ending June 30, 2024. No questions from the Board.

F. SPECIAL REPORTS

FY24, Qtr. 2 Program Performance Reports

Julie Fielder presented the FY24, Qtr. 3 ECI Program Performance Report and answered questions from the Board.

Andrea Erskine presented the FY24, Qtr. 3 IDD Program Performance Report and answered questions from the Board.

FY24, Qtr. 2 PNAC and HCS Consumer Advisory Report

Doug Wells presented the FY24, Qtr. 3 PNAC and HCS Consumer Advisory Report. No questions from the Board.

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Johnnie Wardell – We hired a new ECI Director, Rebecca Wagner who has been with ECI for 24 years. Carlos Sanchez is the new Director of Crisis Services. Paola McIntosh is the new Assistant Director of Behavioral Health. David Jaskowiak is the new Director of Children’s Mental Health. David is a very experienced clinician with experience in children and youth mental health services, in schools and the community. The Multi-Systemic Therapy program team of five started training today, and will continue training tomorrow. Staff will be working in Bell and Milam County to start.

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK

Ray Ashby: Good to see everybody. I appreciate all of you and everything you do.

Dr. Louella Tate: I am so proud of all the work going on at the center, particularly with the expansion of our services. This is exciting for the center.

Sheriff Jesus Ramos: I appreciate everyone and all you do.

Andrejs Avots-Avotins: I enjoyed the Texas Council Conference. I went to the IDD consortium and there were great people and great conversations. I am excited about Brad Buckley and the IDD Summit this fall. I hope we can eliminate some of the burden. I hope that AI can assist us in the future due to our lack of providers.

Steve Wick: I enjoyed the conference. The infrastructure we are developing is fantastic. The mental health pod at the Bell County jail is great news, and I am happy to hear about expanded services for children.

Virgie Hardeman: I enjoyed the conference and attended the session for mental health litigations. It was very informative. I am excited for the apartment units across the street and very pleased to hear about the center’s progress.

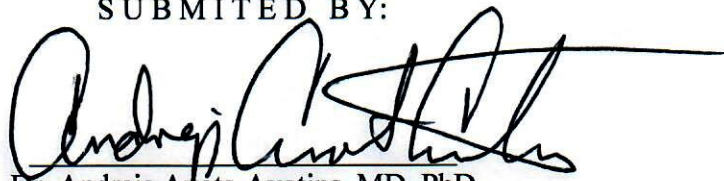
Rita Kelley: I am learning more about AI and augmentation to better serve our population. I am very impressed with the grants and services provided by them.

Jack Tarver: Very good progressive meeting. Thank you to everyone.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further official business, Ray Ashby adjourned the meeting at 7:44 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.