

# Thriving Mind South Florida

## Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2022

1:00p.m. – 3:30pm

AGENDA ITEM	ISSUE/ DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
• Call to Order.	Mr. Paul Imbrone called the meeting to order at 1:05pm	
• Roll Call	<p><b>At the time of the Rollcall a quorum was not in place.</b> Mr. Imbrone took this opportunity to welcome and thank the new Board of Directors for their willingness in assisting Thriving Mind South Florida (TMSF) to reach its Mission and Vision. Mr. Imbrone went on to inform the members that Commissioner Monestime had submitted his resignation, effective immediately, due to potential conflicts between the County Commission business that oversees the TMSF contract with the County to renovate the Mental Health Diversion Facility (MHDF). Dr. Newcomer suggested that Commissioner Monestime consider rejoining the Board once the TMSF contract for renovation of the MHDF is completed, an exit in process.</p> <p><b>At 1:22p.m the quorum was achieved.</b> Mr. Luis Collazo joined the meeting; and a quorum was in place.</p>	
• Recognition of Any Conflicts	Mr. Imbrone thanked everyone for returning their Conflict-of-Interest Forms. Judge Jeri B. Cohen noted her conflict with MHDF Item and will refrain from any discussion and/or vote.	
• Recognition of Public Attendees	<p><b>Public Attendees:</b> Claudio Perez, Stephen Alvarez, Matthew Gissen</p> <p><b>DCF Staff:</b> Gilda Ferradaz Lourice Khoury, Karen Annunziato.</p>	
• Approval of Minutes	A motion to accept the January 21, 2022, Meeting Minutes, as presented, was made by Mr. Luis Collazo, and seconded by Mrs. Valera Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.	
• Treasurer's Report	<p><b>Financial Statements</b> – December 31, 2021 – Mr. Stephen Zuckerman presented both Balance Sheet and the Income Comprehensive Statement for December 31, 2021, in detail. After which a brief discussion regarding the submission of provider data took place. Mr. Zuckerman stated that Deferred Charges had decreased and will continue to decrease as providers submit more</p>	

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	<p>data into FASAMS. A motion to accept the Financial Statement as presented was offered by Mr. Paul Armstrong and seconded by Dr. Joseph Parks. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>Ratification of Form 990</b> – Mr. Zuckerman presented the Form 990 for FYE June 30, 2021. He stated that IRS <b>Form 990</b> is an informational return, required for Tax Exempt Organizations. The information reported is derived from the 2020-2021 Fiscal year end Audit. A motion to accept the IRS Form 990 as presented was made by Mr. Paul Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Susan Racher. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>President's Report</b></li></ul>	<p><b>MHDF Update – Sub-lease Agreement</b> – On going discussion. Estimated exit is June 2022, subject to change based on supply chain issues regarding the roof. Legal counsel will recommend any exit audit requirements are needed for our interests. No audit findings to date from the County.</p> <p><b>FASAM Update</b> – Dr. Johnny Guimaraes informed that providers continue to work diligently submitting their data. And as data is submitted, we are seeing positive input. The ME continues to collaborate with provider partners to ensure that the data being submitted is accurate. There was a brief discussion regarding the State's awareness and flexibility of payments to providers and staffing. Dr. Newcomer noted that the state had issued a Request for Information (RFI) for a new data system and will keep the Board updated.</p> <p><b>VOCA Update</b> – Dr. Newcomer reported on recent progress. We are entering into our second year annual/contract of \$2.3 million with the Attorney General's Office.</p> <p><b>COVID-19</b> – Dr. Newcomer stated that there has been a minor uptick in case rates for Miami Dade County (average daily cases per 100,000), with no increase in hospitalizations or deaths. We continue to offer PPE to our providers, and we are also helping our providers with employment vacancies, which is a major issue for network providers. There was brief discussion on employment vacancies. It was noted that this topic will be addressed at the next Provider Advocacy Committee.</p>	

