



SANDHILLS CENTER

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 11, 2020

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Alvin Keyes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Howard Penny | <input type="checkbox"/> Tonya Gray |
| <input 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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Leonard Covington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Sloan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Patterson | |

Guest: Lisa Jackson, DMH, LME Technical Assistance Liaison
Dave Richard, DHHS Deputy Secretary
Tommy Tucker, DHHS Senior Policy Consultant

Call to Order and Invocation

The Sandhills Center Board of Directors met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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. Chairperson Ussery gave the invocation.

Chairperson Ussery welcomed DHHS Deputy Secretary Dave Richard and DHHS Senior Policy Consultant Tommy Tucker to the Board meeting and thanked them coming and for all they do for mental health.

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.

Certification of Quorum

Priscilla Little, Secretary, certified a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

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

Justifications for Board member absences:

- Commissioner Howard Penny – Attending a chamber banquet;
- Tonya Gray – Attending a work related meeting;
- Commissioner Harry Southerland – Participant in an event;
- Commissioner Otis Ritter – County Commissioner meeting; and
- Leann Henkel – Sick family member.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Michele Weatherly to "excuse the absences as presented". The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Priscilla Little to "approve the consent agenda". The motion passed unanimously. The following were approved:

- January 14, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Policy Revisions

DHHS Executive Leadership Visit

Chairperson Ussery introduced DHHS Deputy Secretary Dave Richard and DHHS Senior Policy Consultant Tommy Tucker. Deputy Secretary Richard thanked the Board for allowing them the opportunity to come tonight. He discussed several issues, like the key issues at the State level, noting the Department recognizes that they need to create the right relationship/partnership by setting the standards and being clear of what the standards are, so that they are able to tell a story that is clear to the General Assembly and the public. Provided discussion on Medicaid transformation and the suspension of the Standard Plans; the work that Senior Policy Consultant Tucker is currently doing; LME/MCO solvency; reinvestments, and making sure that the reinvestments are supporting the community; and the effects of having no budget.

Senior Policy Consultant Tucker gave background information and his desire to help people. He discussed his goal to make sure that funds are spent the correct way so that members are receiving services. He explained that he strongly supports the LME/MCOs. Commented that it is critical that you ask questions of your leadership. Mr. Tucker said that he feels Sandhills is conservative with their funds and has spent their money wisely. He commented that the ED visits are up and suggested a goal to reduce the ED visits/revisits. Mr. Tucker expressed his appreciation to what Sandhills is doing and continues to do.

Deputy Secretary Richard and Senior Policy Consultant Tucker took the opportunity to answer questions and listen to the concerns of the Board members and the General Public.

Chairperson Ussery and Mrs. Whitt thanked Deputy Secretary Richard and Senior Policy Consultant Tucker for coming tonight.

New Business

- **Chief Executive Officer's Report – Victoria Whitt, Chief Executive Officer**
Mrs. Whitt welcomed everyone and provided the following:

A. FY 19 – 20 Budget Amendments

Mrs. Whitt presented in detail to the Board of Directors, for their review and approval, a set of budget amendments to the FY 19 – 20 Operating Budget. She noted that the biggest impact is from the \$29,810,169 State Single Stream funding allocation received. Mrs. Whitt commented that this is not 'new' money; this is money that was taken by the State previously.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Finance Committee Chairperson Gart Evans and seconded by Commissioner Kirk Smith to "approve the FY 19 – 20 Budget Amendments as presented". The motion passed unanimously.

B. Robert Porcher Way, Greensboro, NC Property Update

Mrs. Whitt provided an update on the purchase of the Robert Porcher Way property, noting that Sandhills has entered into an agreement with Davidson Industrial Properties, LLC, to purchase the property at a price of \$3,750,000, and earnest money was deposited in escrow. Mrs. Whitt explained that Sandhills must be able to obtain a Site Plan Permit from the City of Greensboro, pursuant to the Site Plan Study to add additional parking spaces to the current parking lot, prior to proceeding with the purchase.

Mrs. Whitt reported that advertisement for architectural services was advertised in the nine (9) counties. Two (2) firms responded: TFF Architects and Planners, LLP, Greensboro, NC and MHAworks, Pittsboro/Durham, NC. On February 10th, a review of the responses for qualifications and professional experience was conducted. Based on the review, Mrs. Whitt is recommending that the Board approve TFF Architects and Planners, LLP of Greensboro to provide architectural services for the Robert Porcher Way property.

