

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

WHEN: Tuesday, October 1, 2019
Start: 10:02 AM
End: 12:57 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
Judge Brett Bray, Secretary, Blanco, Gillespie and Llano Counties
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 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
Maria Baskett, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison
Jennifer Eckols, Director of IDD Provider Services
Whitney Waller, Area Director, Scheib IDD Center
Anthony Winn, Director of Canyon Lake Mental Health
Cecilia Lovelady, Intake Therapist, Medina County Mental Health

GUESTS:

None

ABSENT:

Judge Lewis Owens, Val Verde County

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 10:02 AM on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Hill Country MHDD Centers' Administrative Headquarters, 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 August 6, 2019 Board meeting. Judge Souli Shanklin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Judge Chris Schuchart seconded the motion, and the minutes dated August 6, 2019 were approved without changes.

Agenda Item #5: Citizens' Comments

Mr. Charles Campise related that he spoke with an individual served at Scheib MH who stated he feels the time spent between individuals in services and psychiatrists is inadequate, especially when the individual has legal issues. Commissioner Donna Eccleston said she recently had a conversation with a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) who feels that CAC meetings are too long (each meeting takes approximately four hours, and lunch is served). Mr. Wallace Whitworth advised the Board and staff that Kendall County Commissioners Court published the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) by-laws on their website, and that three people have shown interest in serving on the committee and have either already contacted Randy Consford or plan to in the near future. Judge Tully Shahan related a conversation he recently had with a citizen of Brackettville who was highly complimentary of services a family member received at Val Verde County Mental Health. The citizen's family member unfortunately completed suicide, which prompted the family to request treatment records, and they were very pleased with the efforts of staff in Kerrville to assist.

Agenda Item #6: Introductions/Announcements

Ross introduced Anthony Winn (Director at Canyon Lake Mental Health), Cecilia Lovelady (Intake Therapist at Medina County Mental Health), and Whitney Waller (Area Director at Scheib IDD Center), who recently traveled to Oregon to learn about individualized services provided to people with mental health challenges and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities there.

Agenda Item #7: Texas Council Board of Directors Report

Commissioner Donna Eccleston did not attend the Texas Council Board of Directors meeting, but Chief Financial Officer Brian Dunagan was in attendance at the Executive Directors Consortium, where Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) were a dominant topic of discussion. The Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC) has expanded the Texas CCBHC pilot from 8 sites to 12 and starting in October will begin accepting applications for additional sites, projecting at least 12 new sites by September 2020 and an additional 16 by September 2021. The recently released draft from HHSC on the 1115 Waiver transition plan to CCBHC incorporates milestones that support the Texas Council-proposed plan for directed alternative payment models to CCBHCs. The Texas Council is participating in conversations with HHSC and other stakeholders as transition plan specifics are developed over the next year. Other topics of discussion included legal implications of social media use for Community Centers, jail-based competency restoration, and Taking Texas Tobacco Free.

Agenda Item #8: Board Training: Oregon Report – How Other Agencies Accomplish CCBHC & Individualized IDD Services

Anthony Winn and Cecilia Lovelady shared their impressions of Klamath Basin Behavioral Health (KBBH), a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) in Oregon. KBBH's mission statement was discussed at length, and it was recently chosen as one of Oregon's top 10 best places to work. There are regularly scheduled program activities, particularly group learning opportunities, which are clinically significant in that the interactions are similar to those experienced in everyday life and may assist in long-term recovery. The programs are 95 percent funded through Oregon Medicaid (Oregon is a Medicaid expansion state) and only serve Klamath County. Hill Country's next steps will be to send Care Coordinators and licensed personnel to embed with KBBH and shadow their teams for two days, educate behavioral health staff on the CCBHC model, hire a dedicated project manager, and identify two Hill Country clinics to pilot changes. Visits are being planned to one or two additional CCBHC sites, including one in Oklahoma. KBBH plans to visit Hill Country in April 2020.

