



SANDHILLS CENTER

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 12, 2016

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ross Streater | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priscilla Little |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kay Cashion, Vice-Chairperson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gart Evans |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Cleary | <input type="checkbox"/> Costella Graham |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara McKoy | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harry Southerland | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shirley Hart |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Smith | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Ferguson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Copeland | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Whitaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otis Ritter | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Rothbeind |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Allen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mazie Fleetwood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leann Henkel | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thad Ussery, Chairperson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Weatherly, Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jan Herring | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Larrison |

Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Whitt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sherry Bynum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Anthony Carraway | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Ward |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pam Morgan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Campbell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Scott | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martha Rogers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robin McKenzie | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard Covington |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evelyn Savage | |

Guest: Dennis Farley, DMH, LME Technical Assistance Liaison

Call to Order and Invocation

The Sandhills Center Board of Directors met on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at the Administrative Office in West End, NC. Commissioner Thad Ussery called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Anthony Copeland gave the invocation.

Oath of Office for Officers

Elected Officers for 2016 were administered the Oath of Office: Commissioner Thad Ussery, Chairperson, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Vice-chairperson, and Michele Weatherly, Secretary. They were asked to sign the Oath of Office and give to Sherry before leaving for the night.

Board Member Conflict of Interest

Commissioner Ussery read the Conflict of Interest statement and asked if any Board member had a conflict of interest concerning agenda items the Board would address in the meeting that would require recusal. No conflicts were stated.

Certification of Quorum

Michele Weatherly, Secretary, certified a quorum.

Absent Board Members Justifications

Matthew Rothbeind – Prior commitment – excused. *A motion was made by Commissioner Anthony Copeland and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.*

Leann Henkel – Sick – excused. *A motion was made by Commissioner Anthony Copeland and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.*

Jan Herring – Sick – excused. *A motion was made by Commissioner Anthony Copeland and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.*

Costella Graham – Sick – excused. *A motion was made by Commissioner Anthony Copeland and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.*

Commissioner Otis Ritter – not in attendance – unexcused. *A motion was made by Commissioner Ross Streater and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to “not excuse the absence”.*

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 10, 2015 and the December 8, 2015 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Commissioner Anthony Copeland to “approve the November 10, 2015 and the December 8, 2015 minutes as presented”. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendments to Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

Chief Executive Officer’s Report

Mrs. Whitt welcomed everyone and provided the following information:

- **FY 15 – 16 Budget Amendment**

Mrs. Whitt presented to the Board of Directors, for review and approval, a set of budget amendments to the FY 15 – 16 Operating Budget. *On behalf of the Finance Committee, Chairperson Gart Evans made a motion to “approve the FY 15 – 16 Budget Amendments as presented”. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirk Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

- **Single Stream Funding Reductions for FY 15 – 16**

Mrs. Whitt reviewed the reduction in the allocation for single stream funding for FY 15 – 16, noting that DMHDDSAS is monitoring expenditures monthly to ensure that the LME/MCOs continue to provide at least the same level of services paid for by single stream funding during FY 14 – 15. Sandhills is currently within the 42% target at 40%.

- **New Office Building – Update and Recommendations**

- **Environmental Health Evaluation** – Received the permit today for the septic system.
- **Architectural Services** – Reviewed and discussed the proposed contract from Stogner Architecture, PA. *On behalf of the Finance Committee, Chairperson Gart Evans made a motion to “approve the contract at the total basic compensation of \$368,486”. The motion was seconded by Michele Weatherly. During discussion, several questions came up and Commissioner Ussery stated that he would get direct answers to the questions from the architect. After further discussion among the Board members, the motion passed unanimously.*

- **1100 Seven Lakes Drive Building and Property – Proposal**

Mrs. Whitt explained that while evaluating space needs, it has been determined the need for a large training area and additional parking. She noted that by purchasing building #2, and with some modifications, the building could serve as a meeting/training center and could also be leased out to others for their use. By purchasing lots 31, 32, and 33 on Grant Street, this could serve for overflow parking. *On behalf of the Finance Committee, Chairperson Gart Evans made a motion to “approve the purchase price of \$350,000 for the three lots and building at 1100 Seven Lakes Drive”. The motion was seconded by Michele Weatherly. After discussion among the Board members, the motion passed unanimously.*

- **Annual Declarations**

The State requires that Board members do not engage in any activities that could be construed as a conflict of interest to participate on the Sandhills Center Board of Directors and to ensure the protection of individually identifiable health information. Mrs. Whitt asked the Board members to review and complete the forms.

- **URAC Reaccreditation Review**

Mrs. Whitt updated the Board on the upcoming URAC visit January 27 & 28, 2016.

- **Staff Longevity Awards**

Mrs. Whitt presented the staff longevity awards list that will be recognized at the staff meetings in February.

- **NC DHHS Updates**

- **Medicaid Transformation and Reorganization (HB 372)** – Mrs. Whitt provided an update on implementation activities and the timeline to come into compliance with the new statute.
- **NC Hospitals Collaboration for Form a Provider Led Entity** – Mrs. Whitt reviewed the press release regarding the 11 hospital systems that announced collaboration to form a Provider Led Entity (PLE).
- **NC DHHS Secretary's Communication Regarding LME/MCO Realignment** – Reviewed Secretary Brajer's letter announcing that he would not approve any merger or county disengagements at this time.
- **US Department of Justice Settlement (DOJ)** – Discussed the letter that DHHS received from the Department of Justice stating that North Carolina had not met the goals of the settlement over mental health services and has 45 days to submit a corrective action plan.

- **Mrs. Whitt also reviewed the following:**

- Community Stakeholder's Breakfast Meetings Agenda
- Personnel Report
- Newspaper Articles

- **Anthony Ward, Deputy Director/Chief Operating Officer reviewed the following:**

- Medicaid Waiver Update for December 2015

Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Chairperson Gart Evans reported the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's Board of Directors meeting and reviewed the Finance Report in detail.

Chairperson Evans presented and reviewed the Finance Report with the Board of Directors. A summary of the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Income Statement was reviewed and reflects services through December 31, 2015.

A motion was made by Gart Evans and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to "approve the Finance Report as presented". The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- **Program Planning and Operations (PPO) Committee Report** – Chairperson Shirley Hart gave the report
- **Client Rights Committee Report** – Did not meet.
- **Personnel Committee Report** – Chairperson Mazie Fleetwood gave the report.

New Business

None

Old Business

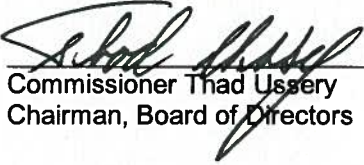
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Comments

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to "adjourn the meeting". The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Commissioner Thad Ussery
Chairman, Board of Directors

2-9-14

Date

Documents referred to in these minutes may be obtained by contacting Sherry Bynum at sherryb@sandhillscenter.org or 910-673-9111.

Submitted by: Sherry Bynum