

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

WHEN: Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Start: 9:00 AM
End: 5:01 PM

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

ATTENDEES:

Board of Trustees

Judge Rob Kelly, Chair, Kerr County

Judge Souli Shanklin, Vice-Chair, Edwards, Kimble, Mason, Menard, Schleicher and Sutton Counties

Judge Tully Shahan, Secretary, Kinney, Real, and Uvalde Counties

Judge Chris Schuchart, Medina County

Commissioner Donna Eccleston, Comal County

Mr. Wallace Whitworth, Bandera and Kendall Counties

Judge Brett Bray, Blanco, Gillespie and Llano Counties

Mr. Charles Campise, Hays County

Hill Country MHDD Staff

Ross C. Robinson, Executive Director

Landon Sturdivant, Chief Operating Officer

Charles "Chuck" Rittenhouse, Chief Financial Officer

Maria Baskett, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison

GUESTS:

Carvan Adkins of Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Srolla & Elam LLP

Sarah Hirsch

Tod Citron

ABSENT:

Sheriff Al Auxier, Kendall County

Judge Lewis Owens, Val Verde County

Agenda Item #1: Meeting Called to Order

Judge Rob Kelly, Board Chair, called the meeting of the Hill Country MHDD Centers Board of Trustees to order at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

Member roll was called by Ross Robinson, Executive Director, and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #3: Invocation

Judge Souli Shanklin gave the invocation.

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes

The Board of Trustees reviewed minutes from the May 4, 2021 Board meeting. Judge Souli Shanklin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Judge Chris Schuchart seconded the motion, and the minutes dated May 4, 2021 were approved without changes.

Agenda Item #5: Citizens' Comments

There were no comments.

Agenda Item #6: Introductions/Announcements

Executive Director Ross Robinson introduced Carvan Adkins of Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla & Elam LLP, who is serving as HCMHDDC's legal counsel with regard to a lawsuit out of Del Rio.

Mr. Charlie Campise shared with the Trustees the story of a young man to whom he provided an Uber ride recently. The young man had experienced a mental health crisis, was screened for hospitalization by an employee of HCMHDDC's Scheib Center, and was subsequently admitted to the Werlein Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU). Mr. Campise stated that this young man was highly complimentary of CSU staff and the services he received and had been discharged back into his community approximately 10 days prior to the Uber ride.

Agenda Item #7: Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:11 AM to deliberate on matters in accordance with Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss updated information concerning litigation brought by a resident of Del Rio, potential sale of real property, and a financial incentive payment/bonus for the Executive Director. Attorney Carvan Adkins was present, as well as Executive Director Ross Robinson. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Agenda Item #8: Action Items Resulting from Executive Session

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session at 9:43 AM. Judge Chris Schuchart made a motion to authorize HCMHDDC management to negotiate the sale of a portion of One Schreiner Center's parking lot and an easement to the Marriott. Judge Souli Shanklin seconded, and the motion passed. Judge Tully Shahan made a motion to pay Executive Director Ross Robinson deferred compensation (approved by the Board last year, but not paid at Mr. Robinson's request) in the amount of \$18,000, and Judge Chris Schuchart seconded. There was then discussion concerning the amount of compensation being requested; specifically, Judge Brett Bray asked what the total amount of incentive payments would be for which Mr. Robinson was eligible, and that amount was determined to be \$4,000. Judge Tully Shahan then amended his motion, moving instead to issue Mr. Robinson an incentive payment in the amount of \$4,000 from unrestricted funds. Judge Chris Schuchart seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #9: Citizens' Advisory Committee Report

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) met on May 25, 2021, but because there was not a quorum established, used the time for training. The CAC has offered two recommendations

concerning changes to Committee by-laws, which will be deferred until the next Board of Trustees meeting, after which the Citizens' Advisory Committee will likely have met with a quorum established. Judge Tully Shahan moved to defer action to August 24, 2021. Commissioner Donna Eccleston seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #10: Texas Council Board of Directors Report

