**THE GULF COAST CENTER**
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Southern Brazoria Community Service Center (SBCSC)
101 Tigner, Angleton TX
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
6:15 pm

**"Better community healthcare promoting healthy living."**

1. **Call To Order** ..... Jamie Travis, Board Chair
   a. Announcements and Introductions
      The Center received the 2026-2027 Native Pollinator Habitat Grant Program from the Clear Lake Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas for the Center's Angleton Clinic location. Ashlyn Murphy, HR Generalist, took the initiative to apply for the grant which encourages native pollinators to improve our aesthetic landscape and promotes and showcase the use of Texas plants. $500 (**Pg. 8**)

2. **Citizens' Comments**

3. **Presentations:**
   a. **Staff Council** ..... Destinee Thomas, Chair and Brittany Holloway, Co-Chair

4. **Board Member Reports**
   a. Texas Council of Community Centers ..... Jamie Travis, Board Chair
   b. Texas Council Risk Management Fund ..... Mary Lou Flynn-DuPart, TCRMF Board Chair
      TCRMF Trustee election for Places 4, 5, and 6. **(pg. 9)**

5. **Operations Report:** ..... Felicia Jeffery, CEO
   a. Operational, Clinical, & Financial Excellence
      - Strategic Plan Update

6. **Budget, Finance and Admin Reports** ..... Rick Elizondo, CFO

7. **Consent Agenda** ..... Linda Bell, JD, BSN, RN
   **Consideration and Approval of Recommendations and Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items. (***Consent agenda items may be pulled from this consideration for individual action or presentation.)*
   a. Review and approval of August 19, 2026, Board Minutes. **(Pg. 33)**
   b. Review and approval of the August and September 2026 Check Registers

8. **Action Items** ..... Linda Bell, JD, BSN, RN

   **<u>HHSC Agreements</u>**

   a. Consider ratification of **Amendment #1 to the HHSC Comprehensive Case Management (CCMS) contract #HHS001535500012.** This contract provides funding for the provision of case management services to individuals eligible for intensive residential substance use services. CCMS services will reduce barriers to treatment, enhance motivation, encourage treatment retention, and strengthen resources for recovery. The amendment includes updates to the statement of work, billing template, and invoicing process. No change in contract funds for FY27.



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b. Consider ratification of **Amendment #3 to the HHSC Supporting Mental Health and Resiliency in Texas (SMART) grant #HHS001513400006**. This contract promotes identification of potential mental health needs and improves access to early intervention and treatment for children and families through community-based initiatives. The amendment extends the contract through 8/31/27 and adds $275,143 in funding for FY27.

**GCC Administration Agreements**

c. Consider ratification of the **service agreement with RAMP**, **INC**. for the cloud software program for expense and credit card processing. Annual platform cost of $10,000 plus $12.00/user/month. Initial contract amount is $13,500 less 1.5% rebate based upon credit card charges **Funding Source:** General Operations-Performance Contract.

d. Consider ratification of authorizing the Center's CFO to enter into an agreement with the best qualified individual or firm from the **Request for Qualification-Financial Management Services** after fee negotiations. **Amount not to exceed**: up to $150,000.

e. Consider ratification of the update to **Policy 13.9 Tobacco Use Assessment and NRT Disbursement** which now incorporates the Wellness Center and additional details on inventory tracking/record keeping.

f. Consider ratification of the updates to **Policy 13.14 Standing Delegation Orders** which streamlines the process for standing orders at the EOU to better improve efficiencies and accelerate care at time of patient arrival.

g. Consider ratification of the new Cooperative Purchasing Resolution and Agreement (RESOLUTION NO. 2027-OmniaPPS) with **OMNIA Partners** which provides potential resources that meet cooperative procurement requirements. No cost for membership.

h. Consider ratification of the New Pilot Agreement with **Athon Tech LLC** which provides a technology platform to support Gulf Coast Center's AI initiatives including 1. Data, Analytics and AI Chat; 2. Leadership & Clinical Excellence; and 3. Performance Management.
**Term**: Six months from kickoff. **Amount not to exceed**: $10,000 flat fee for 10 users.

i. Consider ratification of the FY27 renewal Consultation Engagement Agreement with **PAUL SISLER** for a comprehensive assessment of the revenue cycle, including an in-depth review of the accounting department. The goal is to identify inefficiencies, risks, and opportunities for improvement in financial operations.
**Reimbursement**: $110/hour.

