



**Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
Date: July 23, 2025**

On the above date, the regular meeting of the Texana Center Board of Trustees was held at 2330 Graeber Road in Rosenberg, Texas.

**Board Members Present:**

Sue Fagan, Board Chair  
Dr. Dennis W. Young, Vice Chair  
John Robson, Secretary  
Sarah Hudgins  
Linda Harnist  
Dr. Asim Shah  
Dr. Toi Harris  
Sheriff Rick DeLeon (Ex Officio Member)

**Members absent:**

Leroy Cerny  
Vince Bryant  
Sgt. Chris Morgan (Ex Officio Member)

**Staff Present:**

Shena Ureste, Chief Executive Officer  
Dot Preisler, Director, Human Resources  
Sheri Talbot, Director, IDD Authority and Admissions  
Kevin Barker, Director, IDD Provider Services  
Kate Johnson-Patagoc, Director, IDD Specialized Services  
Kara Janecek, Director, Behavioral Healthcare Services

**Staff Absent:**

Amanda Darr, Chief Financial Officer

**Guests:**

None

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Sue Fagan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Sue asked Dr. Dennis W. Young to give the invocation. Sue confirmed there was a quorum for the meeting.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT:**



Sarah Hudgins, representing the Arc of Wharton expressed her gratitude to Sheri Talbot for the support and the many meetings attended to assist the Arc of Wharton and clients in Wharton County. Sarah also thanked Dot Preisler for attending all the meetings in Wharton and Kevin Barker for always being there to assist and answer questions. She stated that everyone was good with their new providers.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sue presented the minutes from the May 21, 2025, meeting and asked the Board if there were any questions or changes needed. Sue noted one typo to be corrected.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Dr. Asim Shah and seconded by Linda Harnist. Motion Carried.

#### II. THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH NO ACTION REQUIRED:

##### 1. Review of the Third Quarter FY 2025 Financial Report

In Amanda Darr's absence, Shena Ureste provided a review of the financials for the period September 2024 through May 2025. The first nine months of the year show a positive position with revenues exceeding expenditures for the overall center of \$3,985,795.

Shena further explained the net position of each division and the contributing factors to the net position for each division.

The primary reason for the positive center financial position is found in Behavioral Healthcare Services due to the receipt of the annual payment for the 1115 Waiver Charity Care of \$3,945,271. This was a reduction of \$180,699 due to the funding cap for the Charity Care Pool being reached statewide. The current net position of the BH Division is \$4,847,609. There is no supplementation in the BH Division. The surplus of the BH Division will be used to fund the completion of the new Rosenberg Clinic which is expected to be ready for occupancy in October 2025.

IDD Provider Services is showing a net position of (\$151,607) with supplementation of \$1,626,149 from:

- County Funds
- Interest Income
- Donations
- Sales of two group homes



Without this supplementation, IDD Provider Services is at a loss of \$1,777,756 year-to-date. Shena explained that over the last year, she had worked closely with Kevin Barker to identify efficiencies. Efficiencies were found in a reduction in overtime along with the initial reduction in force (RIF) of six staff completed in March.

IDD Authority Services is in a current net position of (\$12,588) due to Medicaid Service Coordination below budget which is partially offset by savings from unfilled positions (salaries/benefits). There is ongoing turnover in our Authority positions.

IDD Specialized Services is in a current deficit position of (\$697,618) due to the Medicaid ICF-IDD at the Behavior Treatment and Training Center (BTTC) underbudget by \$407,520. Shena reminded the Board of the settle-up process explained previously which trails by 18-24 months and the fact the additional revenue cannot be recorded until received. Shena also stated that she had emailed Haley Turner, Deputy Executive Commissioner, for assistance with the settle-up. The Board agreed this was much too long to cash flow the state.

Shena then reviewed the investment income report showing that interest income is continuing to go down and this is part of the supplementation being used for IDD Provider Services.

Shena also informed the Board of a decrease in Medicaid Administrative Claiming received and uncertainty around whether we can expect this decline to continue.

## 2. Update on the Transition of IDD Medicaid Waiver Services

Sheri Talbot provided an update regarding the transition noting that as of 7/22/2025, 225 of 304 clients in HCS had chosen a provider and 25 of 63 clients in TxHmL had chosen a provider. Sheri stated 68% of individuals had made a choice and she is confident the remainder will decide by August 15 as requested. The process, although overwhelming, has been moving along after the numerous meetings that have been held to explain the process to clients and their families.

Dot Preisler updated the Board on the employees noting that a total of 6 had been eliminated with 5 being offered an alternate position. All had declined the alternate position. She noted that 14 total IDD Provider Services staff have left employment due to several reasons. All had declined the alternate position.