After discussion, a motion was made by Gart Evans and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to "approve awarding the architectural services contract to TFF Architects and Planners, LLP of Greensboro, based on qualifications and professional experiences". The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Whitt noted that the Architectural fees have not been negotiated.

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

- **Randolph County Update** – Mrs. Whitt reported that the DHSR inspection occurred on January 22nd, conducted by a DHSR Architect and an Engineer.

The Architect required no follow-up for his items, only photographic documentation, which has been submitted.

The Engineer did note a few items that would need addressing, of which all but one (1) have been resolved. The Engineer is calling for changes to the HVAC shaft to the penthouse. The Architect and Engineer have some disagreement over the changes and are having discussions. Mrs. Whitt commented that Sandhills is currently waiting on guidance. Chairperson Ussery took the opportunity to explain the issue.

Once all the items have been addressed, the inspection will be re-scheduled.

Mrs. Whitt commented that plans are currently being made for an open house event possibly in April.

- **Richmond County Update** – Mrs. Whitt reviewed the items that remain to be completed to finish the project. She noted the contract completion date of January 30, 2020, with a completion date to be determined at the construction meeting tomorrow, February 12th.

Mrs. Whitt also commented that plans are currently being made for an open house event.

- **Guilford County Update** – Mrs. Whitt provided the following update:

- Sandhills entered into an agreement with Samet Corporation, Construction Manager at Risk, for a Guaranteed Maximum Price in the amount not to exceed \$7,024,258, for the construction of the Guilford County Child FBC center. The drawings have been approved and a building permit can now be obtained.
- At the January 16th Guilford County Commissioner meeting, they approved an amendment to the County's Samet Guaranteed Maximum Price to cover the costs of the additional site work on the Sandhills FBC site. This is in addition to Guilford County paying all costs for the purchase and development of the site for the proposed Child FBC, making the site "building pad ready", and conveying the site to Sandhills. Mrs. Whitt noted that this is contingent on Sandhills purchasing the Robert Porcher Way property.

Mrs. Whitt commented that plans are underway for scheduling a groundbreaking ceremony.

- D. Sandhills Center Board of Directors By-Laws Review Process Update** – Mrs. Whitt reported that the Corporate Compliance Sub-Committee, and additional Board member volunteers, held a conference call on February 3rd, to begin the review of the By-Laws. Chief Legal Officer Evelyn Quick prepared a draft document for their review and comments. The Sub-Committee has requested additional time to review the By-Laws and have agreed to a face-to-face meeting on March 10th. Mrs. Whitt commented that it is anticipated that the draft By-Laws will be available for review and discussion at the April Board meeting.

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

Mr. Ward reviewed the following:

- Medicaid Waiver Operations Report – January 2020, noting that all benchmarks continue to be met.
- Medicaid Waiver Financial Operations Report – January 2020, noting the financial measures that Sandhills is required to meet.
- The January 2020 Quarterly Community Report. The quarterly report highlights some of the ways Sandhills has demonstrated commitment to mission and goals: collaborating with local law enforcement to enhance crisis planning; provider forums largely focused on Medicaid Transformation; and

cosponsored an evidence-based workshop for Sandhills staff and providers to better serve the Latinx community.

- The 2019 Annual Community Report. The annual report shares some of the exceptional highlights of 2019.

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 Report with the Board of Directors. A review of the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Income Statement reflects services through December 31, 2019.

Also reviewed in the Finance Report:

- Fiscal Monitoring Report for the six (6) months ending December 2019.
- Capital Project Ordinance for FY 2019 – 2020 capital allocations for the Facility Based Crisis center project in Greensboro in the amount of \$7,024,258.

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

- **Client Rights Committee Report** – Committee Chairperson Carol Whitaker gave the report.
- **Consumer and Family Advisory Committee Quarterly Report** – The report was included in the Board packet.
- **Human Resources Committee Report** – Did not meet.
- **Corporate Compliance & Internal Audit Committee** – Did not meet.

Old Business

None

Comments

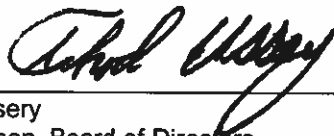
Mazie Fleetwood expressed her appreciation to George Reynolds for speaking and sharing his opinion/concerns with Deputy Secretary Richard and Senior Policy Consultant Tucker regarding Medicaid Transformation.

Board Materials

- Community Agencies Breakfast Meetings Agenda
- DMA Monthly Financial Report – December 2019
- Quality Management Committee Executive Summary (October – December 2019)
- Personnel Report
- Newspaper Articles

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 8:56 p.m.



Thad Ussery
Chairperson, Board of Directors

4-14-20
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