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	<p><b>Legislative Session Update:</b> Mr. Zuckerman reported the following to the Board regarding the latest State of Florida Budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$126 million recurring general revenue increase for Community Substance Use and Mental Health</li> <li>• \$9.9 million R GR increase for FACT to correct the funding model based on actual enrolled patients</li> <li>• SB282 passed- This is the Peer Specialist Bill regarding background screening.</li> <li>• Fully funds the FADAA Vivitrol program</li> <li>• Baker Act, allowing ARNP to complete discharges</li> </ul> <p>There was also a discussion regarding provider's recruitment, and it was noted that this item should be discussed further at the Provider Advisory Committee. Mr. Zuckerman informed that in order to assist providers with increased salaries and other expenses, TMSF encouraged providers to request rate adjustments through the normal budget process. A training is scheduled for April 1, 2022.</p>	
• QA/QI Report	<p><b>Report Card Report Card</b> – Ms. Laura Naredo reported that over all the providers were doing an excellent job and that for the 2nd quarter there were: 24 A+; 4-A; 1-B; 1-C; 2- Critical Indications, due to late data entry. The IT Department is assisting these providers with submitting this data.</p> <p><b>Incident Report</b> – Ms. Naredo reported that that next Incident Report will be presented at the May 20, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting.</p>	
• Strategic Planning Committee Report	<p><b>Mrs. Susan Racher</b> informed that the Strategic Planning Committee met on March 10<sup>th</sup> and the edits that Board of Directors had suggested in November were made. She displayed the Strategic Plan and stated that the Mission and Vision statements had been added and explained each edited Goal in detail. After a brief discussion, a motion to accept and ratify the Strategic Plan, as presented, was made by Judge Jeri B. Cohen and seconded by Mrs. Valera Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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• <b>Provider Advocacy Committee Report</b>	<b>Provider Advisory Committee Update</b> – Mrs. Valera Jackson detailed March 4, 2022, Provider Advisory meeting by stating, that she, Mr. Andrews, and Rev. Hernandez hosted forty (40) providers. The focus of the meeting was 1) SB 282, we met with Allison Schild, Thriving Mind Peer Services Manager, she will bullet point all the positive changes as well as the challenges for Peer Specialists. There are a number of issues that make it difficult to implement this legislation. Ms. Schild will make SB 282 presentation at our next Provider Advisory Committee Meeting. Also 2) employee retention and 3) salary increases. To prepare us for the next legislative Session, the committee will continue to look at these items. We are also looking forward to presenting to the Legislators the purpose of having a Mental health and Substance abuse Disorder Day. No date has been set for the next Provider Advisory Committee Meeting. We will keep the board posted.	
• <b>DCF Update</b>	Karen Annunziato reported that DCF Regional SAMH office will be collaborating closely with Thriving Mind on how to spend the new allocation of State SAMH dollars. She also reported that the Department is excited with the efforts and collaboration with the SEN/NAS pilot project.	
• <b>New Business</b>	It was announced that Mr. Manual “Manny” Fermin, President/CEO of Healthy Start Coalition passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer.  Possible Grant from the Health Foundation, which will help with the implementation of 988.	
• <b>Announcements</b>	<b>The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2022</b>	Judy Hickson will send out the meeting notification
• <b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm	

**Board Members Present:** Kevin Andrews (Honorary) Paul Armstrong, Vincent Carrodegua, Chief Clements, Judge Jeri B. Cohen, Luis Collazo, Michael Festinger (Honorary), Bishop Joanem Floreal, Paul Imbrone, Valera Jackson, Carlos Martinez, Sandra McQueen Baker (Honorary), Michael Nozile. Dr. Joseph Parks, Susan Racher, Commissioner Holly Raschein, Rosemary Smith-Hoel (Honorary) and Duane Triplett (Honorary)

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**SFBHN/Thriving Mind SF Staff:** Dr. John W. Newcomer, Stephen Zuckerman, Johnny Guimaraes, Anny Cartagena, Laura Naredo, Jose Vempala, Jessica Rodriguez, Adilen Cruz, and Judy Hickson