



SANDHILLS CENTER

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 12, 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 type="checkbox"/> Dr. Walter Salinger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Alvin Keyes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Howard Penny | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley Hart |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harry Southerland | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Ferguson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Smith | <input type="checkbox"/> Carol Whitaker |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dottie Robinson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Rothbeind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otis Ritter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mazie Fleetwood |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Allen | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leann Henkel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Weatherly, Secretary |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thad Ussery, Chairperson | |
| <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 checked="" 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
Eddie Burke, Cherry Bekaert, LLP
Alysse Swink, Cherry Bekaert, LLP

Call to Order and Invocation

The Sandhills Center Board of Directors met on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at the Administrative Office at 1120 Seven Lakes Drive, West End, NC. Chairperson Thad Ussery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He thanked the Board members for their expression of concern during his wife's recent sickness and Commissioner Kay Cashion for covering in his absence. Chairperson Ussery gave the invocation.

Conflict of Interest

Chairperson 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.

Oath of Office

Commissioner Kay Cashion took the opportunity to introduce and provide background information/accomplishments on Dr. Alvin Keyes, newly appointed Guilford County representative. Dr. Keyes was administered the Oath of Office.

Certification of Quorum

Michele Weatherly, Secretary, certified a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Ussery noted that the agenda also includes the oath of office. *A motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to "approve the agenda." The motion passed unanimously.*

Absent Board Members Justifications

For Consideration – Commissioner Otis Ritter's reason for not attending the October 8th Board meeting was not received until after the start of the meeting. His absence was due to not feeling well. *A motion was made by Commissioner Harry Southerland and seconded by Michele Weatherly to "excuse the absence". The motion passed unanimously.*

Dr. Walter Salinger – Vacation – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Harry Southerland and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence.” The motion passed unanimously.

Shirley Hart – Attending a mandatory training – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Harry Southerland and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence.” The motion passed unanimously.

Walter Ferguson – Out of state – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Harry Southerland and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence.” The motion passed unanimously.

Carol Whitaker – Sick – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Harry Southerland and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence.” The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otis Ritter – Sick – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Harry Southerland and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence.” The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion and seconded by Gart Evans to “approve the consent agenda.” The motion passed unanimously. The following were approved:

- October 8, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Policy Revisions

Auditor’s Report: FY 18 – 19 Annual Audit

Chairperson Ussery introduced Eddie Burke and Alysse Swink of Cherry Bekaert. Mr. Burke reviewed the FY 18 – 19 Annual Audit. He expressed his appreciation to the staff on their cooperation, and noted that the audit went smooth considering this was their first year working with Sandhills Center. A review of the audit, Mr. Burke reported that there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses identified; good internal controls; no journal entries; a clean audit according to the governmental auditing standards.

Board members took the opportunity to ask Mr. Burke questions. Mazie Fleetwood expressed her appreciation to Mr. Burke on the way the audit was presented stating that it was very clear and easy to understand. Chairperson Ussery thanked Mr. Burke and Ms. Swink on the audit presentation and thanked the staff for their work with the audit.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Finance Committee Chairperson Gart Evans and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to “accept the FY 18 – 19 Annual Audit as presented.” The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

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

Mrs. Whitt welcomed everyone. She took the opportunity to thank Chief Business Officer Patrick Sloan and his staff for their work on the audit.

Mrs. Whitt updated the Board members on Lt. Governor Dennis Wicker’s medical issues. She noted that he recently had a heart transplant, is now home recovering and doing well. She asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts.

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

- **Randolph County Update** – Mrs. Whitt reported that they feel the work is complete to the extent that DHSR has been contacted to come and conduct for a return site inspection. The inspection has been re-schedule tentatively for the third week of November. However, she did noticed before the meeting tonight, that there is conversation with DHSR regarding an issue with the generator.

Start-up funding for Daymark is included in the Finance Agenda for approval.

- **Richmond County Update** – Mrs. Whitt reviewed the progress to date, noting that the progress is going well:
 - Windows – 100% complete
 - Brick laying – 100% complete
 - Outside wall insulation – 100% complete

- Electrical – 90% complete
- Metal roofing – 100% complete
- Plumbing rough-in – 100% complete
- Retaining wall – 100% complete
- HVAC – 90% complete
- Exterior inside walls spray foam insulation – 90% complete
- Sprinkler system – 85% complete
- Drywall – 25% complete
- Slope/Hill behind retaining wall – has been seeded
- Grading of driveways – has been started
- Hwy US#1 Drive entry – has been started
- Landscaping – has been started
- Contract Completion Date: January 30, 2020

Chairperson Ussery commented that he feels the contractor is back on schedule and gave an update on the progress.

B. NC General Assembly/NC DHHS Updates

- **State Budget and Medicaid Transformation Implementation** – Mrs. Whitt reported that there is still no state budget and the NC House and Senate passed a joint resolution to adjourn on Thursday, October 31st. The adjournment resolution notes that any veto override votes will be taken up during the January 14, 2020 regular session, meaning that the override vote attempts on the budget and Medicaid Transformation Implementation will have to wait until then.

