



# SANDHILLS CENTER

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 8, 2019

### 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"/> Dr. Walter Salinger           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Howard Penny                             |  |
| <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"/> Dottie Robinson               | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leann Henkel                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thad Ussery, Chairperson                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Weatherly, Secretary |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Earnhardt               |  |

### Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Whitt    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sherry Bynum  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Ward                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evelyn Quick  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard Covington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Sloan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Patterson              |   |

**Guest:** Lisa Jackson, DMH, LME Technical Assistance Liaison

### Call to Order and Invocation

The Sandhills Center Board of Directors met on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at the Administrative Office at 1120 Seven Lakes Drive, West End, NC. Vice-Chairperson Commissioner Kay Cashion called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice-Chair Cashion reported that Chairperson Ussery is absent tonight because of sickness in his family. Commissioner David Allen gave the invocation.

### Conflict of Interest

Vice-Chairperson Cashion 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.

### Approval of Agenda

*A motion was made by Commissioner Harry Southerland and seconded by Priscilla Little to "approve the agenda as presented." The motion passed unanimously.*

### Absent Board Members Justifications

For Consideration – Leann Henkel's reason for not attending the September 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting was not received until after the start of the meeting. Her absence was due to not feeling well. *A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Gart Evans to "excuse the absence". The motion passed unanimously*

Commissioner Howard Penny – County Commissioners Town Hall meeting – excused. *A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Gart Evans to "excuse the absence." The motion passed unanimously.*

Thad Ussery – Family sickness – excused. *A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Commissioner Harry Southerland to “excuse the absence.” The motion passed unanimously.*

Matthew Rothbeind – Personal religious holiday – excused. *A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Gart Evans to “excuse the absence.” The motion passed unanimously.*

**\*\*Commissioner Ritter’s reason for not attending the October Board meeting was not received until after the meeting. His excuse will be taken to the Board in November for their consideration.**

### **Public Comments**

George Reynolds spoke to the upcoming presentation by Pete Earley, a mental health crusader, an author, and former Washington reporter, who will be sharing his experience in dealing with a son with mental health issues.

### **Consent Agenda**

*A motion was made by Mazie Fleetwood and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “approve the consent agenda.” The motion passed unanimously. The following was approved:*

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### **New Business**

#### ➤ **Chief Executive Officer’s Report – Victoria Whitt, Chief Executive Officer**

Mrs. Whitt welcomed everyone and noted that her report tonight did not include any actions. Mrs. Whitt informed the Board members of the death of Dr. Ann Suggs. Dr. Suggs served on the Sandhills Board of Directors, as the Board Chair and Vice-Chair. She was a pioneer for mental health and instrumental in bringing mental health services to Randolph County. Mazie Fleetwood shared her memories of Dr. Suggs.

#### **A. Comprehensive/Facility Based Crisis (FBC) Centers Update**

- 📌 **Randolph County Update** – Mrs. Whitt reported that the Randolph project is on schedule. Once the items/issues that were identified by NC DHSR at the initial site inspection July 10<sup>th</sup>, are complete, a return inspection will be scheduled with DHSR. The return inspection is tentatively scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A corrective action plan was developed and implemented with the General Contractor and Architect, and weekly update meetings are occurring. Major items identified:

- Fire rated wall – completed
- HVAC shaft – completed
- Elevator fire shutter – to be delivered October 9<sup>th</sup> – 3 days to install
- Relocation of wall and installation of double doors – 75% completed
- Additional courtyard egress – completed
- Generator items – to be completed October 9<sup>th</sup>
- Replacement of nurse’s station flooring – to begin October 11<sup>th</sup> – 1 day to install

After the project is completed, it will be determined what actions will need to be taken against Stogner Architecture and the General Contractor, H. M. Kern.

- 📌 **Richmond County Update** – Mrs. Whitt reviewed the progress to date:

- HVAC – 85% complete
- Windows – 95% complete
- Sprinkler system – 75% complete
- Brick laying – 98% complete
- Outside wall insulation – 100% complete
- Electrical – 85% complete (set back due to theft of some wiring)
- Metal roofing – 25% complete
- Plumbing rough-in – 100% complete
- Retaining wall – 100% complete

The projected completion date is January 30, 2020. Rain and heat have been an issue.

