



SANDHILLS CENTER

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 14, 2017

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"/> Dixie Branch | <input type="checkbox"/> Costella Donnell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Miller | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tonya Gray |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harry Southerland | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shirley Hart |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Dodson | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Ferguson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Copeland | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Whitaker |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Otis Ritter | <input 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"/> Jan Herring | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Larrison |

Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Whitt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sherry Bynum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Anthony Carraway | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Ward |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evelyn Savage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Campbell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard Covington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Brown |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robin McKenzie | |

Guest: Dennis Williams, DMH, LME Technical Assistance Liaison

Call to Order and Invocation

The Sandhills Center Board of Directors met on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the Administrative Office in West End, NC. Commissioner Thad Ussery, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and gave the invocation.

Oath of Office for New Board Members

Harnett County Commissioner Joe Miller and Lee County Commissioner Kevin Dodson were welcomed and administered the Oath of Office. They were asked to sign the Oath of Office and give to Sherry before leaving for the night. Board members and staff took the opportunity to provide introductions.

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

Michele Weatherly, Secretary, certified a quorum.

Absent Board Members Justifications

Walter Ferguson – Sick – excused. *A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.*

Dixie Branch – Death in family – excused. *A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.*

Matthew Rothbeind – Family medical issue – excused. *A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.*

Leann Henkel – Not feeling well – excused. *A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.*

Costella Donnell – Not in attendance – unexcused.

Public Comments

Gary Bass, CEO of Pride in North Carolina, noted that they have recently opened an office in the Greensboro area, relocating the office from Burlington. Mr. Bass stated that they are happy to be in the Sandhills Center network and provided some background information on Pride in North Carolina. He stated that they are looking to acquire other agencies so that they have more of a presence in the State of North Carolina.

Rule on Consent Agendas

Chairperson Ussery discussed with Board members the need of having a consent agenda. Chairperson Ussery presented and discussed with Board members a rule on consent agendas. Board members discussed the rule and noted the following:

- Allow Board members to ask questions regarding any item on the consent agenda.
- Allow items to be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.
- Any item not removed from the consent agenda will be voted on for approval.
- Any item that is removed from the consent agenda will be discussed during the New Business or at a later Board meeting.

After discussion and recommended changes noted, a motion was made by Commissioner Anthony Copeland and seconded by Commissioner Harry Southerland to “adopt the Rule on Consent Agendas”. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

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

- January 10, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- Amendments to Agenda/Approval of Agenda
- Policy Revisions
- Board Committee Appointments

New Business

• Chief Executive Officer’s Report – Victoria Whitt, Chief Executive Officer

Mrs. Whitt welcomed everyone and took the opportunity to introduce Hannah Brown, Finance Director. Mrs. Whitt provided the following updates:

1. Facility Based Crisis (FBC) Services Update

- The Architect is meeting with Sandhills Center and Daymark staff to develop renovation plans.
- Lead and asbestos testing contract have been executed and work has begun.
- A rental lease is being executed with Randolph County for Randolph County Cooperative Extension Program staff to remain in the facility until March. Randolph County is currently in the process of relocation of these staff. The lease is at no cost to Randolph County.
- A rental lease has been executed for property in downtown Asheboro for relocation of Sandhills Center staff. This property consists of two office suites at 624 South Fayetteville Street.

Commissioner Anthony Copeland stated that the Montgomery County Sheriff has expressed interest in being on a committee to help train officers. Mrs. Whitt stated that they do plan to put together a community group to help educate people and that she would keep the Montgomery County Sheriff’s name on file.

2. New Office Building Update

Mrs. Whitt gave the following construction update:

- Structural steel and decking erection completed.
- Underground electrical work completed.
- Roof trusses have been set and completed.
- Light gage framing and site lighting in process.
- The project is on schedule with a completion date established for July 16, 2017.

Advertisement for furniture and partition package proposals was released on January 25th with a deadline to submit of February 15th. Bids will be publicly opened at noon and read at that time. Recommendations will be made at the March 14th Board of Directors meeting.

3. Updates

- **NC General Assembly** – Mrs. Whitt noted that there is very little change in leadership and as of today no bills have been introduced that involve behavioral health.
- **NC DHHS Secretary and Staff** – Mandy Cohen has been appointed to serve as Secretary to DHHS. Christen Young has been appointed to serve as Secretary Cohen's Chief Deputy. Both started on January 30th; however, neither has been confirmed.

Mrs. Whitt noted that there are rumors regarding SB371 and Single Stream Funding.

- **Federal Medicaid Reform – Changes and Impacts** – Discussed the potential changes from Medicaid reform and the block grant programs.
- **State Auditor Report – Medicaid Eligibility Determination** – Audit examined whether county departments of social services accurately and timely determined Medicaid eligibility.
- **DOJ Motion to Enforce Settlement Agreement** – The State of North Carolina was served with a motion to enforce the DOJ settlement agreement.

- **Clinical Services & Operations Report – Anthony Ward, Deputy Director/Chief Operating Officer reviewed the following:**
 1. Medicaid Waiver Operations Report – January 2017, noting that all bench marks continue to be met.
 2. Medicaid Waiver Financial Operations Report – January 2017, noting the financial measures that Sandhills is required to meet.
 3. The January 2017 Quarterly Community Report. The quarterly report covers partnerships that Sandhills has formed within the communities.
 4. The December 2016 Annual Community Report. The annual report covers the ways Sandhills has reinvested savings for the benefit of the members, provider network, and the communities.

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. Finance Committee Chairperson Gart Evans presented and reviewed the Finance Report with the Board of Directors. A summary of the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Income Statement was reviewed and reflects services through December 31, 2016. *On behalf of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Finance Committee Chairperson Gart Evans and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to "approve the Finance Report as presented". The motion passed unanimously.*
- **Personnel Committee Report** – Chairperson Mazie Fleetwood noted that it is now time for the annual CEO Evaluation to be completed annually. Packets were distributed to all attending to complete and return as soon as possible. Human Resources staff will also be emailing each Board member an evaluation form to complete electronically, if they prefer. Mrs. Fleetwood asked that the evaluation forms be returned by March 3rd. The Personnel Committee will compile a preliminary

report and present to the Board of Directors and Mrs. Whitt at the April Board meeting. New Board members can evaluate Mrs. Whitt on the contact they have had with her.

- **Consumer and Family Advisory Committee Quarterly Report (CFAC)** – Report included in the packet.
- **Program Planning and Operations Committee Report** – Chairperson Shirley Hart gave the report.
- **Client Rights Committee Report** – Chairperson Carol Whitaker gave the report.

Old Business

None

Closed Session

Chairperson Ussery announced that the Board needed to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing confidential information in accordance to N.C. General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(1).

A motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion and seconded by Gart Evans to “go into Closed Session”. The motion passed unanimously. The Closed Session began at 8:10 p.m.

Sandhills Center staff in attendance included Chief Executive Officer Victoria Whitt, General Counsel Evelyn Savage, and Clerk to the Board/Administrative Assistant Sherry Bynum.

A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Gart Evans to “come out of Closed Session”. The motion passed unanimously. Closed Session ended at 8:50 p.m.

Board Materials

- Community Agencies Breakfast Meetings Agenda
- DMA Monthly Financial Report – December 2016
- Personnel Report
- Newspaper Articles
- Board Chairperson Appreciation Letter to Staff
- *What Is Next for Behavioral Health in Managed Care* – DHHS Deputy Dave Richard

Comments

None

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 8:55 p.m.



Commissioner Thad Ussery
Chairperson, Board of Directors

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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/Administrative Assistant