**IDD Services**

j. Consider approval of the **FY 27-28 LIDDA Local Provider Network Development Plan** (**Pg 19)**

k. Consider approval of the FY27 renewal agreement with **Lifetime Homecare HCS, LLC**. to provide short-term (up to 14 calendar days) Crisis Respite for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD).
**Reimbursement**: retainer fee of $2,000.00 to insure immediate bed space availability upon notice of a crisis; $300/individual daily (not to exceed $250,000 increase of $75K from FY26).

l. Consider ratification of the of the **NEW FY27 IDD Non-Traditional Provider Network Agreement** to be utilized for eligible providers meeting the Open Enrollment requirements for respite, in-home crisis respite, community support, Community First Choice Transportation, and/or Independent Living Skills (ILS) for nursing facilities to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities referred and receiving services from the Center.
**Reimbursement rate**: $10-$15/hr. No change from FY26.



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m. Consider approval of the **FY27 IDD Provider Services Family Agreement for the Voucher Respite Program** to be utilized throughout the fiscal year.
Reimbursement rate: $10-$15/hr. No change from FY26.

n. Consider approval of the 12 Agreements for the **FY27 IDD Non-Traditional Provider Network Agreement**.
Reimbursement rate: $10-$15/hr. No change from FY26.

| **Galveston** | **Brazoria** | **Other** |
|---|---|---|
| Mahoney, Ava | Flores, Aurelio | Garcia, Jordan (Harris) |
| Mata, Jessica | Mark, Stephanie | |
| Millican, Jasmine | McDaniel, Joanna | |
| Renfro, Shirley Ann | Ramirez, Veronica | |
| Saenz, Rubin | Richert, Jennifer | |
| Schweizer, Maurilia | | |

o. Consider approval of the 25 Agreements for the **FY27 IDD Provider Services Family Agreement for the Voucher Respite**.

p. Reimbursement rate: $10- $15/hr. No change from FY26.

| **Galveston** | **Brazoria** | **Other** |
|---|---|---|
| Hamid, Khandakar | Ellisor, Elizabeth | NONE |
| Rodriguez, Madeline | Blaschke, Holly (renewal) | |
| Camarata, Brooke (renewal) | Campbell, Crystal (renewal) | |
| Cruz, Kathy (renewal) | Diaz, Erin (renewal) | |
| Elrod, Sheila (renewal) | Foster, Stacey-Ann (renewal) | |
| Johnson, Shani (renewal) | Harris, Nikkeka (renewal) | |
| Limon-Corona, Mayra (renewal) | Jones, Victoria (renewal) | |
| Lopez, Marie (renewal) | Nokelby, Leslie (renewal) | |
| Nguyen, John (renewal) | | |
| Parker, Megan (renewal) | | |
| Roberts, Denise (renewal) | | |
| Saucedo, Jason (renewal) | | |
| Scheer, Jessica (renewal) | | |
| Taylor, Jennifer (renewal) | | |
| Watkins, Celeste (renewal) | | |
| Wiedenfeld, Sherry (renewal) | | |
| Wyatt, Pamela (renewal) | | |

**Behavioral Health Services**

q. Consider ratification of the FY27 renewal agreements with **SUN Behavioral Houston** for Adult Inpatient Services guaranteeing 18 designated beds. **Not to exceed**: $4,629,000.00 ($700/bed day) (no change from FY26). **Funding Source: HHSC Performance contract-CMHH-$5,840,000.00**

r. Consider ratification of the FY27 renewal Hospital and Professional Agreement with **SUN Behavioral Houston** for the purchase of 'overflow' beds for the occasion the Gulf Coast Center's designated unit is at capacity. **Not to exceed**: $593,680 ($750/bed day) (no change from FY26). **Funding Source**: **HHSC Performance contract-MH/PPB - $1,215,000.00**

s. Consider ratification of the FY27 renewal agreement with **SUN Behavioral Houston** for a shared continuity of care COC Inpatient Liaison providing 20 hours weekly of support services performed by its designated



