



SANDHILLS CENTER

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Mims | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priscilla Little, Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Watford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Billy Louya |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trish Baker | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alan Perdue | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gart Evans |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Walter Salinger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Alvin Keyes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Nicol | <input type="checkbox"/> Tonya Gray |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harry Southerland, Vice-Chairperson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie McLean |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Smith | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Ferguson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Hassell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Whitaker |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Graham | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Rothbeind |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Allen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Shaw |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Ayers | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thad Ussery, Chairperson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Tommy Jarrell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Richardson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Duncan |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan Herring | |

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"/> Bonita Porter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard Covington |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Sloan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Owen |

Guest: Lisa Jackson, DMH, LME/MCO System Performance Liaison

The Sandhills Center Board of Directors convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. The meeting was held at the Randolph County Government Center, 725 McDowell Road, Asheboro, NC.

Call to Order and Invocation

Chairperson Thad Ussery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and gave the invocation.

Certification of Quorum

Priscilla Little, Secretary, certified a quorum.

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. None noted.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner David Allen and seconded by Dr. Tommy Jarrell to "approve the Agenda". The motion was approved unanimously.

Absent Board Members Justifications

Justifications for Board member absences:

- Commissioner Karen Watford – vacation
- Tonya Gray – sick

A motion was made by Walter Ferguson and seconded by Keith Duncan to "excuse the absence". The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Carol Whitaker and seconded by Commissioner Harry Southerland to "approve the Consent Agenda". The motion was approved unanimously. The following was approved:

➤ August 9, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Public Comments

None

New Business

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

Mrs. Whitt welcomed everyone and provided the following:

A. Construction/Building Projects Updates

Mrs. Whitt gave an update on several construction/building projects:

➤ **Future Seven Lakes/West End Corporate Office Building – 1100 Seven Lakes Drive, West End, NC** – Mrs. Whitt gave an update on the Corporate Office Building in West End. Central Builders, the General Contractor, projects a substantial completion date of approximately four (4) months out due to supply shortages and delays, from their nine (9) month projected completion date. Current issues affecting the schedule includes window shipment, storefront materials shipment, and electrical panel shipment. Monthly construction meetings continue. Mrs. Whitt stated that Lomax Construction has a workaround regarding the window issues and Central Builders have been encouraged to talk with them.

➤ **Asheboro Office Building** – Mrs. Whitt gave an update on the Office Building in Asheboro. Lomax Construction, Inc., the General Contractor, projects a substantial completion date within two (2) weeks of their contract end date of March 1, 2023. Monthly construction meetings continue.

B. Richmond County Child Facility Based Crisis Center (FBC)

Mrs. Whitt reported that the Richmond County Facility Based Crisis Center began taking admissions on August 15, 2022, making this the 3rd FBC Center for Children to open in North Carolina. Daymark will use a phased in approach over 5 – 6 weeks, initially opening nine (9) beds, moving up to 12 beds, and then being fully operational with 16 beds.

C. Sandhills Center Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

➤ **Employee COVID-19 Testing** – Mrs. Whitt shared the current statistics of employees COVID-19 testing since the August Board meeting.

D. Behavioral Health/Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Tailored Plan Update

Mrs. Whitt took the opportunity to provide an update on Tailored Plan. She stated that there is still concern statewide of developing an adequate physical health provider network to go live December 1st.

E. i2i Center for Integrative Health Annual Conference – Pinehurst, NC

The i2i Center for Integrative Health Annual Conference is scheduled December 7-9, 2022, at the Pinehurst Resort, Pinehurst, NC. Mrs. Whitt stated to let Sherry know if interested in attending.

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

Mr. Ward took the opportunity to review the following:

➤ **Medicaid Waiver Operations Report** – August 2022, includes the months of June and July 2022, noting that all benchmarks continue to be met.

➤ **Medicaid Waiver Financial Operations Report** – August 2022, noting the financial measures that Sandhills is required to meet.