Executive Director Ross Robinson stated that most Executive Directors' consortia meetings attended by himself and/or Chief Operating Officer Landon Sturdivant were primarily focused on the Community Mental Health Center grant funding available through SAMHSA. Mr. Robinson added that discussions were also had about the future of 1115 Waiver/DSRIP (an extension was granted by the Trump administration in January 2021, but the Biden administration rescinded that extension in March 2021, stating that Texas had not held proper public hearings, which at the time of this meeting were scheduled to take place later in June. Commissioner Donna Eccleston stated that the most recent Texas Council Board of Directors meeting was more focused on funding streams, legislation being heard, and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs). This Item was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken by the Board.

Agenda Item #11: Executive Director's Report

A comprehensive written report including details of 10 percent holdback measures, CSU occupancy, utilization of private psychiatric beds, IDD and Service Coordination updates, and COVID-19 updates was included in the Board packet. This item was for informational purposes only, and no action was taken by the Board. At this time, Executive Director Ross Robinson thanked the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve Hill Country MHDD Centers; staff, Board, and communities.

Agenda Item #12: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Board Policies

At this time the Board reviewed updates to Board Policies II.B, II.D, II.E, II.F, II.J, and II.M. Judge Souli Shanklin made a motion to approve the Board policies as presented. Mr. Charlie Campise seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #13: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning FY 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the proposed FY 2022 Board of Trustees meeting schedule. Executive Director Ross Robinson alerted the Trustees that the proposed November meeting date falls on Election Day. Judge Chris Schuchart made a motion to approve the meeting schedule with the change of the August meeting date from August 23, 2022 to August 16, 2022. Judge Souli Shanklin seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #14: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning FY 2022 Holiday Schedule

The Board reviewed the FY 2022 schedule of paid holidays. Judge Souli Shanklin made a motion to approve the scheduled as presented, Judge Chris Schuchart seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #15: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning FY 2021 Audit Engagement Letter

At this time the Trustees reviewed the audit engagement letter for FY 2021 from Eide Bailly, LLP, which will be in its fifth consecutive year as Hill Country MHDD Centers' auditing firm. Commissioner Donna Eccleston moved to approve the engagement of Eide Bailly to audit HCMHDDC's FY 2021 financial statements for the cost of \$37,125 and authorize signature of the letter by the Board Chair. Judge Souli Shanklin seconded, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #16: Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Texas Class Investment Resolution

The Board reviewed the Texas CLASS investment resolution. Judge Souli Shanklin made a motion to approve the resolution and authorize signature by the appropriate Board member(s). Judge Tully Shahan seconded, and the motion passed.

NOTE: The Board went into recess at 10:45 AM and returned at 11:01 AM.

Agenda Item #17: Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session at 11:01 AM in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to begin conducting interviews of the three finalists for the Chief Executive Officer position: Landon Sturdivant, Sarah Hirsch, and Tod Citron.

Agenda Item #18: Action Item(s) Resulting from Executive Session

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session at 5:00 PM. Judge Chris Schuchart moved to authorize Judge Kelly, in his capacity as Board Chair, to offer the position of Chief Executive Officer to Tod Citron under the terms discussed during Executive Session. Mr. Charles Campise seconded, and the motion passed. The vote was unanimous 8-0.

Adjourn

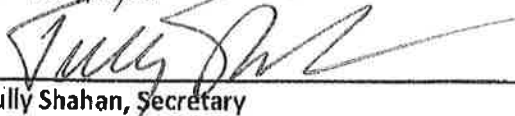
The Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM by Judge Rob Kelly, Board Chair.

Next Meeting

Hill Country MHDD Centers' next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Hill Country MHDD Centers' Administrative Headquarters, 819 Water Street, Suite 300 in Kerrville, Texas.



Judge Rob Kelly, Chair



Judge Tully Shahan, Secretary