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COC inpatient liaison. **Not to exceed**: $40,000 ($37.50/hr.) (no change from FY26). **Funding Source**: **HHSC Performance contract-CMHH-$5,840,000.00**

t. Consider ratification of the **FY27 Mental Health First Aid Service Agreements** with the 4 below certified instructors and/or trainers in Adult or Youth Mental Health First Aid to be reimbursed at $45 per hour (not to exceed $360/day):
   1. **Dr. Chenda Moore** (renewal)
   2. **Alyssa Hightower** (renewal)
   3. **Edith Sanchez** (new)
   4. **Elizabeth Reep** (new)

u. Consider ratification of the renewal agreement with **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON d/b/a UTMB Health** for inpatient physician/psychiatric services being performed at SUN Behavioral Houston.
**Reimbursement Rate**: $65/bed day; **Amount not to exceed**: $427,050.00 annually. (no change from FY26)

v. Consider ratification of the renewal agreement with **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON d/b/a UTMB Health** for physician/psychiatric services being performed at the Extended Observation Unit/Galveston County Mental Health Wellness Center in La Marque, TX.
**Amount not to exceed**: $400,00.00 annually.

w. Consider ratification of the FY27 Professional Services Agreement with **University of Houston.** University of Houston is the subrecipient of the MH-RITES grant and has designated Dr. Robin Gearing as a co-investigator who shall provide con-investigation on implementation and evaluation of Gulf Coast Center's Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program (AOT Program). **Term**: 9/30/2026-9/29/2027
**Not to Exceed**: $10,025 annually **Grant Funded**: University of Houston (MH-RITES)

x. Consider ratification of the FY27 renewal Consultation Agreement with **MICHELLE WASHBURN** to provide consultation on implementation and evaluation of Gulf Coast Center's Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program (AOT Program). Term: 9/30/26 - 9/29/27 Not to Exceed: $10,000 ($200/hr.)

y. Consider ratification of the renewal FY27 Facility Renewal Agreement with **Coastal Health and Wellness** for Galveston Island Community Service Center office space at 4700 Broadway, Galveston TX 77551.
**Not to Exceed**: $3600 per month ($43,000 annually)

**Substance Use Disorder Services**

z. Consider approval of the FY27 renewal agreements for the below Providers of substance use residential treatment services:
   1. **Alcohol and Drug Abuse Women's Center**: amount not to exceed $450,638.00
   2. **BARC Medically Indigent Care:** amount not to exceed $267,500.00

| | | TRA-INTENSIVE | TRA-SUPP | TRF-SUPP | TRF-INTENSIVE | TOTAL TRA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rates 9/1/2026-08/31/2027 | paid to Providers | 108.65 | 44.30 | 104.70 | 165.00 | |
| | | | | | | |
| ADA | Original Amount | $ 285,638.00 | $ 37,500.00 | $ 21,250.00 | $ 106,250.00 | $ 450,638.00 |
| | | | | | | $ - |
| | | | | | | $ - |
| | | | | | | $ - |
| ADA | Final Contract Amount | $ 285,638.00 | $ 37,500.00 | $ 21,250.00 | $ 106,250.00 | $ 450,638.00 |
| Bay Area Recovery Center | Original Amount | $ 230,000.00 | $ 37,500.00 | $ - | $ - | $ 267,500.00 |
| | | | | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| | | | | | | $ - |
| BAY AREA | Final Contract Amount | $ 230,000.00 | $ 37,500.00 | $ - | $ - | $ 267,500.00 |



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**Description**: Residential treatment services are provided in licensed facilities where people live for a specific period of time. Treatment includes counseling, case management, education and skills training. Intensive residential treatment provides at least 30 hours of intensive services per week. Supportive residential services are delivered at least six hours per week. Recipients stay at a licensed treatment center but are allowed to leave and seek employment or job training.

9. **Pending or Revised Action Items** ..... Linda Bell, JD, BSN, RN

*Pending or revised items are those items that were on a prior board agenda but not completely resolved or there has been a revision since approval. The items may be listed for update purposes or final action by the Board.*

10. **Calendar** ..... Jamie Travis, Board Chair

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|---|---|---|---|
| **September** | Wednesday September 30, 2026 | MCSC | 6:15 PM |
| **October** | Wednesday, October 21, 2026 | SBCSC | 6:15 PM |
| **November** | **No meeting this month due to holiday** | | |
| **December** | Wednesday, December 9, 2026 | MCSC | 6:15 PM |
| **January** | Wednesday, January 20, 2027 | SBCSC | 6:15 PM |
| **February** | Wednesday, February 17, 2027 | MCSC | 6:15 PM |
| **March** | Wednesday, March 24, 2027 | SBCSC | 6:15 PM |
| **April** | Wednesday, April 28, 2027 | MCSC | 6:15 PM |
| **May** | Wednesday, May 26, 2027 | SBCSC | 6:15 PM |
| **June** | **June 23-25, 2027, Houston Galleria, Texas Council Annual Conference** | | |
| **July** | Wednesday, July 28, 2027 | MCSC | 6:15 PM |
| **August** | Board Retreat | TBD | TBD |
| **August** | Wednesday, August 11, 2026 | SBCSC | 6:15 PM |

