



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD JULY 19, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.

The Governing Board met at a Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 5:16 p.m. in the MHSA Office located at 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.

CALL TO ORDER Board Member Vera called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL Roll call was taken by JPA Administrator/Clerk Olmos.

GOVERNING BOARD

PRESENT: Carolyn Cockrell, City of La Verne, Board Member
Paula Lantz, City of Pomona, Board Member
Wendy Lau, City of La Verne, Board Member
Ronald T. Vera, City of Claremont, Board Member
Adam Pirrie, City of Claremont, Alternate Board Member
Victor Preciado, City of Pomona, Alternate Board Member

ABSENT: Jed Leano, City of Claremont, Chair
John Nolte, City of Pomona, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, City of Pomona, Board Member

STAFF

PRESENT: Rimmi Hundal, Executive Director
Amy Greyson, Special Counsel
Diana Acosta, Chief Financial Officer
Natalie Majors-Stewart, Chief Compliance Officer
Elizabeth Renteria, Chief Clinical Officer
Seeyam Teimoori, Medical Director
Dana Barford, Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services
Mica Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

Due to a credible threat to the Agency received on July 19, 2023, the in-person meeting was cancelled. The Governing Board will hold this public meeting via teleconference only pursuant to Government Code § 54953 regarding teleconferencing, and also pursuant to Government Code §§ 54954.2 and 54956.5. Accordingly, the public seeking to observe and to address the Governing Board may participate electronically.

CANCELLATION OF IN- PERSON MEETING

- 1. ADDITION TO AGENDA OF CONSIDERATION OF CANCELLATION OF INPERSON MEETING DUE TO THREAT**

Board Member Vera explained that an unanimous consent will be required to continue the Governing Board meeting virtually; and he then asked for a motion to add to the agenda the consideration of cancellation of in-person meeting due to a threat.

There being no discussion, Alternate Board Member Preciado moved, and Alternate Board Member Pirrie seconded, to add to the Agenda the consideration of cancellation of in-person meeting due to a threat. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Alternate Board Members Preciado and Pirrie; and Board Members Cockrell, Lantz, Lau, and Vera. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole; Vice-Chair Nolte; and Chair Leano.

2. CONSIDERATION OF CANCELLATION OF IN-PERSON MEETING DUE TO THREAT

There being no discussion, Board Member Vera moved, and Board Member Cockrell seconded, to cancel the in-person meeting of the Governing Board on July 19, 2023, due to a threat and to proceed via teleconference only. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Alternate Board Members Preciado and Pirrie; and Board Members Cockrell, Lantz, Lau, and Vera. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole; Vice-Chair Nolte; and Chair Leano.

Board Member Vera opened the meeting for public comment; and there was no public comment.

PRESENTATION

OVERVIEW OF PENSION FUNDING BY GOVINVEST

Executive Director Hundal and Chief financial Officer Acosta reported that the presentation had been postponed due to the meeting switching to a virtual platform.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 21, 2023 GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Board Member Lantz inquired the reason Board Member Lau's recusal was not included in the minutes. JPA Administrator/Clerk Olmos explained that it was withdrawn in order to have a quorum, noting that Board Member Lau did not have a conflict of interest; therefore, Board Member Lau returned to join the meeting and she actually did not recuse herself.

There being no further comment, Board Member Lau moved, and Board Member Cockrell seconded, to approve the Minutes from the June 21, 2023 Governing Board Regular Meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Alternate Board Member Pirrie; and Board Members Cockrell, Lau, and Vera. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Alternate Board Member Preciado, and Board Member Lantz. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole; Vice-Chair Nolte; and Chair Leano.

NEW BUSINESS

4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 715 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY PROGRAM

Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services Barford reported that the Affiliation Agreement would allow for Tri-City Mental Health Authority to provide training and supervision for Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) Interns; that in the past, they have worked with students pursuing their Master of Social Work; that this is an opportunity to partner with University of La Verne and work with their MFT's as well.

Board Member Vera opened the meeting for public comment and there was no public comment.

Board Member Cockrell expressed her excitement for this partnership.

Board Member Cockrell moved, and Board Member Lantz seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 715 approving an Affiliation Agreement with the University of La Verne and authorizing the Executive Director to execute the agreement and any Amendments thereafter. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Alternate Board Members Preciado and Pirrie; and Board Members Cockrell, Lantz, and Lau. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Board Member Vera. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole; Vice-Chair Nolte; and Chair Leano.