However, Legislators plan to reconvene tomorrow, December 13th for a short session, with talk of an attempt to get the budget back before legislators. Such items promised in the budget are not requiring DHHS to move to Granville County, giving DHHS and LME/MCO some funding back. The expectation is to get the Governor to back down on Medicaid expansion. There is little hope that any of this will pass.

Mrs. Whitt noted that one of the biggest issues left unsettled is that of a funding package for NC DHHS – ensuring that funds are in place to move forward with the transition to managed care on February 1st. The General Assembly is working on a DHHS funding package. DHHS has indicated that without a budget by November 15th, another delay of the February 1st statewide implementation of Medication Transformation may be necessary.

DHHS is also facing legal challenges from Aetna Better Health, a commercial health care company; Optima, a health care group connected to Virginia's Sentara health care system; and My Health by Health Providers, a provider-led coalition of a dozen hospitals around the state. These groups are appealing the DHHS decision to not award them contracts.

➤ **Clinical Services & Operations Report – Anthony Ward, Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Director**

Mr. Ward reviewed the following:

- **Medicaid Waiver Operations Report** – October 2019, noting that all benchmarks continue to be met. Mr. Ward called attention to the Access2Care Screenings listed under Health Call Center. He stated that the Access2Care kiosks are located in Guilford and Harnett counties and have been there for three (3) years. Mr. Ward reported that the vast majority of the Access2Care Screenings are taken via the website, not the kiosks. The kiosks are up for renewal and a review will be conducted to see if they continue to be beneficial.
- **Medicaid Waiver Financial Operations Report** – October 2019, noting the financial measures that Sandhills is required to meet.
- **The October 2019 Quarterly Community Report** – the quarterly report covers expanding services for youth by provider Youth Focus called HYPE – Helping Youth Pursue Excellence; the provider education efforts offered by Sandhills; and Sandhills Center's participation in #CareForNC.

➤ **Board of Directors Nominating Committee**

The Board of Directors Nominating Committee was appointed and includes the following members: Mazie Fleetwood, Priscilla Little, Gart Evans, and Commissioner Harry Southerland. The recommended nominations will be presented at the December meeting.

➤ **Christmas Dinner**

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Christmas dinner would be held at Beefeaters, in Southern Pines, and spouse/guest are welcomed.

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee Report** – 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 September 30, 2019.

Language revision from contracts approved at the October 8, 2019 Board meeting was noted in the Finance Agenda regarding allocations for SOR (State Opioid Response).

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.

- **Human Resources Committee Report** – Committee Chairperson Mazie Fleetwood reported that the Human Resources Committee met prior to tonight's Board of Directors Meeting. She presented and reviewed the Stop Loss Insurance Renewal with the Board of Directors.

• *On behalf of the Human Resources Committee, a recommendation was made by Human Resources Committee Chairperson Mazie Fleetwood and seconded by Commissioner Kirk Smith to:*

- *Maintain the Individual Stop Loss Insurance coverage with the current carrier – Tokio Marine HCC for calendar year 2020;*
- *Select the Tokio Marine HCC renewal option with the \$57,720 Aggregating Specific Liability; and*
- *Attach two (2) (additional claim liability coverage) at the \$90,000 and \$125,000 levels to current high-cost claims exceeding these amounts that will rollover into calendar year 2020.*

Applying these two (2) recommendations will allow Sandhills to save 1% on the projected annual premium for Stop-Loss Insurance coverage for 2020. The recommendations passed unanimously.

- **Corporate Compliance & Internal Audit Committee** – Did not meet.

- **Client Rights Committee Report** – Client Rights Member George Reynolds gave the report.

- **Consumer and Family Advisory Committee Quarterly Report (CFAC)** – Committee Chairperson Leann Henkel gave the report.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Commissioner Kirk Smith 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 8:04 p.m.

Sandhills Center Staff Present: Chief Executive Officer Victoria Whitt, Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Director Anthony Ward, 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 Commissioner David Allen and seconded by Michele Weatherly to "reconvene open session." The motion passed unanimously. Open session reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion and seconded by Commissioner Harry Southerland to approve the following recommendations:

- *Approve for the Sandhills Center CEO to continue negotiations with Samet regarding the 1414 Yanceyville Street building. Purchase amount shall not exceed \$6,000,000.*
- *Engage TFF Architects to do a renovations feasibility study and provide potential renovation costs for Robert Porcher Building.*
- *Continue discussions with Alan Hill, P.E. and Weaver Investments regarding addition of parking spaces/bio cell.*
- *At the January 14, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting, make a recommendation to the Board regarding a building purchase.*

The recommendations passed unanimously.

Old Business

None

Comments

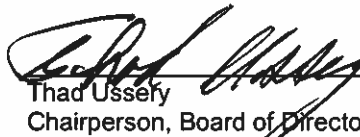
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Board Materials

- Community Agencies Breakfast Meetings Agenda
- i2i Center for Integrative Health Conference – December 4-6, 2019
- DMA Monthly Financial Report – September 2019
- Quality Management Committee Executive Summary (July – September 2019)
- Personnel Report
- Newspaper Articles

Adjournment

A motion was made by Gart Evans and seconded by Commissioner Cashion to “adjourn the meeting.” The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Chad Ussefy
Chairperson, Board of Directors

1-14-2020
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, Clerk to the Board of Directors/Executive Assistant to CEO