She noted most IDD Provider Services group home staff had applied for a position with a provider called Caregiver, which most of the clients had chosen as their provider. Caregiver is paying the same hourly rate that Texana is currently paying and offering some benefits. Dot is collaborating closely with Caregiver to ensure a smooth employee transition for those they hire by offering training records and space to train if needed.

III. THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Review and Consider Approval of the PNAC Report

Sheri Talbot reviewed the activities of the PNAC for the May 28 meeting. She briefly reviewed the written report and noted the PNAC had no recommendations for consideration by the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Asim Shah and seconded by Linda Harnist to accept the PNAC report. Motion carried.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the Sale of the Property at 123 First Street, El Campo (El Campo Learning Center)

Shena recommended to the Board that the El Campo Learning Center be sold as there are no current identified needs for the building and perhaps there was someone that might want to continue operating a Learning Center (ISS Services) in El Campo.

A motion was made by Dr. Dennis W. Young and seconded by Dr. Asim Shah to approve the sale of the property. The motion carried.

3. Approval of the FY 2026 Officers of the Board of Trustees of Texana Center.

Sue Fagan presented the slate of officers for consideration. They are Dr. Dennis W. Young, Board Chair, John Robson, Vice-Chair, and Linda Harnist, Secretary.

Dr. Asim Shah made a motion to approve this slate of officers. A second was made by Linda Harnist and the motion carried.

4. Approval of the FY 2026 Meeting Schedule of the Board of Trustees of Texana Center

Sue Fagan presented the FY 2026 recommendation for the meeting schedule. The meetings are scheduled quarterly, on the fourth Wednesday of the month.



Dr. Asim Shah made a motion to approve the meeting dates as presented. The motion was seconded by John Robson and the motion carried.

5. Annual Review of the Investment and Cash Procedure

In the absence of Amanda Darr, Shena Ureste presented Amanda Darr's recommendation to the board which included no recommended changes to the cash and investment procedure at this time.

A motion was made by Dr. Asim Shah and seconded by Linda Harnist to accept the procedure as written with no changes. The motion carried.

6. Review and Consider the Creation of a CCBHC Advisory Committee to comply with the T-CCBHC Criteria

Shena Ureste explained the purpose of a CCBHC Advisory Committee to the Board to meet the new T-CCBHC criteria. She explained that the PNAC met the performance contract criteria but did not meet the T-CCBHC criteria fully and after discussion, the leadership is recommending an additional committee to meet the T-CCBHC criteria.

Discussion occurred about whether a board member needed to be present at the meetings, and it was decided that the PNAC and CCBHC Advisory Committees could be held back-to-back and John Robson agreed to attend both meetings representing the board.

A motion was made by Dr. Asim Shah to create the CCBHC Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Linda Harnist. Motion carried.

7. Review and Consider the Approval of Vince Bryant as the Designated Veteran on the Board of Trustees of Texana Center

Shena Ureste explained SB 1580, which passed this last session, and requires a veteran, selected by a majority of the governing body members to be included on the board. There was discussion regarding the fact that Rick DeLeon and Vince Bryant are both veterans and should both serve in this capacity. Rick DeLeon suggested that copies of their DD214 be retained to prove military service.

A motion was made by Dr. Asim Shah to accept both Vince Bryant and Rick DeLeon as veteran representatives on the Board by confirming their military affiliation with a copy of their DD214 to be provided to Shena Ureste. The motion was seconded by John Robson. Motion carried.



#### IV. NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next Board of Trustees meeting will take place on October 22, 2025, at 9:00 am at 2330 Graeber Road, Rosenberg, Texas 77471.

#### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Fagan announced her resignation from the Board of Trustees. She announced that she and Judge Duhon were pleased to announce that Justin Beckendorff, Waller County Commissioner, will be replacing her as the Waller County board member. She gave a brief biography of Justin.

#### VI. AN EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION WAS HELD FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE:

##### 1. CEO Annual Evaluation

The Board returned from executive session with Shena Ureste and Dot Preisler present. Sue Fagan, Board Chair, explained to Shena that the Board agreed that her performance exceeded expectations and she was doing an excellent job. However, considering the current climate with respect to closing IDD Provider Services and the uncertainty around potential Medicaid reductions, it was prudent for the Board not to provide a salary increase or bonus at this time. Sarah Hudgins stated that she had their full support and to continue her current performance. Shena questioned whether her communication with the Board was sufficient, and Linda Harnist said it was very appropriate. Sue stated that this would be reevaluated at some point, maybe December, and a salary increase and/or bonus would be considered at that time.

#### VII. ADJOURN

The Texana Center Board of Trustees meeting ended at 11:20 am.

Minutes Approved:

Sue Fagan, Board Chair