**MCSC location**: 7510 FM 1765, Texas City, TX **SBCSC location**: 101 Tigner, Angleton, TX

11. **Executive Session**
    - As authorized by Chapter §551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during this meeting to seek legal advice from its Attorney about any matters listed on the agenda.

12. **Action Regarding Executive Session**

13. **Adjourn**



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# CENTERWIDE - SEPT 2026

## EXPENSES

| | MONTHLY FY2027 BUDGET | MONTHLY FY 2027 September | ANNUAL FY 2027 BUDGET | YEAR TO DATE FY 2027 September | YTD Percent Variance | YTD Dollar Variance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salary and Wages | $1,921,959.45 | $1,648,461.33 | $23,063,512.80 | $1,648,461.33 | 7 | $21,415,051.47 |
| Fringe Benefits | $676,986.69 | $564,870.75 | $8,123,837.55 | $564,870.75 | 7 | $7,558,966.80 |
| Travel | $27,191.99 | $7,054.81 | $326,303.82 | $7,054.81 | 2 | $319,249.01 |
| Comsumables | $29,686.82 | $13,384.81 | $356,240.89 | $13,384.81 | 4 | $342,856.08 |
| Pharmaceuticals/other | $21,924.34 | $11,393.46 | $263,092.23 | $11,393.46 | 4 | $251,698.77 |
| Furniture/Equip/Computer>$5000 | $14,238.45 | $8,975.18 | $170,861.22 | $8,975.18 | 5 | $161,886.04 |
| Furniture/Equip/Computer<$5000 | $24,249.16 | $23,807.66 | $290,989.26 | $23,807.66 | 8 | $267,181.60 |
| Facility Costs: | $41,775.09 | $38,283.49 | $501,299.67 | $38,283.49 | 8 | $463,016.18 |
| Utilities | $12,771.59 | $22,880.08 | $153,259.23 | $22,880.08 | 15 | $130,379.15 |
| Communications: | $43,307.44 | $42,334.81 | $519,689.24 | $42,334.81 | 8 | $477,354.43 |
| Insurance | $44,417.07 | $34,875.56 | $533,003.03 | $34,875.56 | 7 | $498,127.47 |
| Vehicle Operating | $18,815.26 | $12,910.31 | $225,781.67 | $12,910.31 | 6 | $212,871.36 |
| Other Operating | $30,171.04 | $10,767.81 | $362,052.56 | $10,767.81 | 3 | $351,284.75 |
| Client Support Cost | $51,240.20 | $34,862.15 | $614,882.09 | $34,862.15 | 6 | $580,019.94 |
| Unallowable Costs | $9,362.30 | $959.90 | $112,347.61 | $959.90 | 1 | $111,387.71 |
| Consultant/Professional - External | $17,911.62 | $9,934.46 | $214,939.35 | $9,934.46 | 5 | $205,004.89 |
| Other Organizations - Internal | $35,324.68 | $45,167.12 | $423,896.11 | $45,167.12 | 11 | $378,728.99 |
| Other Organizations - External | $1,179,507.90 | $863,518.81 | $14,154,094.79 | $863,518.81 | 6 | $13,290,575.98 |
| Other Organizations - Non-Clinical | $492,770.11 | $70,383.21 | $5,913,241.29 | $70,383.21 | 1 | $5,842,858.08 |
| Increast to Fund Balance: | ($42,199.59) | $0.00 | ($506,395.27) | $0.00 | 0 | ($506,395.27) |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES:** | **$4,651,411.61** | **$3,464,825.71** | **$55,816,929.14** | **$3,464,825.71** | **6** | **$52,352,103.43** |