- 📌 **Guilford County Update (Child Facility Based Crisis Center)** – Mrs. Whitt provided the following update:

- Guilford County purchased the property on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Sandhills will negotiate with Guilford County on the land for the Child FBC facility.
- The Architect completed the drawings on September 27<sup>th</sup>

- Contractor at Risk issued bids on September 30<sup>th</sup>
- The bids are due back on October 30<sup>th</sup>
- A guaranteed maximum price should be available at the November Board meeting

#### **B. NC General Assembly/NC DHHS Updates**

- **State Budget** – Mrs. Whitt reported that on September 11<sup>th</sup>, there was a surprise budget override vote that occurred in the NC House. The Senate have been working to get enough votes to override, but they have been unsuccessful. Sandhills continues to operate under last fiscal year's budget; however, several projects in our catchment are being affected: Good Hope Hospital, Samaritan Colony, and the Adult FBC facility in Greensboro.

#### **C. Medicaid Transformation Updates**

- **Medicaid Transformation** – because no budget has been approved, NC DHHS announced the delay implementation of Medicaid Transformation/Managed Care, moving to a statewide transition on February 1, 2020.

Providers are being encouraged to contract with a health plan(s) in order to have beneficiaries who do not choose a plan by the end of Open Enrollment, to be auto-enrolled with them.

Commissioner Cashion noted that Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Director Anthony Ward's reports are available for review in the Board packet.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **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 Agenda with the Board of Directors. A summary of the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Income Statement was reviewed and reflects services through August 31, 2019.

Noted in the Finance Agenda:

- Allocations for SOR (State Opioid Response) – to address the opioid epidemic.

*On behalf of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Finance Committee Chairperson Gart Evans and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to "approve the Finance Agenda as presented." The motion passed unanimously.*

- **Corporate Compliance & Internal Audit Committee** – Chief Legal Officer/Corporate Compliance Officer Evelyn Quick gave the report.
- **Client Rights Committee Report** – Did not meet.
- **Human Resources Committee Report** – Did not meet.

#### **Closed Session**

*A motion was made by Mazie Fleetwood and seconded by Commissioner David Allen that "the Sandhills Center Board of Directors go into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(5)(i) for purpose of discussing the position to be taken in negotiating the price and other material terms of a proposed contract for the acquisition of real property." The motion passed unanimously. Closed Session began at 7:15 p.m.*

Sandhills Center staff in attendance included Chief Executive Officer Victoria Whitt, Chief Legal Officer/Corporate Compliance Officer Evelyn Quick, and Clerk to the Board/Executive Assistant Sherry Bynum.

*At the conclusion of the closed session, a motion was made by Mazie Fleetwood and seconded by Michele Weatherly to "reconvene open session." The motion passed unanimously. Open session reconvened at 7:40 p.m.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner David Allen and seconded by Walter Ferguson to "authorized Mrs. Whitt to continue negotiations on the property at 3802 Robert Porcher Way, Greensboro, and to allow a purchase amount not to exceed \$3,750,000." The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Old Business**

None

**Comments**


Vice-Chairperson Cashion asked the Board members to continue to keep Commissioner Ritter and Mrs. Ussery in their thoughts. She commented that with Sandhills opening up the adult and child FBC facilities, we are continuing to support the legacy of Dr. Suggs.

**Board Materials**

- Operations Report September 2019
- Financial Report September 2019
- Community Agencies Breakfast Meetings Agenda
- i2i Center for Integrative Health Conference – December 4-6, 2019
- DMA Monthly Financial Report – August 2019
- Personnel Report

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Gart Evans and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “adjourn the meeting.” The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

  
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Thad Ussery  
Chairperson, Board of Directors

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

Submitted by: Sherry Bynum, Clerk to the Board of Directors/Executive Assistant to CEO