

GateWay Counseling Center Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 14, 2022

Members Present: Oscar Tribble, Susan Cooke, Ben Bailey, Leland Nelson

Members Absent: Ken Porter, Keri Hanselman, Jessica Holman **Staff Present:** Charlie Stinson **Guest:** NA

- 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: Motion BB, second SC, all in favor
- 3) Review/Approval of minutes: Motion BB, second SC, all in favor
- 4) Financial Report

Collections look good through December. We ended up 10% over budgeted amount. We still are experiencing delays in reimbursement from DAODAS, but overall cash flow is acceptable.

- 5) Director's report:

New furniture was installed in Financial Directors office. The entire agency now has received modern office furniture.

We are planning to get back to operational procedure that were in place prior to the pandemic.

We had shortened groups to one hour in length due to exposure risk. We will be extending them back to 90-120 minutes in April if COVID numbers stay low.

We had split groups to allow for smaller numbers of clients in session to socially distance. This has us currently running multiple smaller groups. We will look to combine these groups again in April and go back to full census amounts if COVID numbers remain low.

We have hired Kathleca Cater full time as of tomorrow. She was an intern and showed promise as an employee. She enjoyed her time a GateWay and applied for an open position.

We will soon be conducting needs assessment activities to plan for next year and to complete the county plan. We have hired a part time Prevention staff member to help. We will be sending out surveys, conducting focus groups, and speaking with key people in the community. We may ask to Board for assistance in this process.

The CTC survey will be conducted this year with support from District 56. We hope to gather data that will support interventions to be made in the school district. Adolescent services are still a main priority area for GateWay for expansion of services. We also are hoping to get TEP, the Tobacco Education Program into schools this year as vaping has become hugely problematic

at local schools. Remember that nicotine is now illegal for under 21 at the federal level with SC making changes in our laws not to match the Federal law.

6) Old Business

a) Board Seminar:

Stinson reviewed highlights of Bard Seminar topics and discussions.

b) Board vacancies:

Stinson presented the need for elections for the Board. Terry Grubbs have moved to Michigan or is in the process) and we need a new Board Chair. Discussion was focused on the need to revisit by-laws for the Bard to assure that we are following them. The overall environment of all Boards across the 301 system are focused on "tightening up" as the regulatory and funding environment are changing.


7) New business

a) Board by- laws: presented and discussed.

b) Election of Board Members: After discussion it was decided that an election will occur next month, not this month, to allow all Board members to be present if possible. Stinson will notify the entire Board of this agenda item and encourage attendance.

8) Adjournment: Motion LN, second BB, all in favor. 7:03 pm.

Next meeting will be scheduled for March 14, 2022, at 6 pm.

Approved by  Date 3/21/22
Board Chair or designee