



# SANDHILLS CENTER

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 9, 2016

### Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ross Streater            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priscilla Little             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kay Cashion, Vice-Chairperson       | <input type="checkbox"/> Gart Evans                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frank Cleary                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Costella Donnell                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara McKoy            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shirley Hart                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harry Southerland        | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Ferguson                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Smith               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Whitaker               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Copeland                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Rothbeind            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Otis Ritter              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mazie Fleetwood                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Allen              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Weatherly, Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leann Henkel                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Larrison                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thad Ussery, Chairperson |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jan Herring                         |  |

### Staff Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Whitt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sherry Bynum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Anthony Carraway      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Ward |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evelyn Savage  | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Campbell          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rob Scott                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Martha Rogers           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leonard Covington         |  |

**Guest:** Rick Brajer, DHHS Secretary  
Dennis Farley, DMH, LME Technical Assistance Liaison

### Call to Order

The Sandhills Center Board of Directors met on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at the Administrative Office in West End, NC. Chairperson Commissioner Thad Ussery called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### 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 Kirk Smith and seconded by Commissioner Harry Southerland to "go into Closed Session". The motion passed unanimously.*

The Closed Session began at 7:05 p.m. Sandhills Center staff in attendance included CEO Victoria Whitt and General Counsel Evelyn Savage.

*A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Commissioner David Allen to "come out of Closed Session". The motion passed unanimously. Closed Session ended at 8:05 p.m.*

### Invocation

Commissioner Kirk Smith gave the invocation.

### Board Member Conflict of Interest

Chairperson Ussery asked if any Board member has a conflict of interest concerning agenda items the Board will address during the meeting. None were stated.

### Certification of Quorum

Secretary Michele Weatherly certified a quorum.

### Absent Board Members Justifications

Commissioner Kay Cashion – Transportation issues – excused. *A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Michele Weatherly to "excuse the absence". The motion passed unanimously.*

Gart Evans – Out of state – excused. *A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Michele Weatherly to "excuse the absence". The motion passed unanimously.*

Frank Cleary – Health issues – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith 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 Kirk Smith and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Copeland – Not feeling well – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.

Mazie Fleetwood – Vacation – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.

Leann Henkel – Child care issues – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Larrison – Recovering from an accident – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.

Jan Herring – Vacation – excused. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.

Costella Donnell – Not in attendance – unexcused. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Smith and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “not excuse the absence”. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 14, 2016 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed for approval.

A motion was made by Michele Weatherly and seconded by Shirley Hart to “approve the June 14, 2016 minutes as presented”. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Amendments to Agenda**

None

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Mrs. Whitt, Chief Executive Officer, welcomed everyone and provided the following information:

- **Policy Revisions**

Mrs. Whitt presented to the Board of Directors, for review and approval, three revised policies. A motion was made by Commissioner David Allen and seconded by Michele Weatherly to “approve the three revised policies as presented”. The motion passed unanimously.

- **New Office Building – Formal Bids and Update**

Mrs. Whitt gave an update on the new office building:

- The public bid opening was held on July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Six competitive bids were received and opened at the Sandhills Center Area office by Stogner Architecture, PA.
- The low bid was received from Hamlett Associates, Inc., of Climax, with a total contract amount of \$4,752,347.00, including the alternates.
- Stogner Architecture, PA has recommended awarding the project to Hamlett Associates, Inc.

Commissioner David Allen noted that this was discussed in the Finance Committee and they are in agreement. On behalf of the Finance Committee, a recommendation was made by Commissioner David Allen and seconded by Commissioner Harry Southerland to “approve awarding the bid to Hamlett Associates, Inc.”. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Updates**

- **Legislative Update** – Mrs. Whitt reviewed the final budget highlighting the Single Stream Funding reduction of \$152M; inpatient bed funding and expansion funding specifically for child and adolescent.
- **SB 371** – The bill gives the Secretary the authority to direct LME/MCO mergers. The bill was referred to the House Rules Committee, where they went into caucus on the bill and moved it back into the House Rules Committee before adjourning for the year. The bill will need to be reintroduced in order to be considered when the new Legislative Session begins in January 2017.

- **1115 Medicaid Waiver** – Mrs. Whitt noted that the 1115 Waiver application has been submitted to The Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). During the public comment period, CMS received comments of opposition to the Waiver. There has been no additional action reported on the Waiver.

- **Mrs. Whitt also reviewed the following:**

- Community Stakeholder's Breakfast Meetings Agenda
- Personnel Report
- Newspaper Articles

#### **Clinical Services & Operations Report**

**Anthony Ward, Deputy Director/Chief Operating Officer reviewed the following:**

- The Medicaid Waiver Update for July 2016, noting all benchmarks continue to be met.
- The July 2016 Quarterly Community Report, noting the community relations and educational activities throughout the Sandhills Center region.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Finance Committee Report** – Commissioner David Allen reported that the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's Board of Directors meeting and reviewed the Finance Report in detail. Mrs. Whitt 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 June 30, 2016.

Mrs. Whitt called attention to three agreements that are the result of the meetings she has been having with the County Managers, and others identified by the Managers:

1. Funding allocated for Correctional Behavioral Health to provide videoconference services at the Moore County Detention Center for the purpose of evaluations and consultations.
2. Funding allocated for Empowering Lives to provide guardianship services for Harnett County wards.
3. Funding allocated for Bradford Associates, NC LLC to provide assessments, diagnosis and other services as appropriate for individuals in Moore County Detention Center.

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

- **Program Planning and Operations (PPO) Committee Report** – Chairperson Shirley Hart reported that Carol Robertson, Quality Management Director, presented a review of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Quality Management (QM) Committee Executive Summary and the FY 2015 – 2016 Quality Management Program Evaluation, noting that all goals were met or partially met and are ongoing. *On behalf of the PPO Committee, a recommendation was made by Chairperson Shirley Hart and seconded by Commissioner Harry Southerland to "approve the FY 2015 – 2016 Quality Management Program Evaluation". The motion passed unanimously.*
- **Client Rights Committee Report** – Chairperson Carol Whitaker gave the report.
- **Personnel Committee Report** – Did not meet.
- **Consumer Family and Advisory Committee Quarterly Report** – Report included in packet.

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **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 8:44 p.m.*

  
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Commissioner Chad Ussery  
Chairman, Board of Directors

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Date

9-13-16

Documents referred to in these minutes may be obtained by contacting Sherry Bynum at [sherryb@sandhillscenter.org](mailto:sherryb@sandhillscenter.org) or 910-673-9111.

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