Jennifer Eckols and Whitney Waller described what they experienced while visiting two different sites (Portland and Eugene). Two members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) and one individual in IDD services were also in attendance. There was one state funded IDD institution in Oregon, which closed in 2000, while Texas currently has 13 state funded institutions for individuals with IDD. Jennifer and Whitney related that Hill Country staff feel recognized by Executive Management and the Board of Trustees for allowing them to participate in this project. A Supported Living program, which provides one-on-one staff to support people so they can live in their own homes, and individuals navigate all parts of their lives, was described. Anyone eligible for IDD services can receive Supported Living, and the agency can help individuals find housing. Jennifer visited the home of a married couple in IDD services who once lived in Oregon's single state funded institution. They now live in their own home and do not have any agency staff living with them. Oregon agencies faced the same challenges we now face, but individualized services were accomplished through the very hard work of a small group of dedicated people (one of whom was Joe Wykowski at Community Vision in Portland). Community Vision's Seven Corners Collaborative is made up of several different non-profit entities that work together to provide wraparound services.

Agenda Item #9: Executive Director's Report

A comprehensive written report including details of stakeholder meetings, updates on IDD Provider and Authority Services, Patient Assistance Programs, CSU utilization, mental health targets and outcomes, and utilization of private psychiatric beds was included in the Board packet. This item was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken.

Agenda Item #10: 4th Quarter Contracts Report

The 4th Quarter Contracting report was included in the Board packet for review. This item was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken.

Agenda Item #11: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning 4th Quarter Fiscal Status

Chief Financial Officer Brian Dunagan presented 4th quarter financial statements, highlighting excess revenues over expenditures of \$1,978,930 for the 4th quarter of FY 19. The unassigned fund balance as of August 31, 2019 was \$20,939,939 (roughly 223 days of operation). Judge

Souli Shanklin moved to adopt the financial statements, Judge Chris Schuchart seconded, and the statements for the 4th quarter of FY 19 were adopted.

Agenda Item #12: Election of Board Officers

At this time, the Board of Trustees discussed different ways of nominating and electing officers; specifically, how the Councils of Government (COGs) in which they participate handle this task, which involves each Board member serving as an officer for one year before moving up to serve at the next highest level of officer. Hill Country MHDD Centers' Board officers are elected annually after the beginning of the fiscal year.

Based on this discussion, Judge Rob Kelly moved to have the current Vice Chair, Judge Chris Schuchart, become Chair; current Secretary, Judge Brett Bray, become Vice-Chair; and then the Board would elect a new Secretary. Judge Souli Shanklin moved to nominate Rob Kelly as Secretary, Mr. Wallace Whitworth seconded, and new above new Board officers were elected.

Agenda Item #13: Executive Session

The Board of Trustees entered Executive Session at 12:02 PM to deliberate on matters in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; specifically, information concerning a settlement demand with regard to a motor vehicle accident in Uvalde, an update on One and Two Schreiner Centers, and the Executive Director's performance evaluation and annual contract review, respectively. In addition to the Board members, Executive Director Ross Robinson and General Counsel Sheree Hess were present. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Agenda Item #14: Action Item(s) Resulting from Executive Session

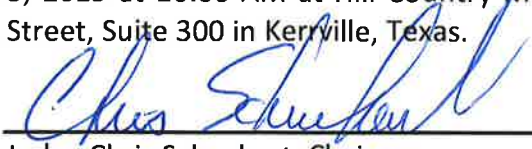
The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session at 12:54 PM. Judge Rob Kelly made a motion to approve Ross Robinson's salary of \$162,000 annually effective September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021, with the suggested amendment to Article 2, Paragraph E. Mr. Charles Campise seconded, and the motion passed. Judge Brett Bray voted "no".

Adjourn


The Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM by Commissioner Donna Eccleston, Board Chair.

Next Meeting

Hill Country MHDD Centers' next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Hill Country MHDD Centers' Administrative Headquarters, 819 Water Street, Suite 300 in Kerrville, Texas.



Judge Chris Schuchart, Chair



Judge Rob Kelly, Secretary