5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 716 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AUDITING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EIDE BAILLY THROUGH FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Chief Financial Officer Acosta stated that this year they are implementing a new government accounting standard which requires to report subscription-based information technology agreements; that it has taken longer for auditors to complete the audit as a result of this new government accounting standard; and that the auditors have requested an amendment to their agreement to increase their fees by \$10,000.

Board Member Vera opened the meeting for public comment; and there was no public comment.

Board Member Lantz sought clarification regarding the amendment of the agreement with Eide Bailly for additional money and the relationship between this item and the next two agenda items, asking if the Authority will also be purchasing a software from them. Chief Financial Officer Acosta responded that the Authority will not be purchasing a software from them; and explained that Eide Bailey is the Authority's existing auditing firm; that Resolution No. 716 is to amend the existing contract for an independent audit of the Authority's financial statements; that the next item is for a software from a separate company, which will allow staff to account for over 50 agreements with various software subscriptions, noting that it will be more efficient than manually creating spreadsheets. Board Member Lantz further inquired about the third item. Chief Financial Officer Acosta explained that Eide Bailey's has a consulting branch, which requires a separate contract; and that they will be helping staff to identify the subscription-based information technology

agreements that are within scope which will be required to be accounted for under the new government standards.

Alternate Board Member Preciado inquired about the impact this item will have on the budget; if the fees fall into the projected numbers; and if the agency was aware of the change prior to the end of the fiscal year. Chief Financial Officer Acosta explained that staff have accounted for the fees in the new budget, which will be further explained in Item No. 8 of the Agenda; and that Eide Bailly provided this information a few weeks ago, which allowed staff to add the items to this Agenda and account for it in the budget for the new fiscal year.

There being no further discussion, Alternate Board Member Preciado moved, and Alternate Board Member Pirrie seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 716 authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Eide Bailly, LLP through Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Alternate Board Members Preciado and Pirrie; and Board Members Cockrell, Lantz, Lau, and Vera. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole; Vice-Chair Nolte; and Chair Leano.

6. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 717 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH LEASEQUERY, LLC FOR GASB-96 CONSULTING SERVICES BEGINNING JULY 19, 2023 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREAFTER

Chief Financial Officer Acosta explained that this software will assist staff to efficiently produce accounting transactions; that last year, the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 87 was implemented that required leases to be identified and recorded separately; that there were only a couple leases last year; however, this year with the implementation of GASB Statement 96, there are over 50 subscription based agreements that have to be accounted for; and that this software will increase efficiency in the coming years.

There being no comment, Board Member Lantz moved, and Board Member Vera seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 717 approving an Agreement with LeaseQuery, LLC for GASB-96 Consulting Services beginning July 19, 2023, and authorizing the Executive Director to execute the agreement and any amendments thereafter. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Alternate Board Members Preciado and Pirrie; and Board Members Cockrell, Lantz, Lau, and Vera. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole; Vice-Chair Nolte; and Chair Leano.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 718 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH EIDE BAILLY, LLP FOR GASB-96 IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES EFFECTIVE JULY 19, 2023 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREAFTER

Chief Financial Officer Acosta expressed that this agreement is related to GASB-96 which requires the Authority to account for, and record agreements on financial statements; that they will now be visible on financial statements as a liability depending on the nature of the agreement; that Eide Bailly will be assisting in reviewing the agreements and identifying which will be required

to report; and indicated that this agreement would be with the consulting branch of Eide Bailly, which requires a separate agreement.

Board Member Vera opened the meeting for public comment and there was no public comment.

Board Member Vera inquired about a potential conflict of interest due to the fact that the same company auditing the Authority will also be providing consulting services to the Authority. Chief Financial Officer Acosta explained that although they are the same entity, they are independent branches, thus, there is no conflict of interest; that ultimately, the Authority will be taking responsibility for GASB-96. Board Member Vera referred to Resolution No. 718, noting that Eide Bailly is listed as LLC, instead of LLP. Chief Financial Officer Acosta stated that it is a typo and it will be corrected.

There being no further comment, Board Member Vera moved, and Board Member Cockrell seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 718 approving an Agreement with Eide Bailly, LLP for GASB-96 implementation services beginning July 19, 2023, and authorizing the Executive Director to execute the agreement and any amendments thereafter. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Alternate Board Members Preciado and Pirrie; and Board Members Cockrell, Lantz, Lau, and Vera. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole; Vice-Chair Nolte; and Chair Leano.

8. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 719 ADOPTING THE AUTHORITY'S PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET & CASH FLOW BUDGET FOR FY 2023-2024

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not continue Agenda Item No. 8 and move to the Closed Session item. Concerns were expressed that there might not be a quorum after the Closed Session since Alternate Board Member Preciado has to leave at 5:50 pm., and about rushing through the budget discussion.

Board Member Vera agreed to not rushe through the budget discussion and asked that this Agenda Item be continued. Discussion ensued to set a date for a later meeting to discuss the budget item; and it was concluded that August 9th would be the best date to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further discussion, Board Member Vera moved, and Alternate Board Member Pirrie seconded, to continue the Agenda Item No. 8 (Consideration of Resolution No. 719 adopting TCMHA's FY 2023-24 Operating Budget and Cash Flow Budget) to August 9th at 5:00 p.m. The motion was carried by the following vote: AYES: Alternate Board Members Preciado and Pirrie; and Board Members Cockrell, Lantz, Lau, and Vera. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole; Vice-Chair Nolte; and Chair Leano.

CLOSED SESSION WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:37 p.m., the Governing Board recessed to a Closed Session pursuant to Gov't Code § 54956.9, Conference with Legal Counsel – existing litigation; Case Name: Patricia Kears v. Tri-City Mental Health Authority, Warkitha Torregano, et al.; Case Number: 21PSCV00953; Venue: Los Angeles Superior Court.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 6:08 p.m., the Governing Board reconvened to an Open Session.

Alternate Board Member Preciado did not join the Open Session.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no reportable action.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS

9. RIMMI HUNDAL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Hundal provided an update about the 988 number, noting that it has been one year since the number had been rolled out by the Department of Health and Human Services; that they have announced that the number will be available in Spanish, including a texting service. She then stated that earlier this month, they have special services for LGBTQI+ youth and young adults, and that a video phone services will be added to better serve the deaf and hard of hearing individuals. She then announced that on June 28th, she attended the groundbreaking of Chris Hartmeyer Plaza in Pomona along with Chief Clinical Officer Renteria and staff from the Housing Department, and that Board Members John Nolte, Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole and Jed Leano were also in attendance; that the project will be built over 6,000 square feet and it will have a health clinic run by East Valley Community Center to provide medical, dental and mental health services; that out of the 90 units, Tri-City Mental Health Authority will have nine units for permanent supportive housing, which was purchased through the No Place Like Home grant program; that TCMHA will be providing case management and other services to those nine units. She then thanked the Governing Board for approving the Loan Repayment Program for staff, noting that TCMHA had made the first payments toward the loans of 28 staff members; that staff are approving applications for the next year; and that the program has helped with retention. She then provided a staffing report.

Board Member Vera inquired about the total number of employees and if the Authority was fully staffed. Executive Director Hundal stated that there are a total of 247 positions; however, only 206 full-time and 8 part-time positions are staffed, noting that some positions are being frozen and they will be addressed during the budget discussion next month; and that although the Authority is short-staffed, TCMHA is at a good place for now.

10. DIANA ACOSTA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Acosta reported that she updated the MHSA section with more information, and that the table has the most recent annual update for FY 2023-2024; that since the annual update was adopted in May, staff has received updated numbers and instead of the projected \$14.7 million dollars in revenue from the Mental Health Services Act, the projection is now closer to \$24 million dollars, which is roughly nine million dollars more than was originally estimated in April or May. She pointed out that things can still change at any moment and she will continue to report the latest projections as they are received. She also stated that she updated the tables that refer to reversion, the CSS tables, and the projected expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. She

then stated that the money the Authority has to spend by the end of Fiscal Year 2023-2024, is targeted to be spent and protect us from any potential reversion on CSS, PEI funds, and INN funds.

Board Member Vera inquired about the proposed budget, specifically the anticipated revenue amount of \$24 million dollars, and if it is reflected in the budget. Board Member Vera shared his concern about the upcoming Governor's initiative and the impact it will have on the Authority's revenue. Chief Financial Officer Acosta responded in the affirmative; clarifying that the Authority would still expect to receive the dollars in but they would be expected to spend it in different percentages; that there have been and will continue to be a lot of changes.

