**Governance Board Meeting Agenda**

**March 2, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Linda Storer called the meeting to order at 12:06pm noting a quorum was present. The meeting was held at the Office of Public Health Region V Administration Office.

II. ROLL CALL

1. William Sommers, appointed by Governor Edwards
2. William Johnson, appointed by Allen Parish
3. Linda Storer, appointed by Beauregard Parish
4. Aaron LeBoeuf, appointed by Calcasieu Parish
5. Penny Champion, appointed by Cameron Parish
6. Kristen Cassidy, appointed by Jefferson Davis Parish

Absent

1. Melanie Sarro, appointed by Governor Edwards
2. Braylon Harris, appointed by Governor Edwards

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

a. Tanya McGee, Executive Director

b. Jenny Mills, Deputy Director

c. James Lewis, Developmental Disabilities Division Director

d. Michael Carter, Emergency Operations Director

e. Kristen Arville, Executive Assistant

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests present at the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members received the February minutes prior to the meeting. Linda Storer requested a motion to approve the February minutes. Kristen Cassidy motioned and William Sommers seconded. February minutes unanimously approved.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Linda Storer requested a motion to approve the agenda. Aaron LeBoeuf motioned and William Johnson seconded. Agenda unanimously approved.

VI. BOARD MONITORING

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. OCDD “Road Show” Report Out

Due to the declaration of the Public Health Emergency ending, the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities is visiting each region of the state to provide guidance on current processes and changes to the Medicaid Waiver programs. Invited to the meeting were families, providers, and community stakeholders. Amendments to some of the current Medicaid Waivers will be made be after noticing the positive outcomes from some of the changes. For example, a change was made during the emergency declaration to compensate family members as a direct service workers (DSW) caring for the individual. This change worked well for many families and helped with the current shortage of DSWs. Linda Storer asked about family members who may not receive proper care from a family member? Tanya informed ImCal’s Waiver unit monitors all individuals and families on the Medicaid Waiver. If they feel an individual is not being cared for properly, that family can be denied to receive compensation for caring for the individual. Tanya will update the board as more information becomes available.

B. Partnership with OPH and West Cal Cam Hospital re Rural Health

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ImCal in collaboration with West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital will work together to bring public and behavioral health services to the rural areas in the western part of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes. The hospital has three rural health clinics and currently has issues with a lack of providers and no access to mental health services. ImCal and the Region V Office of Public Health will both provide services utilizing Pete. Michael Carter, ImCal Emergency Operations Director, will meet with hospital officials to determine feasibility and dates/times.

C. Allen Parish Hospital & LA Bridge Program

The Louisiana Bridge program is expanding into Allen parish. Allen Parish hospital reached out and are working to develop a plan to bring Substance Use Navigators to provide services to clients. This program is currently funded through LaSOR. Will need to research other avenues of funding to continue to expand the program. All five parishes will receive funding from the Attorney General as a result of the Opioid Lawsuit. Tanya will be reaching out to Parish police juries about use of the funds for this program and other OUD programming.

D. Update on Broad Street Building Financing

Plans for the new ImCal building are progressing. Tanya and her staff are currently in discussions with local agencies regarding financing opportunities, including Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and City of Lake Charles. Tanya McGee and board members Melanie Sarro and Braylon Harris met with the SWLA Community Foundation about potential opportunities from the foundation. CSRS completed the first draft of the Request for Qualifications. ImCal Staff and Attorney have reviewed and submitted recommended changes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. NEXT MEETING-**4/6/2023**

X. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Storer requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristen Cassidy motioned and Penny Champion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1pm.