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| | MONTHLY FY2027 BUDGET | MONTHLY FY 2027 September | ANNUAL FY 2027 BUDGET | YEAR TO DATE FY 2027 September | YTD Percent Variance | YTD Dollar Variance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | | | | | | |
| Brazoria County: | $22,793.32 | $21,333.32 | $273,520.00 | $21,333.32 | (8) | $252,186.68 |
| Galveston County: | $73,627.25 | $56,250.01 | $883,527.00 | $56,250.01 | (6) | $827,276.99 |
| Local Funds: | $147,854.46 | $45,952.72 | $1,774,253.28 | $45,952.72 | (3) | $1,728,300.56 |
| Earned Income: | $504,604.58 | $483,475.89 | $6,055,254.69 | $483,475.89 | (8) | $5,571,778.80 |
| State Funds Allocated: | $1,716,041.70 | $1,878,649.28 | $20,592,500.48 | $1,878,649.28 | (9) | $18,713,851.20 |
| StateFunds Grants-Cost Reimb: | $1,425,110.64 | $410,590.81 | $17,101,327.25 | $410,590.81 | (2) | $16,690,736.44 |
| Federal Funds - Allocated | $80,716.08 | $0.00 | $968,592.84 | $0.00 | 0 | $968,592.84 |
| Federal Funds -Grants Cost Reimb: | $220,005.08 | $165,328.58 | $2,640,060.89 | $165,328.58 | (6) | $2,474,732.31 |
| Federal Funds - Misc.: | $114,048.06 | $88,722.00 | $1,368,576.72 | $88,722.00 | (6) | $1,279,854.72 |
| Federal Funds -DPP: | $83,415.07 | $83,415.07 | $1,000,980.80 | $83,415.07 | (8) | $917,565.73 |
| Federal Funds - CCP | $263,194.61 | $263,194.61 | $3,158,335.19 | $263,194.61 | (8) | $2,895,140.58 |
| **Total Revenue** | **$4,651,410.85** | **$3,496,912.29** | **$55,816,929.14** | **$3,496,912.29** | **(6)** | **$52,320,016.85** |
| **EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES** | **($0.76)** | **$32,086.58** | **$0.00** | **$32,086.58** | **0** | **($32,086.58)** |
| **NET OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT:** | **($0.76)** | **$32,086.58** | **$0.00** | **$32,086.58** | **0** | **($32,086.58)** |



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September 15, 2026

Ashlyn Murphy
Gulf Coast Center
4444 W. Main St.
League City, TX 77573

Dear Ashlyn,

Congratulations! Your grant application submitted to the Native Pollinator Habitat Grant Program, Clear Lake Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, for 2026–2027 has been approved for funding.

You have been awarded **$500** for **Gulf Coast Center - Angleton Clinic**.

You may officially accept this offer of funding by replying via email [clear-lake-chapter@npsot.org]. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can mail your award and share this wonderful news!

Alternatively, we would love to coordinate a photo opportunity and hand delivery of the check in the next three weeks, if your schedule allows. Kindly let us know your availability.

Please refer to the grant proposal information so you do not miss deadlines. Report forms can be found on our website one month before the due date. The first report is due on December 1, 2026. Remember to take photographs of the original site and periodic pictures to go along with the progress of the habitat to include in your reports and presentation.

We encourage you to reach out to the Education Committee at any point during the grant period if you have questions or would like guidance. Please remember that grant funds may be used only for native plants. To help with plant selection, ecoregion-specific plant lists are available at https://www.npsot.org/our-work/class-schedule/plant-lists-by-ecoregion/.

Once again, congratulations on your award. We are excited to see the wonderful things you will accomplish, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

Regards,

Education Committee
Clear Lake Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas
c/o UHCL Environmental Institute of Houston
2700 Bay Area Blvd, Box 540
Houston, TX 77058



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Texas Council
Risk Management Fund

September 14, 2026

# MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Directors
Member Centers, Texas Council Risk Management Fund

From: TCRMF Nominating Committee

Subject: **Board of Trustees Election Ballot**
**Places 4, 5 and 6**

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The election process for Places 4, 5 and 6 will be finalized at the November 13, 2026, Annual Member Meeting of the Texas Council Risk Management Fund. Attached is the election ballot indicating the eligible candidates for this year's election.

The Nominating Committee has prepared the ballot for the upcoming election. Incumbents Edreauanna Fowler (Place 5), Bob Brown (Place 6) are seeking re-election and Judge Lee Norman as well as Dennis Wilson have been nominated for the vacancy in Place 4 currently held by Judge Van York but not seeking re-election.

Please return the election ballot by email or mail so that it is received in the Fund's office **no later than noon November 12, 2026.** You may also vote in person at the Annual Member Meeting on November 13th.

