

CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
March 25, 2025
Hybrid Meeting

The **March 25, 2025** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **March 25, 2025** in Temple, Texas at **5:32 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
Judge David Blackburn - Present
Ms. Felicia Inman – Present
Ms. Virgie Hardeman – Present
Judge James Lively – Present
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – Present

Absent:

Jesus Ramos – Absent

Guests:

Misty Carter – Central Counties Services – Multi-Systemic Therapy Program

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver – Present

Staff:

Johnnie Wardell, Executive Director – Present
Joanne Cosper, Deputy Director - Present
Kelli Sames, Director of Human Resources - Present
Leigh Miller, Chief Accountant/Interim Chief Financial Officer – Present
James Arnold, Director of Behavioral Health - Present
Rebecca Wagner, Director of Early Childhood Intervention - Present
Darla Hogan, Director of Information Services – Present
Doug Wells, Quality Management Manager - 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 5:32 PM by a Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

1) Introduction of Guests:

Johnnie Wardell introduced Misty Carter with Central Counties Services for the Multi-Systemic Therapy Program Report.

2) Review of Board Calendar

No comments.

3) Approval of January 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

*Steve Wick moved for approval of the **January 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes** as submitted, **James Lively** seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

4) Approval of Clinical Records Policy

Doug Wells shared the details about the Clinical Records Policy, and answered questions from the Board.

*Steve Wick moved for approval of the **Clinical Records Policy** as submitted, **Rita Kelley** seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried*

5) Approval of Central Counties Service Compliance Plan

Doug Wells shared the details about the Central Counties Services Compliance plan, and answered questions from the Board.

*Virgie Hardeman moved for approval of the **Central Counties Services Compliance Plan** as submitted, **Steve Wick** seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

6) Appointment of Giuli Krug to the Planning and Network Advisory Committee

Doug Wells asked the Board to appoint Giuli Krug to the Planning and Network Advisory Committee and answered questions from the Board.

*Steve Wick moved for approval of the **Appointment of Giuli Krug to the Planning and Network Advisory Committee** as submitted, **Virgie Hardeman** seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

- 7) **Ratification of Contract to Sell 518 North 8th Street Temple, Texas**
Johnnie Wardell shared the details of the contract for the sale of 518 North 8th Street in Temple Texas, and answered questions from the Board.

Steve Wick moved for approval of Ratification of Contract to Sell 518 North 8th Street Temple, Texas as submitted, Virgie Hardeman seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

- 8) **Executive Summary – Center Happenings**
Johnnie Wardell shared details of the Executive Summary, 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 – No Report
3. Finance Committee - James Lively – No Report
4. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee - Steve Wick – The sale of the vacant group home is great. The Wales Drive renovation project is going well and on time. Roof replacement for the Belton IDD building is in negotiations with insurance. We applied for a loan for the roof replacement on the Temple Main building.

D. PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS:

None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

None

E. FISCAL MATTERS

1. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of FY2025, Qtr. 2 Financial Report – Form G

Leigh Miller presented the FY2025, Qtr. 1 Financial Report – Form G.

No questions from the Board.

Steve Wick moved for approval of the FY2025, Qtr. 2 Financial Report – Form G as submitted, Rita Kelley seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

b. Approval of FY2025, Qtr. 2 Investment Report

Leigh Miller presented the FY2025, Qtr. 2 Investment Report. No questions from the Board.

David Blackburn moved for approval of the FY2025, Qtr. 2 Investment Report as submitted, Rita Kelley seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

c. Approval of Budget Adjustments:

1. Rider 52 FY24 Carryover
2. IDD – ARPA FY24 Carryover

Leigh Miller reviewed the Budget Adjustment details. No questions from the Board.

Virgie Hardeman moved for approval of the Budget Adjustments as submitted, James Lively seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

a. Monthly Financial Statement – February 2025

Leigh Miller reviewed the financial statements ending February 28, 2025.
No questions from the Board.

F. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Multi-Systemic Therapy Report

Misty Carter presented details about the Multi-Systemic Therapy Program, and answered questions from the Board.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Johnnie Wardell shared that Sally Fuentes retired the end of February. Sally served at Central Counties Services ECI program for 21 years. She worked as an administrative assistant performing many incredibly valuable tasks. Sally was a great asset to the program. Sally is staying with us part time PRN to help transition a new administrative person who will be picking up some of her tasks. I also want to share that we did meet with Ann King and a couple other MARC board members to inform them of our decision to end services on August 31, 2025. I did have the opportunity to talk with Judge Whitmire in Milam county so that he was aware of our position.

H. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK

David Blackburn: No additional comments. Thank you for all the work that goes into putting these meetings together.

Andrejs Avots-Avotins: I am fascinated with the MST Program, and want to look at that closer. Please send me those slides. I appreciate everything everyone is doing.

Steve Wick: This was a good meeting. I am impressed with the policy and procedure efforts. I am very pleased with the progress we are making with our facilities.

Virgie Hardeman: Congratulations on the sale of the vacant property and the mental health grant opportunity with Milam County. I think the MST Program in Milam County would be great.

Rita Kelley: I am very impressed with the clinical records policy and that it is user friendly. I really like the structure of the MST Program helping the whole family. I think that is how we should do all of our services. I love the way the staff continue to do the best they can, and how Johnnie continues to keep things going so well.

James Lively: This has been a great meeting, and great MST Presentation. I see a great need for that in Hamilton County. I appreciate all the hard work everyone is doing.

Jack Tarver: I am pleased that the Board ratified the sale of 518 North 8th street. I am also very pleased we have the 120 days covered.

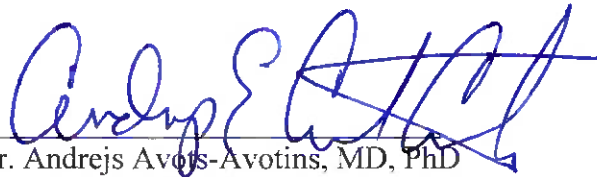
Ray Ashby: Thank you Doug for what you are doing. I appreciate everybody.

Felicia Inman: I am very interested in the diversion, and youth programs, particularly the MST Program. I am so proud of all the hard work and dedication Central Counties Services provides to our community. Thank you everyone.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further official business, Ray Ashby adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue 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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