SOUTHWEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER
AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2025
Cedar City, Utah

PRESENT: Commissioner Jerry Taylor
Commissioner Paul Cozzens
Commissioner Celeste Meyeres
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead
Commissioner Gil Almquist, in place of
Commissioner Victor Iverson

ABSENT: Commissioner Victor Iverson

STAFF MEMBERS: Mike Deal, Executive Director
Michael Sherratt, Clinical Director
Matt Gardiner, Controller
Crystal Stock, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Meyeres, Chairperson of the Authority Board.

APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Commissioner Meyeres asked for a motion to approve the May 2025 Authority Board minutes. Commissioner Taylor moved to adopt the minutes and Commissioner Cozzens seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

FY2025 BUDGET PUBLIC APPROVAL

Mr. Deal reminded the Board of the lengthy discussion in last month's Board meeting/Public Hearing regarding the FY2026 Annual Operating and Capital Budget.

Mr. Deal distributed the Annual Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2026 and quickly reviewed the Annual Financial Plan. Mr. Deal stated the document is a description of the Center's financial assumptions and internal controls in relation to the budget, and revenue sources.

Mr. Deal moved on to the FY 2026 Budget, stating this is the same budget discussed in last month's Board meeting/Public Hearing. Mr. Deal noted the total budgeted revenues total $34,825,654. The only change made was including the Medicaid's rate proposals into the budget. He emphasized a concern regarding two federal block grants, Federal Mental Health and Federal Substance Abuse, which might be merged into one grant by the Trump Administration and possibly reduced. So, we are watching for any developments there and will plan accordingly as any changes roll out. This includes any Federal changes to Medicaid that might impact Utah and the five-county area. Mr. Deal noted that he would review any potential impacts with the Board.

Mr. Deal then moved on to the operating expenditures, noting the total expenses comes to $34,509,610. He then highlighted personnel expenses, stating the budget includes funds all current positions within the Center, a merit increase is available to certain career-service staff who are not under corrective action, and COLA for all Center staff.

After reviewing several other areas, then finalizing the discussion on budget items and County match figures, Commissioner Meyeres asked for a motion to approve the FY2026 Budget and the Annual Financial Plan. Commissioner Hollingshead moved to approve the FY2026 Operating and Capital Budget along with the Financial Plan and Commissioner Almquist seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in approval.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Meyeres moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Hollingshead seconded the motion. The voting was unanimously in favor of adjournment.

JUNE MINUTES APPROVAL

The June 11th, 2025 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved at the July 9th, 2025 Board Meeting.

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Southwest Behavioral Health Center Authority Board Chairperson