

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**LIFEPATH SYSTEMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
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1515 Heritage Drive, McKinney , Texas – Trinity Meeting Room

**JANUARY 30, 2025**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>		
Dona Watson Doug Kowalski Arthur Cotten	Rick Crawford Ernest Myers Melvin Thathiah	Tammy Mahan Pete Kabira Brent Phillips-Broadrick Deanna Easley	Diann Gregg Maria Putman Jennifer Morgan Luis Palma

**Call to Order:** A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Doug Kowalski, Chair of LifePath Systems Board of Trustees.

**010125- Consent Agenda**

Doug Kowalski requested comments or concerns regarding items within the Consent Agenda. There being none,

**MOTION:** Dona Watson moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Ernest Myers seconded the motion. The vote to accept the Consent Agenda was unanimous.

**020125 - Public Input and Partner Organizations**

- a) **Public Commentary:** Doug Kowalski called for public comments. No comments were offered.
- b) **LifePath Foundation Monthly Update:** Tammy Mahan, CEO reported in absence of Keyanta Gaddy, Director of Development. Celebrate to Elevate, the annual LifePath Systems fundraising event scheduled for April 12 is on track with obtaining sponsorships. Tammy reminded the attendees about the donor appreciation reception on February 22 and encouraged attendance. Board of Trustees and executive staff and directors are invited.

**030125 - CEO Report**

A summary of administrative and program activities and outcomes for the month are included in Tammy Mahan's written report to the Board provided in the meeting packet.

Tammy reported she and Dr. Crawford visited four state legislative offices while in Austin. Visits to the Capitol are scheduled quarterly to keep them informed of community needs. Jeff Leach and Keresa Richardson, State Representatives, toured the LifePath Crisis Center and discussed legislative priorities for the Center.

The snow and ice days on January 9-10 resulted in closing offices, but services continued with staff who were able to work from home and Crisis Center and MCOT staff and services.

Program highlights include ECI submittal of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for another 5-year contract, effective September 1, 2025. Last Tuesday, the Federal government ordered a freeze of all

federal funds and grants. The order was rescinded and LifePath will continue services as normal for now.

#### **040125– Committee Reports and Action Items:** Doug Kowalski called for Committee reports.

- a) **Budget and Finance Committee:** Dona Watson reported for Matt Duncan, Committee Chair. The Committee met to review the December 2024 YTD Financials which show in positive position overall. Due to the committee not having a quorum, Dona Watson made a motion regarding the SCIP Grant Budget.
  - **MOTION:** To approve the Office of the Governor SCIP (State Crisis Intervention Program) Grant Budget in the amount of \$448k for the triage and diversion program. The motion was seconded by Ernest Myers. Call to approve resulted in a unanimous vote.
- b) **Facilities Committee:** Ernest Myers, Chair, reported that the incorrect roofing materials installed on the Bloomingdale building will be replaced. Glass windows installation has started. The North Texas Water District pipeline project is in progress. Leased offices in 1575 Heritage will close out as agreed, with departments moving to temporary space by March 1.
- c) **Compliance and Quality Assurance Committee:** No report.
- d) **Human Resources:** Dona Watson, Committee Chair, reported the committee met to review a personnel matter. No follow up is needed at this time.
- e) **Programs and Communications Committee:** Ernest Myers reported for the Committee. The Program Directors submitted their monthly data to the Committee for review. No actions are required by the Board this month.
- f) **Technology Committee:** No report.
- g) **Legislative Committee and Texas Council Report:** Rick Crawford, Board Legislative Liaison, informed the Board a Speaker of the Texas House was selected. He commented at one of the meetings at the Capitol a new legislative staff member indicated he has a family member with intellectual disabilities. Dr. Crawford mentioned a sense of growing awareness and support increased funding for IDD direct support professionals.

#### **050125 - Chairman's Report**

- a) **Announcements and Upcoming Events:** Doug Kowalski called for updates on filling the two open positions on our Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees meeting scheduled in June 26 was brought up due to the conflicting dates of the Texas Council Conference.

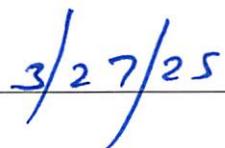
**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ernest Myers to cancel the June Board meeting. Arthur Cotton seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposed. The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for February 27 in Plano at 7:00 pm.

- b) **New Business:** none

**060125 - Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Dona Watson and seconded by Rick Crawford. The vote to adjourn at 7:59 pm was unanimous.



Arthur Cotten, Board Secretary



Date