

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

**GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
WASATCH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT**

WILL HOLD A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.** AS AN ELECTRONIC MEETING  
WITH THE ANCHOR LOCATION FOR SAID MEETING TO BE IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE:

WASATCH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WESTPARK BUILDING  
750 NORTH FREEDOM BLVD.  
PROVO, UTAH 84601

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**GOVERNING AUTHORITY  
BOARD PRESENT:**

Commissioner Brandon Gordon (Vice Chair)  
Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner

**WASATCH BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:**

Juergen Korbanka, Executive Director  
Doran Williams, Associate Director  
Doralia Serrano, Chief Financial Officer  
Brian Butler, Division Director  
Bret Linton, Division Director  
Randy Huntington, Division Director  
Scott Taylor, Division Director  
Evan Morris, Human Resource Director  
Jennie Reese, Authority Board Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Zachary Zundel, Deputy County Attorney

**ABSENT:**

Commissioner Thomas Sakievich (Chair)

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*Note:* At the beginning of the meeting Commissioner Gordon suspended the rules as he and Commissioner Powers Gardner (via Zoom) were the only two commissioners present.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2023, Governing Authority Board Meeting.  
The minutes were approved upon consent. The motion passed 2-0.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Authority of the Wasatch Behavioral Health Special Service District, to serve until replaced.

**MOTION:** Motion to re-elect Commissioner Sakievich as the Authority Board Chair and Commissioner Gordon as Vice-Chair was made by Commissioner Powers Gardner and seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion passed 2-0.

2. Ratify acceptance of the FY2023 Audit Report by Litz & Company.

**MOTION:** Motion to ratify and accept the audit report was made by Commissioner Powers Gardner and seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion passed 2-0.

3. Discuss the structure for strategic planning session with the Wasatch Behavioral Health Authority Board.
  - a. The Board was asked if they would like to participate in a 2-day strategic planning session with the Executive Team. It is felt that it would be beneficial to complete the working days off-site to immerse and engage everyone in learning what the programs of Wasatch Behavioral Health do. Commissioner Gordon and Commissioner Powers Gardner expressed interest in a 2-day session. It was recognized that scheduling will be a challenge, but we will work to find a time that works for everyone in March or August. Jennie will reach out to the Senior Policy Advisors to identify a time all three commissioners are available. Our team will schedule around their availability.
4. Director's Briefing/ QUAPI Report.
  - a. Juergen explained that the briefing report is available in its current format; however, we will be looking at ways to economize our report to the Board. There are anecdotes about clients included because we feel they are powerful reminders that there are people behind the numbers being reported. We are back to our normal pre-pandemic challenges and working to provide the services needed to support our infrastructure financially. The budget planning season will begin soon, which we anticipate being more like business as usual. Juergen reported that he has been following and participating in several issues related to the legislative session. The biggest issue is related to our funding and the match; where the state and county partnership need to come up with 30% of the federal funds, which obligates the county to roughly 20% of the 30%. One challenge is that we are not currently indexed for inflation or part of the governor's budget. He explained that every 6-8 years we are calibrated to the current cost of the match. Those years we are already 2-3% behind, depending on what the inflation is and the national growth of the population. The last adjustment we received was 8-9 years ago, so we are significantly behind right now. What that means, is that we use other state funds for mandated services, while still providing those services. The UBHC group was hoping for a solution, which fell through. They are trying to secure funding for the next 2 years by proposing to get indexed with funds that are designated specifically to decrease the Medicaid match. Statewide, it is roughly an \$8M deficit.

- b. Juergen extended the invitation for a member of the Board to attend the National Council Convention in April with members of our Executive Team. This is a conference organized by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing. Commissioner Gordon expressed interest in attending.
  - c. Bret reported that we have been improving our efforts on the use of the SURE (Substance Use Recovery Evaluation) outcome measurement tool as part of the annual Medicaid Performance Improvement Project. *(Attachment 1)* We have spent the previous 15 years focusing on the mental health outcome measures, and hope to bring SUD up to speed. We began reporting on the SURE last January with an 8% collection rate. Throughout the year we increased the collection rate to 30%. We anticipate that number to continue to increase.
  - d. Commissioner Gordon reported that he recently became the chairman of the homelessness board. He reported that the county will be developing a plan for homelessness by August 1<sup>st</sup>. We recognized that it takes individuals time to gain insight, receive treatment, and then be placed in housing. Scott pointed out that youth homelessness has its own unique challenges, which we address through our Vantage Point programs.
- 5. Approve the Financial Report for November 2023.
  - 6. Approve the Expenditure Report for November 2023.
    - a. Doralia reported a cash decrease in November, which is dependent on when the funds from Medicaid come through. In the coming months, we expect accounts receivable to decrease as well.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve regular agenda items #5 and #6 was made by Commissioner Powers Gardner and seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion passed 2-0.

**MOTION:** Motion to strike regular agenda items #7 through #10 was made by Commissioner Powers Gardner and seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion passed 2-0.

- 7. Approve and Set a Date, Time, and Location for a Closed Meeting to Discuss the Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual or Individuals (Suggested for today's date, at this location, following the completion of the regular agenda and work session agenda items) (Announce the vote of each Commissioner).
- 8. Approve and Set a Date, Time, and Location for a Closed Meeting for a Strategy Session to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation (Suggested for today's date, at this location, following the completion of the regular agenda and work session agenda items) (Announce the vote of each Commissioner).

9. Approve and Set a Date, Time, and Location for a Closed Meeting for a Strategy Session to Discuss the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property, Water Rights, or Water Shares (Suggested for today's date, at this location, following the completion of the regular agenda and work session agenda items) (Announce the vote of each Commissioner).
10. Approve and Set a Date, Time, and Location for a Closed Meeting for a Strategy Session to Discuss the Sale of Real Property, Water Rights, or Water Shares, Previously Publicly Noticed for Sale (Suggested for today's date, at this location, following the completion of the regular agenda and work session agenda items) (Announce the vote of each Commissioner).

**WORK SESSION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this meeting should notify Jennie Reese at the phone number (801) 852-4704 or via email at [jreese@wasatch.org](mailto:jreese@wasatch.org) at least one day prior to the meeting.*

No public comment.

**MOTION:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. was made by Commissioner Powers Gardner and seconded by Commissioner Gordon. The motion passed 2-0.