



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021**

Present: Mark Ferrandino, Board Chair
Jose Torres-Vega, Vice Chair
Bill Ojile, Treasurer
Mara Kailin, Secretary

Cassie Sudbeck
Joe Derdzinski
Stewart Tucker Lundy

Absent: Holly Reef

Staff Shari Repinski, Executive Director
Georgia Edson, CPO
Marilyn Stewart, Interim CFO
Nancy Stokes, CFO
Steve Selby, CIO
Dana Johnson
Deanna Soulis
Cindy Rubino

Dianne Clarke
Alicia Caldwell
Amanda Lighthiser
Cindy Muller
Jodi Litfin
Rachel Fulla
Julia Spratt

Guests:

Mr. Jose Torres-Vega, Board Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Human Services (RMHS) to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of May 19, 2021 Agenda
- Approval of March 17, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion: Mr. Jose Torres-Vega moved to approve the May Agenda and the March 17, 2021 Board Minutes. Mr. Bill Ojile seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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MISSION REPORT

Mill Levy Director Amy Becerra reported on the Mill Levy Annual report. The program goals include increasing access to services, increasing flexible services and provider options to meet individualized needs and ensuring equitable and inclusive practices to address diverse people and needs. The program is based on need, focused on outcomes and continually monitors trends and solicits feedback regarding relevant and current system needs. This focus was particularly critical during 2020 throughout the pandemic when services were disrupted resulting in unique support needs. Additionally, DHS provided RMHS with additional funds to address the significant housing crisis, promote stability, and keep individuals safely in their home.

RMHS also has enhanced services that uses mill levy funds to address acute individual and system needs through RHMS initiatives and to create funding opportunities for community agencies to administer innovative programs that would otherwise not be available through current funding sources.

RMHS has been awarded the START contract from DHS. This program will provide 1.8 million for the first year for mental health services for individuals with I/DD. RMHS' goal is to hire therapists with diverse backgrounds to coincide with diverse clientele.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Executive Committee Report

Mr. Mark Ferrandino reported to the Board that the Executive Committee met to discuss options pertaining to a special project related to the changes to conflict free case management and potential impacts on the organization. The committee will report an update to the Board when progress is made.

Governance Committee Report

Mr. Joe Derdzinski reported to the Board that the focuses of the Governance Committee include the need to recruit new board members and conduct a Board assessment of needs. Additionally, bylaws state that officer elections must take place on an annual basis. Mr. Derdzinski asked the Board if they have any nominations beyond the electors assigned and none were requested.

Motion: Mr. Jose Torres-Vega made the motion to have Mark Ferrandino remain as Board Chair, Jose Torres-Vega as Vice Chair, Bill Ojile as Treasurer, and Mara Kailin as Secretary. Dr. Mara Kailin seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Derdzinski reported that there are new Community Advisory Council members who have proceeded past the Governance Committee review process and the following individuals are nominated onto the council.

Motion: Mr. Jose Torres-Vega made a motion to elect the following members to the Community Advisory Council: Faith Vidrine, Benny Mudliar, Maria Gomez, Jane Miyahara and Maeline Barnstable. Dr. Mara Kailin seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislative Update

The State Legislature is still in session wherein the Fiscal Year 2022 budget will be presented at next meeting with an approved 2.5% increase to all provider rates. Additionally, The General Assembly decided to approve 667 new enrolments in Developmental Disabilities (DD) Comprehensive Services waiver, therefore 88 individuals on the RMHS waiting list in Denver will be able to begin enrollment onto the waiver. Finally, the bill is expected to expand eligibly in transition services so that RMHS will be able to better utilize funds we are provided.

Building Update

Since March of 2020 the 9900 E Iliff building has been closed to the public and most staff with few exceptions. There is new direction from CDC that allows fully vaccinated staff to access the building without wearing a mask and without prior supervisor approval. Since the CDC is lessening restrictions RMHS will follow the updated guidelines in place and continue to offer remote work as well as a gradual and safe return into the office. Ms. Repinski indicated Dana Johnson will send out a questionnaire to determine how the Board members would like to conduct meetings in the future.

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Areas of Focus

Ms. Repinski requested that this topic be deferred to a later time due to time constraints and that there are more pertinent conversations to be discussed.

CIO Introduction and Report

Ms. Shari Repinski introduced the new Chief Information Officer and new Security Officer for Compliance Steve Selby. Mr. Selby reported on current state initiatives including processes, productivity tools, IT operations, enterprise applications, business intelligence and cybersecurity. Initial priorities include process framework for systems perspective and innovation, leveraging technology for business intelligence and electronic medical records and spending optimization for technology and workforce. The Board then discussed immediate priorities including business intelligence and the necessity to access and process data in a fast way and the opportunity to maintain the same capabilities in the office as staff do out in the field.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

New CFO Introduction

Mr. Bill Ojile introduced to the Board the new Chief Financial Officer Nancy Stokes.

Year-To-Date Financials

Ms. Marilyn Stewart reported the results for the year-to-date financial results for total revenues and expenses ending in March of fiscal year 2021.

Motion: Mr. Joe Derdzinski made a motion to accept the Year-To-Date Financials for FY21 ending March 31, 2021. Mr. Bill Ojile seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No new business or announcements were made.

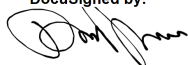
ADJOURNMENT


With no new business or announcements, Mr. Jose Torres-Vega moved to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at approximately 8:03 p.m.

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