

MINUTES OF MEETING
LIFE PATH SYSTEMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LifePath Systems
7304 Alma Drive, Plano, Texas
April 22, 2021

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present	Guests
Dona Watson	Anne Bramlett	Joanne Huffstetler
Matt Duncan	Melvin Thathiah	Jennifer Morgan
Doug Kowalski	Ernest Myers	Brandi Hazelwood
Rick Crawford	Mitch Selman	Jennifer Day
Tony Nichols		Pete Kabira

Trustee(s) Absent: Anthony Henderson

Call to Order:

6:59 PM A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order by Rick Crawford, Chair.

010421 Consent Agenda

Rick Crawford called for further comment or discussion of the items within the Consent Agenda. There were no further questions or discussion.

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Ernest Myers and seconded by Dona Watson. The motion carried unanimously.

020421 Public Input and Partner Organizations

Rick Crawford called for public commentary. There was no public comment.

030421 Staff Reports and Board Training

a) CEO Report

Tammy Mahan presented her written report to the Board and updated the members regarding changes to the 1115 Waiver funds. DSRIP funding is scheduled to end September 30, 2021. In January of this year, CMS announced an extension, however, word was received April 16 that the extension had been rescinded. The impact to LifePath Systems is a loss of approximately \$6 million per year. The American Rescue Plan Act may provide some limited funds from the County; but notice of amount or limits on use have not been received. A suggestion was offered by a board member related to using funds for mental and behavioral health outreach education for police departments regarding jail diversion to identify resources and when to call for assessment.

Tammy distributed the flyer for "An Afternoon of Healing," an event on Saturday, April 24, in which LifePath is partnering with the City of Allen to bring mental health education, information, and trauma support to the community in the aftermath of a recent tragic incident in Allen.

b) Update Training on Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

Daniel Sneed, Behavior Health Director, presented update and training on the MHFA program. Each Texas Center is staffed to implement this training within their communities to educate the public about recognizing signs and symptoms of mental health crises. The 8-hour course teaches appropriate responses to help minimize potential negative outcomes and to become familiar with support and treatment resources. A blend of in-person and virtual learning has been made available during

COVID restrictions. A teen program for adolescents in grades 10-12, has now been developed. LifePath will have four staff trained to provide teen MHFA. The MHFA program has grown significantly to require a fulltime coordinator, Kensey Fisher, and additional certified trainers. LifePath Foundation has devoted fundraising efforts to benefit this program to help keep it free to the public. Danielle will send the presentation and brochures to the Board members.

c) Project Search Training Video

Tammy presented the Project Search supported employment video, created for a joint project between our supported employment program and Plano ISD.

040421 Committee Reports

- a) Budget and Finance Committee. Matt Duncan, Committee Chair, reported the results of the Budget and Finance Committee. He commented that the financials are in good order.
- b) Facilities and Technology Committee. Doug Kowalski, Committee Chair, reported the results of the April 7 Committee meeting. A slide presentation was viewed showing anticipated growth within Collin County based on statistics of current population and the next fifteen years. To meet the expanded mental health needs that will evolve from a growing community, LifePath must be ready to provide adequate and accessible facilities. To prepare, the Committee suggests that efforts begin now to research potential facility growth opportunities.

MOTION: The Committee therefore recommended consideration and approval by the Board of Trustees to form a subcommittee to pursue potential real estate expansion options with the assistance of a realtor and to bring the options back to the Board to consider. The subcommittee will consist of two members from the Facilities and Technology Committee (Doug Kowalski and Ernest Myers) and two members from the Budget and Finance Committee (Matt Duncan and Dona Watson). The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

- c) Human Resources Committee. Dona Watson, Committee Chair, will be sending out the personnel evaluation form to the Trustees.
- d) Program and Communication Committee. The Committee is meeting each month to hear reports from the programs. There is nothing specific to report.
- e) Compliance and Quality Assurance. Tony Nichols, Committee Chair, reported the Committee met to discuss policy and procedures progress and status of quality measures. No board actions are required at this time.
- f) Legislative Committee and Texas Council Report. Rick Crawford expounded on the withdrawal of 1115 funds by CMS. Texas Council is working with the governor's office and legislators in hopes of expanding the 1115 funds through September 2022.
- g) Bylaws Committee Report: Ernest Myers reported for the Special Committee tasked with reviewing the Board of Trustees Bylaws. Based on current information by legal counsel regarding bylaws requirements, the Committee drafted Guidelines of Operations for LifePath Systems Board of Trustees and sent to the members for review and input.

MOTION: The Committee called for Board's consideration and approval to adopt the new Guidelines for Board of Trustees Internal Operations. After discussion regarding wording, the 'Guidelines' were unanimously approved as written.

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Chairman's Report

a) Announcements and Upcoming Events. The members were directed to check the Calendar of Events in their board packets. Dona Watson expressed appreciation for Rick Crawford's efforts to communicate and establish working relationships with our County and State legislators on behalf of LifePath Systems.

Rick reminded the Board of the upcoming strategic planning meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 19 in Plano, Guadalupe Meeting Room. Details to follow.

b) New Business for Discussion: None

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Adjournment

No further business.

MOTION: Rick Crawford called for motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM., seconded by Matt Duncan. Approval to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Brumlett MS, RCP, CLP 3/27/2021

Anne Bramlett, Secretary

Date of Approval