Executive Director Hundal added that staff developed the MHSA plan based on the numbers at the time; that the legislation will go on the ballot in March; that if the Bill passes, it will be implemented in 2026 and there will be a 24% reduction in FSP services, which is a significant reduction in services but more funding will go towards housing; that the Innovation Plan will be gone, which includes the tech suite and psychiatric advance directives; that the Authority will have time to spend the money and avoid reversion; that there will be a 12% reduction in CSS services as well, which will impact the Wellness Center services, Community Navigators, and Supplemental Crisis Services. She indicated that she hopes to roll Supplemental Crisis Services into Crisis services so that there will not be a significant change here; and that staff continues to monitor this Bill and will continue to keep the Governing Board informed.

11. LIZ RENTERIA, CHIEF CLINICAL OFFICER REPORT

Child and Family Program Manager Johnson reported that Tri-City Mental Health Authority received approval for funding of the remaining base allocation of \$300,000 for the Crisis Care Mobile Unit; that this funding will be utilized to purchase three specialized vehicles to serve as TCMHA's command centers for the field crisis response; and that staff is working on the application to become a mobile crisis team for the Department of Healthcare Services. She then indicated that the Trevor Project will be conducting trainings for staff to help our community partners, and internal staff, how just become better mentors for our LGBTQ youth; an announced upcoming trainings such as Youth Mental Health First Aid, the Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in schools, and Community Resilience Model, noting that TCMHA is partnering with our school districts to participate in the trainings at the end of August.

12. SEEYAM TEIMOORI, MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Medical Director Teimoori reported that TCMHA clients are more prone to metabolic disease and medical comorbidities as a result of many factors, including genetic factor treatments, social and psycho, noting that he explained in his report the measures that we have to address to prevent those kind of medical comorbidities in conjunction with other medical providers.

Board Member Vera inquired how many psychiatric patients does TCMHA serves on a monthly basis. Medical Director Teimoori indicated close to 600, which will continue to increase, noting that during the last year, the number of intakes have been increasing.

Discussion ensued regarding psychiatrists staffing issues, such as just wanting to do telemedicine or telepsychiatry; that TCMHA's model is hybrid model; about staff being mindful of the new

changes in healthcare, such as going more towards providing remote services; about the benefits of face-to-face encounter with clients; and about hard to compete with private organizations.

Board Member Vera indicated that in a future meeting the Governing Board could discuss what can be done to bring in additional psychiatrists to help. Medical Director Teimoori thanked the Board for their support, noting that what the Board implemented back in 2018 was very helpful to hire new doctors.

At 6:41 p.m., Board Member Lau left the meeting.

13. DANA BARFORD, DIRECTOR OF MHSA AND ETHNIC SERVICES REPORT

Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford discussed upcoming community trainings such as Mental Health First Aid, and stress management; that TCMHA will be submitting a new Innovation project and it will be posted in the month of August. She then reported that staff will be proposing a three-year project for \$675,000 to find out how we implement a more strategic way of engaging more stakeholders, noting that staff wants to hire consultants to help staff along the way.

Board Member Cockrell referred to the PEI program, noting that she wanted to gain a better understanding of what kinds of things are involved with the family wellbeing aspect, noting that she would like to hear more about the parenting support groups since a lot of parents are really struggling. Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services Barford discussed the projects and activities under PEI, noting that that staff is open to suggestions of how we can add additional activities.

14. NATALIE MAJORS-STEWART, CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER REPORT

Chief Compliance Officer Majors-Stewart stated that she was happy to report that staff have implemented the requirements of the CalAIM behavioral health payment reform initiative, which went into effect on July 1st, noting that staff do need to circle back to certain components and aspects in order to optimize them over the next several months; and discussed the backend electronic health record configurations that need more work. She added that the implementation was smooth and they got a lot of positive feedback from staff across various departments.

GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS

Board Member Vera thanked Mr. Pirrie and Mr. Preciado for joining the Governing Board.

Board Member Lantz thanked everyone for their flexibility, stating that it is really hard, especially for the Chief Financial Officer who had prepared an extensive budget presentation. She then commented that she attended a presentation on tenant rights, which was co-sponsored by TCMHA, noting that the presentation by TCMHA was excellent and it really made her proud. She added that Board Member Nolte was also a presenter because this is one of his projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:56 p.m., on consensus of the Governing Board its meeting of July 19, 2023 was adjourned to August 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., in the MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.



Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

