



SANDHILLS CENTER

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 14, 2023

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Mims | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priscilla Little, Vice-Chairperson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Watford, Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Billy Louya |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trish Baker | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alan Perdue | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Walter Salinger |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Alvin Keyes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. James Summey |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Nicol | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harry Southerland, Chairperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Jackie McLean |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Smith | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Ferguson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Hassell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Reynolds |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Picerno | <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"/> Dr. Rick Watkins | <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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Morris |

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 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christy Nichols | |

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

The Sandhills Center Board of Directors convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The meeting was held at the Randolph County Government Center, 725 McDowell Road, Asheboro, NC

Call to Order and Invocation

Chairperson Commissioner Harry Southerland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and gave the invocation.

Oath of Office of New Board Member

Montgomery County representative, Ms. Sharon Reynolds was welcomed and administered the Oath of Office. She took the opportunity to provide background information.

Certification of Quorum

Clerk to the Board, Sherry Bynum, certified a quorum.

Conflict of Interest

Chairperson Southerland 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 Mike Ayers to "approve the Agenda." The motion carried unanimously.

Absent Board Members Justifications

Justifications for Board member absences:

- Commissioner Karen Watford – death in family
- Commissioner Alan Perdue – vacation

- Jackie McLean – attending a weeklong training in Durham
- Walter Ferguson – out of state on business

A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Richardson and seconded by Commissioner Kirk Smith to “excuse the absences.” The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Nick Picerno and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to “approve the Consent Agenda.” The motion carried unanimously. The following was approved:

- 📅 February 14, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- 📅 Policy Revisions

Public Comments

Kim Gromko requested to speak. Ms. Gromko shared her concerns on Medicaid Transformation.

New Business

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

Mrs. Whitt provided the following:

A. FY 23 – 24 County General Budget Request

Mrs. Whitt reviewed the FY 23 – 24 County General Budget request. She stated that she is recommending that Sandhills not request any additional funding from the counties, noting this is the 19th year that Sandhills Center has not requested additional funding. Mrs. Whitt explained that the funding stays within the counties and is directed for support of the local County Behavioral Health Urgent Care Centers and other county designated services/programs.

Sandhills Center staff and Mrs. Whitt continue to meet with County Managers and others to review the use of current county allocations and to identify behavioral health service areas in the county that may have been under served and identify how available funding could be used to impact those areas.

Presentations to the County Commissioners will begin in April and will include a program update.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Richardson and seconded by Commissioner Robert Mims to “approve Mrs. Whitt to move forward with the FY 23 – 24 County General budget request amounts and not ask the counties for additional funding.” The motion carried unanimously.

B. Construction/Building Projects Updates

Mrs. Whitt gave an update on the 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. She stated that additional site work has delayed Central Builders, the General Contractor (GC), from receiving a Certificate of Occupancy (CO). Mrs. Whitt explained that the additional site work is a drainage issue. Once the additional work is complete, Moore County will inspect and once approved, the GC may apply for the CO. A punch list was completed on March 2nd, of which the GC is currently working on.
- 📍 **Asheboro Office Building** – Mrs. Whitt gave an update on the Office Building in Asheboro, reporting that Lomax Construction, Inc., the General Contractor, has experienced a few vendor delay issues:
 - HVAC (2) package units mid-April delivery date.
 - Electrical MDP panel and internal operations. The vendor/supplier has contacted the contractor and indicated a delay with delivery pushed to May 24th. This panel serves as the main electrical box for the building. This delays the project due to not having power for finishes inside the building.

With the delay, the GC is finishing all the inside work that can be completed, with plans to start on the Richmond County FBC Center project. Once that project is complete, Lomax Construction will come back to the Asheboro Office Building to complete that project.

The construction schedule submitted by the GC has been updated and the owner occupancy date is July 11, 2023. The contract substantial completion, certificate of occupancy, and final inspections dates will happen in the last half of June.

