

**MINUTES OF MEETING
LIFE PATH SYSTEMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LifePath Systems
1515 Heritage Drive, McKinney, TX, Trinity Meeting Room
September 28, 2023**

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	Guests
John Donovan	Arthur Cotten	Tammy Mahan
Rick Crawford	Doug Kowalski	Joanne Huffstetler
Dona Watson	Melvin Thathiah	Humera Bhaidani
Matt Duncan	Anne Bramlett	Deanna Easley
		Keyanta Gaddy
		Diann Gregg
Absent:		Danielle Sneed
Danny Stasik, Ernest Myers		Pete Kabira
		Brent Phillips-Broadrick
		Jennifer Morgan
		Luis Palma

Call to Order: A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Doug Kowalski, Chair, LifePath Systems Board of Trustees.

010823 Consent Agenda

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

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Rick Crawford and seconded by Matt Duncan. The motion carried unanimously.

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Public Input and Partner Organizations

- a) **Public Commentary:** Doug Kowalsky called for public commentary. Comments were heard regarding the IDD Provider transition.
 - b) **Foundation Monthly Update:** Keyanta Gaddy, Director of Development, presented the September Foundation Report, with in-kind donations totaling a value of \$158,703.54 year-to-date, including Trusted World's August in-kind donations of \$17,316. Keyanta reported the North Texas Giving Day LifePath donations added almost \$6,000 to funds.

New Foundation Board members will attend board orientation, followed by the general board meeting on October 18.

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a) CEO Report

A summary of the program updates is included in Tammy Mahan's written report. She pointed out that the upcoming closure of the IDD Provider program (HCS, ICF, and Texas Home Living) has completed plans for transitioning one quarter of our participants to private providers. The goal is to complete transition plans for another 50% of participants in October with remaining 25% to be complete in November.

ECI received HHSC funding letter for the second half of FY24, and any mid-year adjustments will be presented to the Board in January. In Behavioral Health, CCBHC recertification processes are underway, which will allow continued receipt of Directed Payment Program funds. We also will receive funding through a 2-year VOCA grant for the Center for Healing for people affected by the Allen Mall shooting. The State also notified us of funding for additional psychiatric beds.

Several staff attended a contracting webinar facilitated by Texas Council Risk Management Fund, in preparation for upcoming OIG audits. Eight Centers have been

selected for the OIG audits, which take approximately six months to complete. LifePath was not selected this round, however, we will be monitoring and learning from other Center experience. The contracting requirements webinar was recorded and will be available to all directors.

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Committee Reports and Action Items

- a) **Budget and Finance Committee:** Matt Duncan, Chair, reported. The Finance Committee met to review the August financials and program dashboards. They also reviewed SAMHSA Grant funding for the Adult Drug Treatment Court and recommends approval as proposed.
MOTION: The Committee recommends approval of the Adult Drug Treatment Court Grant budget for FY24. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- a. **Facilities Search Committee:** Tammy Mahan, CEO, reported in the absence of Ernest Myers, Committee Chair, regarding the status of the Bloomdale campus project. Rogers O'Brien is waiting on the civil permit to start construction. The Center is finalizing the interlocal agreement with North Texas Municipal Water District to install a waterline through the Bloomdale property during construction.
- b. **Compliance and Quality Committee:** Nothing to report, The Committee will be meeting in October.
- d. **Human Resource Committee:** Dona Watson, Chair, reported that the Committee met to select the 2023 Awards of Excellence recipients as nominated by Directors. The awards will be announced at the All-Staff Celebration on October 12.
- e. **Programs and Communication Committee:** Anne Bramlett reported for Ernest Myers in his absence. The Committee held its monthly meeting. Several outreach meetings occurred during September Suicide Prevention Month. BH is pushing to increase community outreach opportunities to raise awareness and prevention. LifePath will be present at the upcoming Asian Festival in Plano.
- f. **Technology Committee:** Trey Cotten, Chair, reported no meeting was required this month.
- g. **Legislative Committee and Texas Council Report:** Rick Crawford reported on recent Texas Council and State legislator activities. He mentioned current membership issues could impede progress for decisions impacting IDD funding. He emphasized the importance of efforts to keep lines of communication open, to educate, and to build closer relationships with our legislators.

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Chairman's Report

a) Announcements and Upcoming Events

Doug Kowalski called for members to refer to the Board Calendar in the packet for upcoming opportunities, reminding them to try to attend the All-Staff Celebration on Oct. 12 at Collin College Conference Center, 2400 Community Avenue, McKinney, at 11:00 am.

b) New Business for Discussion: No new business was discussed.

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c) **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at **7:43** pm by Melvin Thathiah, seconded by Dona Watson. Approval was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Bramlett

Anne Bramlett, Secretary

10/26/2023

Date of Approval