

GateWay Counseling Center Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 13, 2023

Members Present, Susan Cooke, Keri Hanselman, Barbara Barksdale,

Members Absent: : Oscar Tribble, Leland Nelson, Ben Bailey **Staff Present**: Charlie Stinson **Guest**:

- 1) **Call to order**: in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting date, time, location, and agenda was posted in the lobby of GCC and on the website.
- 2) **Approval/additions to agenda**: Motion Keri, Second Susan, all in favor
- 3) **Review/Approval of minutes**: Motion Keri, Second Susan, all in favor
- 4) **Director's report**:

Stinson shared overall status of agency as we have not met as a group since January. Stinson shared that we have started a partnership with Mental Health where we give them one days' worth of a counselor and we get both a stipend and any services that we bill. This is an exciting partnership that will improve the care for the dual diagnosis clients in our communities.

Stinson shared that a clinician has resigned. We will look to post that position only when the volume of clients increases. The Peer Support Specialist ad is posted, and we await applicants.

Stinson shared regarding the addition of trauma focused referrals from the solicitors office. He also shared about the Success Academy and progress in that program. Stinson will be partnering with Dr. Stan Walsh and presenting on vaping risks to the Eastside Elementary entire 3-5 grade.

- 5) **Financial Report**:
 - a) **Detailed summary of ¾ progress through FY 23**

Stinson presented at length about the current financial situation at GateWay. The status of collections looks strong, and the overall budget is good. We are likely to end with revenue exceeding expenses even figuring in the remodel costs.
- 6) **Old Business**:
 - a) **Board Seminar discussion topics**

Stinson discussed a few topics from the Board Seminar that he deemed important. He discussed admin costs and how they are allocated and funded, he discussed evidenced based programming and what that means, and opiate settlement strategies. Board

members that attended were asked to share what they remembered from the conference. Stinson reiterated the overall financial oversight that is required by GateWay via the Board.

b) Construction

Construction is continuing and board members were shown the progress. Painting also being completed at the same time. The enlarged conference room will be a great functional space and the 2 new offices will be helpful as we look to possibly expand.

c) Security system installed. It is working very well.

d) The website is up and working and we are able to edit it ourselves now.

7) New business:

a) FY 22 Audit

Stinson shared that the FY 22 audit is still not received despite being due in January. We have asked for an extension from DAODAS and are awaiting a response from the auditor.

b) County Plan

The county plan process has begun and is ultimately due April 28th. Stinson will update the progress as it occurs and will need approval before it is submitted.

c) Budget

The FY 24 budget is a major part of the county plan and will be submitted in April as well. Revisions will be allowed. Stinson expects a significant increase in personnel costs as teachers and counselors across the state have their salaries increased.

8) Adjournment: Motion Keri, Second Susan, all in favor

Next meeting will be scheduled for April 10th, 2023, at 6 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Cooke".