

GateWay Counseling Center Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 9, 2023

Members Present: Oscar Tribble, Susan Cooke, Keri Hanselman, Barbara Barksdale, Leland Nelson, Ben Bailey

Members Absent: **Staff Present:** Charlie Stinson **Guest:**

- 1) Call to order: in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting date, time, location, and agenda was posted in the lobby of GCC and on the website.
- 2) Approval/additions to agenda;
- 3) Review/Approval of minutes: Motion Keri H., second Ben B., all in favor
- 4) Director's report
 - GCC is proud that we will have the first program in the school districts. We have a weekly life skills program for LCSD56 at the middle school Success Academy. This academy was started this school year to remove students from regular classes that were experiencing significant deficits in classwork and behavior. The students are given intensive assistance in the hope of improving their grades and behavior to allow them to return to regular classrooms. We are looking to also have a program in District 55 for their at-risk students this year as well.
 - Website revamp is progressing well, and we will soon have a mockup to show you.
 - We will be posting for peer support position next week.
 - Encryption software has been purchased to allow us to communicate with referral sources without a fax, as DSS and probation and DJJ have all ended the use of fax machines.
 - We are progressing with the CDV course and will be meeting with the solicitor's office in the spring to become an approved site.
- 5) Financial Report

There are variations in budgeted amounts, but overall, the totals look strong through November. The financials are not due yet for December, so I will report that data at the next board meeting.
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) Board Seminar: Stinson passed out agendas and confirmation info for the conference. Stinson will have per diem checks cut this week and allow the board members to either pick them up or have Stinson bring them to the beach. Rooms are reserved for Thursday night -Sunday morning.

b) Security System: Quote for 8 cameras and monitoring station was accepted. Both parking lots, all external doors, all hallways, and the safe will be monitored. Stinson and identified staff will have access via their cell phone to monitor the system.

7) New business:

Board member action: To allow the board makeup to be solidified and brought up to date Ben Bailey started a discussion about by laws and the three open seats that are currently on the board. After discussion, Keri H. made a motion to officially recommend the removal of Jessica Holman as a board member and to allow Ben Bailey to advocate at the next County Council meeting to have Council members Patterson, Rankin, and Carroll identify their representatives or the board. Motion was seconded by Leland N. Discussion focused on the fact that Jessica Holman was aware of this pending action and that board members may be from anywhere in the county if certain districts are not able to field a representative. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion and it passed. Ben Bailey will attend the 1/24/23 County Council and act on the motion above.

Bylaws quote: Any Commission member may be recommended for removal for cause by a majority vote of the Commission. Removal will be by the vote of the majority of the concerned County Council. Commissioners that fail to attend three consecutive meetings without prior approval of the Chairperson will be recommended for removal.

8) Adjournment: Motion Ben B., second Keri H., all in favor.

Next meeting will be scheduled for March 13th, 2023, at 6 pm. The February meeting is cancelled as the board seminar will take place in the last week of January.