

## Texas Civil Commitment Office



Christy Jack, Chair  
Board Members:  
Kathryn "Katie" McClure, Vice Chair  
Jose Aliseda  
Roberto "Robert" Dominguez  
Rona Stratton Gouyton  
Marsha McLane, Executive Director

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

### MINUTES

#### Board Members Present

Christy Jack, Chair  
Jose Aliseda

Katie McClure  
Robert Dominguez

Rona Stratton Gouyton

#### TCCO Staff

Marsha McLane  
Jessica Marsh

Stanley Muli  
Brittney Winters

Cathy Drake

#### Management and Training Corporation

Jennifer Brown

#### Convene the Board of the Texas Civil Commitment Office (TCCO)

Board Chair, Christy Jack convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Roll was taken and it was noted that a quorum was present.

#### Board Chair Report

Board Chair, Christy Jack stated she did not have a formal report.

#### Executive Director's Report Concerning Program Operations and the Routine Functioning of the TCCO

Executive Director Marsha McLane began by discussing the September joint budget hearing with the Governor's office and LBB (Legislative Budget Board). The biggest increase in the TCCO appropriations request is Offsite Healthcare. Providing healthcare has continued to get more costly. The offsite healthcare budget was 1.4 million for the last two years; TCCO is asking for 3.7 million going forward due to the growing population with an average age of 57 and number of chronic health conditions.

Ms. McLane stated TCCO was awarded a \$500,000.00 technology grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ). Ms. McLane explained the clients will be trained at the facility, beginning with the basics and then moving up to various levels to possibly include data analysts, graphic designs, and coding. We are projecting to serve at least 150 clients over the three year grant period and plan to partner with Goodwill, who will provide the basic training, and are in conversation with the local colleges to provide the more advanced training. A survey was completed at the facility to give a baseline on who is interested, and what each client wants to learn. This will be a growing process but we've told Goodwill we are planning to start in either January or February, dependent on the DOJ's rules and regulations.

#### Chief Financial Officer's Report Regarding FY 2023 Budget and Expenditures

Chief Financial Officer Stanley Muli stated at this point TCCO has paid everything for FY 2022, except for pending medical invoices that have not been received. There is \$194,000.00 within general revenue and the money carried forward from last year, should cover any expenses from FY 2022.

Mr. Muli noted the FY 2023 budget begins with \$20,831,734.00 and as of this moment all anticipated expenses are encumbered, except for salaries, which cannot be anticipated this early. The only budget risk that is anticipated is population growth, including new releases, and medical costs that continue to grow. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter there will be a clear picture of where we stand with the budget. For now we are covered, but it's too early to anticipate any risk for FY 2023.

Robert Dominguez inquired on the pending medical invoices. Ms. McLane stated MTC has three years to send the invoices to TCCO. They have missed the deadline before, and the comptroller had to issue a supplemental to ensure they are paid. Ms. McLane stated TCCO was able to pay the invoice due to trials not happening and not as many clients being released. Since then MTC has been sending in the invoices much quicker. Ms. McLane noted there was a recent meeting with local hospitals to try to get rates reduced, and TCCO is researching contracts with other local hospitals. Mr. Muli is providing a weekly budget update on the medical invoices.

#### **Update from the Texas Civil Commitment Center regarding facility expansion and treatment program**

MTC Regional Facility Administrator Jennifer Brown began by discussing the progress that has been made in the facility expansion and stated weather permitting, concrete will be poured tomorrow.

Ms. Brown noted the facility is now fully staffed, with one staff overage. She mentioned the excellent job Human Resources has done in finding therapists for the facility.

#### **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Excused Absences**

Ms. Jack noted that all Board Members were present at the last meeting.

#### **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding August 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

After determining that all Board Members present had reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, Board Chair Christy Jack asked for a motion to adopt the August 26, 2022 meeting minutes; the motion was made, seconded, voted on and passed without opposition.

#### **Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Future Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of the TCCO Board was tentatively scheduled for February 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Texas Civil Commitment Office in Austin.

#### **Public Comment**

There were three members of the public who wished to address the Board.

Jennifer Williams stated she would like to directly speak to Ms. McLane. Ms. Williams stated she appreciates all the congratulating the board members are doing for themselves, but for the family members who are living this misery, there is no positive change. Ms. Williams noted there is a ripple effect of devastation that goes on due to this program, and there is nothing helping these men get released. She questioned starting new classes and teaching computer skills, when there is not adequate treatment, even pre-covid. Ms. Williams stated “If this program worked, we would not be here. I would not be taking days off of work, driving my family here to talk to you people, if this program worked. We wouldn’t be taking days off to protest at the capital, to protest in front of the facility. All I want you to know is that until this is right, we are going to be your shadow”. She stated they will continue to talk to the media, and talk to their state representatives, who are now listening to them. Ms. Williams stated “We’re going to be your shadow until you make this right.”

Lonnell Hanks stated staffing has been a problem at the facility, and she does not understand, stating the therapists are paid very well, and to her understanding MTC offers sign on bonuses, so what is the problem with keeping employees? Ms. Hanks noted the medical treatment is disastrous, and she is glad it’s being focused on, stating a lot of men at the facility have not received care and expressed concerns regarding her son's specific care. Ms. Hanks closed by questioning the amount of money discussed at the recent Budget Hearing, questioning why TCCO would ask for money to expand a facility that is not owned by the state, but owned by MTC. Ms. McLane stated TCCO is not paying for the expansion.

Nicole Roberson stated there cannot be a well-oiled machine if all parts are not working. She stated its great ground is being broken at the facility, and its great medical needs are finally being taken care of, but the issues Ms. Hanks brought up, specifically concerning staffing and the high turnover rate are due to unethical behavior being done at the facility. Ms. Roberson expressed concerns about her son and his treatment. She stated there was two years with no treatment, and these men can’t get those two years back. Ms. Roberson expressed concern about the facility staff who participate in the behavior management process and following of policy.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.**

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Christy Jack, Chair

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Marsha McLane, Executive Director

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