

**HILL COUNTRY MHDD CENTERS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES**

WHEN: Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Start: 10:04 AM
End: 12:21 PM

WHERE: Hill Country MHDD Centers Administrative Headquarters
819 Water Street, Suite 300
Kerrville, TX 78028

ATTENDEES:

Board of Trustees

Commissioner Donna Eccleston, Chair, Comal County
Judge Chris Schuchart, Vice-Chair, Medina County
Mr. Charles Campise, Hays County
Judge Souli Shanklin, Edwards, Kimble, Mason, Menard, Schleicher and Sutton Counties
Judge Rob Kelly, Kerr County
Mr. Wallace Whitworth, Bandera and Kendall Counties
Judge Brett Bray, Secretary, Blanco, Gillespie and Llano Counties
Judge Lewis Owens, Val Verde County
Judge Tully Shahan, Kinney, Real, and Uvalde Counties

Hill Country MHDD Staff

Ross C. Robinson, Executive Director
Sheree Hess, General Counsel
Brian Dunagan, Chief Financial Officer
Teresa Thompson, Director of Clinical Services
Analaura McCrae, Interim Director of IDD Authority Services
Jennifer Eckols, Interim Director of IDD Provider Services
Maria Baskett, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

GUESTS:

None

ABSENT:

None

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Donna Eccleston, Board Chair, called the meeting of the Hill Country MHDD Centers Board of Trustees to order at 10:04 AM on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 819 Water Street, Suite 300 in Kerrville, Texas.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

Member roll was called by Maria Baskett, Board Liaison, and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #3: Invocation

Judge Rob Kelly gave the invocation.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes

The Board of Trustees reviewed minutes from the January 22, 2019 Board meeting. Judge Souli Shanklin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wallace Whitworth seconded the motion, and the minutes dated January 22, 2019 were approved without changes.

Agenda Item #5: Citizens' Comments

There were no comments.

Agenda Item #6: Introductions/Announcements

Executive Director Ross Robinson introduced Teresa Thompson, Director of Clinical Services; Jennifer Eckols, Interim Director of IDD Provider Services; Analaura McCrae, Interim Director of IDD Authority Services; and two new Board members, Mr. Charles Campise (representing Hays County) and Judge Lewis Owens (representing Val Verde County).

Agenda Item #7: Citizens' Advisory Committee Report/Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Appointments to the Citizens' Advisory Committee

A summary of the January 15 Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting was included in Board packet. This item was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken.

Agenda Item #8: Executive Director's Report

A comprehensive written report including details of legislative activities, community opportunities, stakeholder meetings, and other initiatives was provided in the Board packet, along with information about changes in executive leadership at Hill Country, updates on Behavioral Health services, YES Waiver, specialty services (formerly referred to as 1115 Waiver), Patient Assistance Programs, CSU utilization, Cultural Services training programs, and HIPAA/HITRUST certification.

Executive Director Ross Robinson advised the Board of his recent meeting with five County Judges representing counties in Hill Country's Western region regarding House Bill 4298. All five Judges agreed to contact Representative Andrew Murr's office to advocate for changes in the legislative language regarding substance abuse services. Under the current statute, Substance Abuse services can only be provided in a licensed facility, such as Hill Country's administrative headquarters or staff offices at the BCFS Hill Country Resource Center. An e-mail from the Texas Council of Community Centers outlining updates on pertinent legislation was distributed to the Board of Trustees and reviewed. Ross informed the Trustees of Hill Country's efforts to collaborate with Boerne ISD and Dripping Springs ISD to provide counseling services to students.

Agenda Item #9: Board Training – People First Language/Removing Stigma & Stereotypes

Teresa Thompson, Director of Clinical Services and Jennifer Eckols, Interim Director of IDD Provider Services presented two videos and reviewed a handout with the Trustees about People First Language. This item was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken.

Agenda Item #10: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Assignment of Fund Balance

Chief Financial Officer Brian Dunagan reviewed a request for \$100,000 from the unassigned fund balance to hire a consultant to assist in the procurement of Electronic Medical Record (EMR) software. The anticipated cost of the actual software is \$2-3 million, and several other Local Mental Health/IDD Authorities have hired consultants for this purpose. Judge Chris Schuchart made a motion to approve this assignment of funds, Judge Tully Shahan seconded the motion, and the request was approved.

Agenda Item #11: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Board Resolution to Honor Mr. Joe Lovelace

At this time, the Board of Trustees reviewed a Board resolution to honor former Trustee Joe Lovelace for five years of service representing Hays County on the HCMHDDC Board of Trustees. Judge Souli Shanklin made a motion to approve the resolution and authorize Board members to sign it, Judge Lewis Owens seconded, and the Board resolution was approved. Two copies of the resolution were signed by all nine Hill Country MHDD Centers Trustees.

Agenda Item #12: Executive Session

The Board of Trustees entered Executive Session at 11:37 AM to deliberate on matters in accordance with Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; specifically, updates on claims and potential litigation, as well as information regarding recent personnel actions. Executive Director Ross Robinson and General Counsel Sheree Hess were present throughout Executive Session.

Agenda Item #13: Action Items

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session at 12: 21 PM. No action was taken as a result of information discussed during Executive Session.

Adjourn

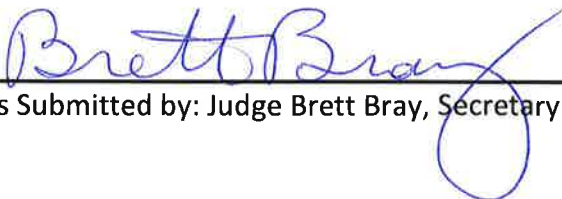
The Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 12:21 PM by Commissioner Donna Eccleston, Board Chair.

Next Meeting

Hill Country MHDD Centers' next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Hill Country MHDD Centers' Administrative Headquarters, 819 Water Street, Suite 300 in Kerrville, Texas.



Commissioner Donna Eccleston, Chair



Minutes Submitted by: Judge Brett Bray, Secretary