Richmond County Child Facility Based Crisis Center (FBC) Update – Mrs. Whitt gave an update on the renovations of the courtyard.

- The new design seeks to address the following areas:
 - Courtyard fence (height and materials). Current fence is 6 feet high composed of residential fencing materials. New fence height would be 13 feet, 8 inches, composed of WireWall Security Mesh fencing panels.
 - Expansion of courtyard area by 650 additional square feet. This area is approximately 660 square feet larger than the Guilford Child FBC.
 - Surface area would be combination of grass, concrete and synthetic materials allowing for more recreational activity options.
 - Courtyard facing windows and access door would be replaced with security/safety windows.
- The contract with Lomax Construction is being finalized and materials are being obtained. The expectation is for the work to begin mid-April with completion in mid-May.

Commissioner David Allen took the opportunity to provide updates.

C. DHHS/2023 NC General Assembly Updates

Mrs. Whitt gave the following updates:

2023 NC General Assembly

- Medicaid Expansion
 - NC legislative leaders announced an agreement to expand Medicaid. Once approved, the state would start providing expansion coverage starting next January.
 - Loosening or eliminating the Certificate of Need laws that require health regulators to sign off on plans to offer hospital beds for mental health and substance abuse patients.
 - The demand that advanced-practice nurses be able to treat patients without a doctor's supervision was left out of the agreement.
 - The federal government would cover 90% of the cost of Medicaid, with the state's 10% share being paid through assessments paid by hospitals.
 - HASP – Healthcare Access and Stabilization Program. Must be under Medicaid expansion to received \$1.8 billion over two years as a financial sweetener from Congress for states that hadn't accepted expansion. Governor Cooper has announced his proposal to invest \$1 billion of the funds in mental health services.

NC DHHS Update

- BH/IDD Tailored Plan Update
 - Tailored Plan delayed until October 1, 2023
 - LME/MCOs continue outreach to the large hospital systems

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

Mr. Ward took the opportunity to review the following:

- **Medicaid Waiver Operations Report** – February 2023, noting that all benchmarks continue to be met.
- **Medicaid Waiver Financial Operations Report** – February 2023, noting the financial measures that Sandhills is required to meet.

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee Report** – Finance Committee Chairperson, Commissioner David Allen reported the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's Board of Directors Meeting. Committee Chairperson Allen reviewed the January 31, 2023, Consolidated Balance Sheet and Income Statement

On behalf of the Finance Committee, a recommendation was made by Committee Chairperson David Allen and seconded by Commissioner Priscilla Little to "approve the Finance Report as presented." The motion carried unanimously.

- Human Resources Committee Report – Chairperson Dr. Tommy Jarrell reported that the HR Committee met prior to tonight’s Board of Directors Meeting. He reported that it is that time of year for Board members to evaluate Mrs. Whitt on her job performance as CEO. The evaluation covers the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. The results will be compiled and presented to the Board of Directors and Mrs. Whitt at the April Board meeting during a closed session.

For new Board members who may not feel comfortable completing the appraisal, it is understood if they prefer to not participate this year. They are asked to make Sherry aware if they elect to not participate.

A copy of the appraisal form was distributed to all in attendance. For Board members not in attendance, a hard copy will be sent via U.S. mail. In addition, the appraisal form will be emailed to all Board members to complete electronically, if that method is preferred. All forms are due back to Sherry by March 31, 2023.

- Client Rights Committee Report – Committee did not meet.
- Compliance/Regulatory Committee – Committee did not meet.

Old Business

None

Comments

None

Board Materials

- CIT Year in Review 2022
- Community Agencies Breakfast Meetings Agenda
- DMA Monthly Financial Report – January 2023
- Human Resources Report
- Newspaper Articles

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mike Ayers and seconded by Commissioner Matt Nicol to “Adjourn the meeting.” The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.



Commissioner Harry Southerland
Chairperson, Board of Directors

Date