If you have any questions, please call Jacey Garza- Raines at the Fund, either 512-970-8398 or email her at Jacey.garzaraines@sedgwick.com.

cc: TCRMF Board of Trustees
Advisory Committee
Pam Beach



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Texas Council Risk Management Fund

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION BALLOT

At the November 13th Annual Member Meeting of the Texas Council Risk Management Fund, elections will be finalized to fill the positions of Trustees in Places 4, 5, and 6. Incumbents **Edreauanna Fowler** (Place 5) and **Bob Brown** (Place 6) are seeking re-election and are listed on the ballot, as well as **Judge Lee Norman and Dennis Wilson** nominated for the vacancy in Place 4 currently held by Judge Van York but not seeking re-election. Each Center may cast its votes by email (preferred), mail, in advance or in person at the Annual Member Meeting.

**Please vote for one candidate for each of the three places.**

| | **Mark Vote ("X") In box below (for THREE)** |
|---|---|
| **Place 4 (Please vote for one of these two candidates for Place 4)** | |
| Judge Lee Norman | [ ] |
| Dennis Wilson | [ ] |
| **Place 5** | |
| Edreauanna Fowler | [ ] |
| **Place 6** | |
| Bob Brown | [ ] |

I certify that the above represents the Board of Trustees Election Ballot of the below named Texas Council Risk Management Fund member and that I am duly authorized to execute and deliver this ballot on behalf of the Center.

_____

Name of Community Center

_____ _____

Signature of Authorized Representative Date



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Texas Council
Risk Management Fund

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL OR EMAIL THIS BALLOT NO LATER THAN NOON NOVEMBER 12, 2026, TO:**

TEXAS COUNCIL RISK MANAGEMENT FUND
P.O. Box 26655, Austin, Texas 78755-0655
**Attention: Jacey Garza- Raines**
Email: Jacey.garzaraines@sedgwick.com



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# LEE NORMAN
# GARZA COUNTY JUDGE
# VICE-CHAIR – WEST TEXAS CENTERS BOARD

*Biographical Information*

## PERSONAL

Wife: Marsha Tipton Norman. Married August 12, 1972.

**Children:**

- Dr. Laura May, husband Matthew — children Tipton and Ivy
- Janie Stach, husband Philip — children Simon and Elliot
- David Norman, wife Brenda — children Emily, Marley, and Paylan
- Steve Norman, wife Dr. Mary Norman — children Brock, Violet, and Wren

## EDUCATION

- Graduate of Post High School (1968)
- Baylor University, Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance (1973)
- Texas Tech Judicial College — continuing education, minimum 40 hours per year since 2007
- Fellow of the Academy, Texas Judicial Academy, Texas Tech School of Law

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Trained and managed Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Co. in Post (1973–1979)
- Actively engaged in farming (1979–2015); continues to support his sons' farming operations and manage family farming, real estate, and investment interests

## PUBLIC SERVICE & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Texas State Future Farmer degree (1967); National American Farmer degree (1969)
- Rotary Club member for over 35 years, serving the Post community and Post schools; Rotary President (2019–2021)
- Ordained deacon, First Baptist Church of Post (July 1986); continues on the deacon board and church committees
- FBC Trustee (beginning 2016); Chairman of Trustees (beginning 2019); Chairman, FBC Budget and Finance Committee (2019–2021, 2023–2024)
- Post Chamber of Commerce Director (1975–1977) and President (1976–1977)
- Director, Close City Gin board, for over 20 years
- Former director, Grassland Butane Inc.
- Former Vice President, Old Mill Trade Days
- Garza County Trailblazers — President (2006–2013); director/officer since 2007
- President, Garza County Museum (2007)
- Co-Chair, Garza County and City of Post Centennial Committee
- Chairman, Post Economic Development Corporation (since 2013)



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## AWARDS RECEIVED

- Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility Community Supporter Award (2002, 2018 — company-wide)
- Lynn County Absentee Conservation Farmer of the Year (2004)
- Lynn County Conservation Farmer of the Year (2005)
- Post Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year (2016)
- Leadership in Government Award, Post Area Chamber of Commerce (2008)
- Spirit of Philanthropy Award, National Philanthropy Day, Community Foundation of West Texas (2016)
- Sam D. Seale Award for Excellence, West Texas Judges and Commissioners Association (2019)
- Giles McCrary Award, Community Recovery Center (2020)