Committee Reports

➤ **Appointments** – Chairperson Ussery appointed Commissioner Robert Mims to the Finance Committee and Commissioner Mary Hassell to the Client Rights Committee. He commented to let Sherry know if any Board member is interested in joining a committee.

➤ **Finance Committee Report** – Finance Committee Chairperson Gart Evans reported the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's Board of Directors Meeting. Chairperson Evans noted that there would be no contracts

for Board approval tonight. He reminded Board members that at the August 9th Board meeting, the September 2013 Board Resolution delegating contract review and approval to the CEO without prior approval of the Board was discussed, and the Board voted to re-affirm the delegation and implement it as the standing practice. The process was implemented the week of August 22, 2022.

Chairperson Evans reviewed the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Income Statement – July 31, 2022.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Committee Chairperson Gart Evans and seconded by Michael Ayers to “approve the Finance Report as presented”. The motion passed unanimously.

📌 **Human Resources Committee Report** – Committee Chairperson Dr. Tommy Jarrell reported that the Human Resources (HR) Committee met prior to tonight’s Board of Directors Meeting. Chairperson Jarrell presented and reviewed, in detail, the 2023 Health and Dental Benefits and the following recommendations approved by the HR Committee:

- **Health Plan for 2023 Plan Year** –
 - That MedCost (current vendor) be retained as the third-party administrator of the health plan benefits for the 2023 Plan Year;
 - That the Alternative – 2 Plan design be added as an additional health plan option; and
 - That the projected employer expenditure be borne by Sandhills Center.
- **Dental Plan for 2023 Plan Year** –
 - That all current MedCost Dental Plan coverage be moved to Delta Dental of NC for the 2023 Plan Year.
- **Pharmacy Services for 2023 Plan Year** –
 - That OPTUM Rx be a direct contract for pharmacy services for the 2023 Plan Year.

On behalf of the Human Resources Committee, recommendations were made by Dr. Tommy Jarrell and seconded by Commissioner Kirk Smith to “approve the recommendations as presented”. After discussion and upon vote, Board members present approved the recommendation, with Commissioner Robert Mims voting against. By majority vote, the recommendation passed.

📌 **Compliance/Regulatory Committee** – Did not meet.

📌 **Client Rights Committee Report** – Did not meet.

Old Business

None

Comments

Chairperson Ussery commented that tonight would be his last meeting on the Sandhills Center Board of Directors. He expressed his appreciation for all the support, love, prayers, and encouragement he has received during his 28 years of service. He stated that Sandhills Center is a highly recognized organization, all because of the dedicated staff and the Board of Directors. Keep up the good work!

Board Materials

- 📌 Community Agencies Breakfast Meetings Agenda
- 📌 DMA Monthly Financial Report – July 2022
- 📌 Human Resources Report
- 📌 Newspaper Articles

Service Recognition – Carol Whitaker, Gart Evans, and Thad Ussery

Chairperson Ussery reported that two (2) Board members have fulfilled their terms allowed to serve on the Board and they would be rotating off tonight. He took the opportunity to recognize Carol Whitaker and Gart Evans for their years of service to the Sandhills Center Board of Directors and the Committees they have served. He thanked them for their commitment to the Sandhills Center Board of Directors and the members. He presented them each with a gift of appreciation. Mrs. Whitaker and Mr. Evans took the opportunity to express their appreciation to the Board and staff.

Vice-chair Commissioner Harry Southerland took the opportunity to recognize Chairperson Ussery for his many years of service to the Sandhills Center Board of Directors and Committees he has served. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Commissioner Southerland thanked Mr. Ussery for his guidance, his friendship, his leadership, and his commitment over the years. Various Board members and staff took the opportunity to recognize and thank Mr. Ussery for his dedication.

Oath of Office – Chairperson

Commissioner Harry Southerland was administered the Oath of Office as the incoming Chairperson.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Gart Evans and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to "Adjourn the meeting". The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:32 p.m.



Commissioner Harry Southerland
Chairperson, Board of Directors

10-11-2022

Date