

**Denton County MHMR Center
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 29, 2023**

Trustees Present	Trustees Absent	Staff Present	Guests Present
Dianne Hickey	Patti Dunn	Veronica Armendariz	Ella
Cynthia Jones	Linda Holloway, Ph.D.	Diana Cantu	
Melanie Royer	Doug Lee	Michelle Conrad	
Kelly Sayre	Jack Phillips	Pam Gutierrez	
Judi Swayne		Dallas Hamilton	
		Arianna Moore	
		Lisa Settles	
		Dr. Lauren Titsworth	
		Dr. Meena Vyas	
		Taylor Warren	
		Brittany Waymack	
		Ritch Wright	

I. Call to Order

- A. Roll Call** – Patti Dunn, Linda Holloway, Doug Lee, and Jack Phillips had an excused absence.

B. Welcome to Guests and Staff

Dianne Hickey, Chair, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Denton County MHMR Center Board of Trustees to order at 7:01 p.m. in the boardroom of Denton County MHMR Center, 2519 Scripture Street, Denton, Texas. Dianne Hickey welcomed guests and staff.

C. Public Comments – None

D. Approval of the Regularly Scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2023.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, May 25, 2023.

Board Action: Judi Swayne made a motion for the Board to approve the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting, May 25, 2023. Melanie Royer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

E. Staff Presentation: CCBHC Needs Assessment

-Dr. Lauren Titsworth
Senior Director of Behavioral Health Services

II. Committee Reports

Finance Committee

A. FY 2023 Period 9 (May) Financial Statements.

In May 2023, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$704,739. The budget for May 2023 is an excess of \$494,293. Year-to-date (YTD) through May 2023, revenue exceeded expenditures by \$2,487,094. The budget YTD through May 2023 is an excess of \$1,166,427.

Board Action: Dianne Hickey made a motion for the Board to accept the Financial Statements for the period ending in May 2023, which passed unanimously. A “second” was not required since the primary motion was made by the Finance Committee.

Personnel Committee

B. Appointment of New Committee Member, Cynthia Jones, to Personnel Committee.

Board Action: Melanie Royer made a motion out of Personnel Committee for the Board to approve the Appointment of New Committee Member, Cynthia Jones, to Personnel Committee. However, a vote was inadvertently not taken during the Regularly Scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting on June 29, 2023. Therefore, the action will be moved to the July 27, 2023 Personnel Committee meeting for approval and action.

C. Review and Approval of Policy 2.103 – Availability & Accessibility.

Board Action: Melanie Royer made a motion for the Board to approve Policy 2.103 – Availability & Accessibility, which passed unanimously. A “second” was not required since the primary motion was made by the Personnel Committee.

D. One-Time Incentive for All Staff to be Provided in July of 2023. (Total cost of incentive will be \$775,000, including total incentive for all personnel and taxes.)

Board Action: Melanie Royer made a motion for the Board to approve the One-Time Incentive for All Staff to be Provided in July of 2023, which passed unanimously. A “second” was not required since the primary motion was made by the Personnel Committee.

III. Other Agenda Items

A. Zero Suicide Task Force Update.

Board Action: Discussion item only, no action needed.

B. Abuse & Neglect/Critical Incidents Report.

Board Action: Discussion item only, no action needed.

The Board reserves the right to convene in Executive Session(s) from time to time as deemed necessary during this meeting - Executive Session(s) pursuant to Article 6252-17, Sec. 2, V.T.C.S., regarding Litigation (e), Real Estate (f), Personnel (g) and Security (j).

IV. Executive Director Report

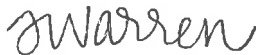
- HCS Interest List is currently at 3031.
- GR Interest List is currently at 271.
- Mental Health Adult Wait List continues at 0.
- Child and Adolescent Wait List continues at 0.
- July is Disability Pride Month. The month of July is an opportunity to honor the history, achievements, experiences, and struggles of the disability community. The treatment of people with disabilities throughout our history is marked by segregation, discrimination, stigma, and attacks on their basic human rights. We honor every individual with a disability. We will be requesting a proclamation from the Commissioners Court and Judge Eads honoring Disability Pride Month.
- The Texas State Legislature ended the Legislative session and Mental health fared better than IDD services. I have provided you with all the bills that passed this session for IDD, Substance Use and for Mental Health. As I had advised you previously IDD did not fare well with attendant care workers (residential staff) receiving an increase from \$8.81 to \$10.60. The Center is currently paying our residential staff \$15.00 an hour. This rate was also proposed to the Legislature, however sadly, did not pass. 1,831 Waiver slots were approved in this session, we have 3,031 waiting in Denton alone, 117,596 in the state. This will not make a dent for the poor families that have literally been waiting for an HCS SLOT for 20+ years.
- Thank you to the Chief Team and the Executive Leadership team for your hard work.
- Thank you to the Board, I appreciate your support for the individuals we serve.

- V. **Chair Comments** – We attended the Texas Council Conference last week. The Conference along with the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training was wonderful. The training was an 8-hour course, and you can get certified and receive credits. Now, we need to reach out to as many people as we can to see what we can do to help the IDD Community. There were several individuals from Texas Council that went to the Senate to advocate for additional things for the IDD Community but, but it did not go well.

VI. **New Business**

- Next Board meeting will be held at the Denton Outpatient Clinic (DOPC) on Thursday, July 27, 2023.
- Board Retreat – July 21, 2023 and July 22, 2023. Melanie Royer's father-in-law will be facilitating the retreat. Please provide consent to release your cell phone number. Thank you to Melanie's father-in-law for providing us with this opportunity.

- VII. **Adjourn** – The Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted
Taylor Warren
Executive Assistant



Approved
Dianne Hickey, Chair
Board of Trustees