MINUTES OF MEETING
LIFEPATH SYSTEMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LifePath Systems
7304 Alma Drive, Plano, Texas
March 25, 2021

Board Members Present		Staff Members Present		Guests
Dona Watson	Anne Bramlett	Tammy Mahan	Joanne Huffstetler	Hailey DeWolfe
Matt Duncan	Anthony Henderson	Rik Lindahl	Jennifer Morgan	
Doug Kowalski	Melvin Thathiah	Danielle Sneed	Brandi Hazelwood	
		Pete Kabira	Diane Kazlow	
		Diann Gregg		

Trustee(s) Absent: Mitch Selman, Rick Crawford, Ernest Myers, Tony Nichols

Call to Order:

6:59 pm A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order by Dona Watson, Vice Chair.

010321 Consent Agenda

Dona Watson called for further comment or discussion of the items within the Consent Agenda. Anne Bramlett had one question regarding IDD Front Door waitlist which was answered by Brandi Hazelwood.

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

020321 Public Input and Partner Organizations

Dona Watson called for public commentary. Hailey DeWolfe, Outreach Specialist for Behavioral Health, reminded the Board that the annual NAMI Walk/Activity Fundraiser is scheduled for May 22 and will be held virtually nationwide this year due to COVID-19 precautions. Board members are welcome to join the LifePath Systems walk team through the NAMI North Texas website.

030321 Staff Reports and Board Training

a) **CEO Report**

Tammy announced that Hailey DeWolfe, along with Kensey Fisher and Jessica Phillips, represented LifePath Systems in a KLAK Radio 30-minute interview describing LifePath Systems services in detail and answering questions. Diane Kazlow will send the interview link to the Board.

Tammy Mahan presented her written report, highlighting several items.

Strategic planning meetings will be scheduled to assess the challenges and opportunities for the next two years as well as consider long-term goals. Community, operational and service-related trending dashboards will be presented as helpful guides on which to base planning over time. Trustees were requested to check their Saturday schedules for a June or July meeting date.

Tammy informed the members that the State is offering unused mental health block grants that must be dedicated by the end of this fiscal year. Funds will be available to start the Outpatient Competency Restoration Program. The County is also receiving more funding similar to the

Cares Act to be spent by 2024. This gives more opportunity to consider future growth needs that would qualify. The Facilities and Technology Committee is scheduled to meet April 7 to discuss where funds can best be utilized given increased service needs. This next year the DSRIP funds will be replaced by a directed payment program (DPP) from which LifePath should be able to pull down $2.2 million for an enhanced Medicaid rate for behavioral health clients. Funding will also be available for Charity Care. We are awaiting more details regarding these funding sources.

Tammy and Rick Crawford met with Collin County state representatives regarding LifePath Systems legislative priorities. Texas Council has also reached out to Representative Scott Sanford regarding HB843, which will expand support for ECI programs by requiring insurance to cover all services on an IFSP. Tammy will send a copy of the House Bill to the board members. IDD PNAC members have voiced willingness to become funding advocates by reaching out to our state legislators. Tammy is providing a training to the IDD PNAC on legislative advocacy.

Future board meetings will be transitioning back to in-person with the likely discontinuance of temporary COVID-19 waivers within the Open Meetings Act. We will keep the members informed as changes occur.

040321 Committee Reports

a) Budget and Finance Committee. Matt Duncan, Committee Chair, reported the results of the Budget and Finance Committee. He reported overall financials are in green status.

b) Facilities and Technology Committee. Doug Kowalski, Committee Chair, reminded about the upcoming meeting on April 7 at 4pm.

c) Human Resources Committee. No report.

d) Program and Communication Committee. No report.

e) Compliance and Quality Assurance. No report.

f) Legislative Committee and Texas Council Report. No report.

050321 Chairman's Report

a) Announcements and Upcoming Events. The members were directed to check the Calendar of Events in their board packets.

b) New Business for Discussion: None

060321 Adjournment

There being no further business, Dona Watson called for motion to adjourn at **7:25** pm.
A MOTION to adjourn was made by Doug Kowalski and seconded by Melvin Thathiah.
Approval to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Bramlett, Secretary | Date of Approval