## WORKING WITH STATE OFFICIALS

- Senator Robert Duncan Water Advisory Board
- Negotiated original Lake Alan Henry Water District legislation with Senator Duncan, Representative Laney, the County Attorney, and the Lubbock Mayor and City Attorney
- Texas Association of Counties Core Legislative Group, member since 2013
- Supports rural legislative efforts with Senator Perry and Representatives Frullo, Burrows, and Springer, among others
- Initiated the legislative process behind the 2015 constitutional amendment (Proposition 5) raising the population cap to 7,500, allowing counties to hire private contractors for road work at established pay rates — led by Representative Drew Springer and Senator Charles Perry

## GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONER (12 YEARS)

- County road supervisor, Precinct 1 — built and improved the majority of roads under his responsibility
- Supervised FEMA-funded reconstruction of Precinct 1 roads, bringing $180,000 to the precinct
- Judge Pro Tem for 12 years
- Community Center board member for 12 years, including 6 years as chairman
- Helped create and supervise the county's subdivision code-enforcement program, particularly for the Lake Alan Henry area, over 12 years
- Overhauled the Ambulance Committee system to make it self-sustaining
- Worked with the County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Commissioners Court
- Attended regional Mental Health & Mental Retardation meetings for the county
- Member, Select Health Care District Committee — helped bring a doctor to Post through Rural Health Care grants
- Assisted with fire department equipment purchases as needed
- Served on the Law Enforcement Committee for several years; helped negotiate the law enforcement contract with the City of Lubbock for the Lake Alan Henry area
- Chaired the county's Insurance Committee to obtain the best health coverage for employees
- Supervised construction of a storage facility for county records
- Supervised a $230,000 electrical renovation of the county courthouse
- Supervised county/city airport renovations using 90% TxDOT funding



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## PRISON RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinated with the Public Facilities Corporation and Garza County to manage all areas of county-owned property
- Supervised construction of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility's reserve water system
- Met with the Bureau of Prisons for county reports and audits
- Approved monthly revenue and prisoner reports for the county
- Guided the sale of the prison to the State of Texas (ongoing as of April 2025); worked to recreate the facility as a county jail after the BOP contract ended (June 30, 2022) and later as a federal facility after the MTC contract ended (September 30, 2024)
- Led the sale of the Dalby prison to the State of Texas and helped create a Local Government Corporation/foundation to retain the sale proceeds, providing Garza County an ongoing stream of interest income
- Serves ex officio on the Local Government Corporation board overseeing the management firm for the prison funds

## GARZA COUNTY JUDGE (SINCE 2007)

- Elected Garza County Judge, 2007
- Oversaw construction of the six-million-dollar Garza County Law Enforcement Center
- Organized four counties to create Eastern Plains Emergency Management
- Received the Leadership in Government Award (2008) from the Post Area Chamber of Commerce
- Earned Fellow of the Academy membership from the Texas Tech School of Law for studies in the Texas Judicial Academy
- Appointed to the nominations committee, Texas Association of Counties West Texas Judges and Commissioners Association (2009)
- South Plains Association of Governments — Board of Directors (since 2007); Executive Board (since 2014); President (2019–2020); 911 Advisory Committee (2007–2011); officer nominations committee (2009–2017); Chairman, grant review committee (2011); Chairman, Rural Planning Organization (2014–2015)
- Developed a steering committee for wind energy in Garza County
- Actively involved in legislative work during sessions, coordinating with West Texas legislators and judges
- Served on the County Judges and Commissioners Association's Resolutions, Conference Site, Nominations, and Scholarship committees
- Trustee, West Texas Centers (since 2013); Finance Committee (since 2015); Board Secretary (2017); Retirement Board Trustee (since 2017); Vice Chair (since 2018)
- Unemployment Board, Texas Association of Counties (2014–2018); President (2017–2018)
- Board member, Association of Rural Communities in Texas (2015–2017)
- Appointed to the Texas Department of Agriculture Finance Authority by Commissioner Sid Miller (2016–present)
- Community Relations Council member, Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility (2016)
- Board member, Texas Association of Regional Councils (2017–2018)
- Chairman of Trustees, First Baptist Church (since 2019); Chairman, FBC Budget and Finance Committee (2019–2021, 2023–2024)
- Appointed to the Texas Council of Community Centers, representing West Texas Centers (May 2022)



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Retired Limestone County Sheriff Dennis D. Wilson is now serving his 51st year in Law Enforcement. His career in Law Enforcement began1975 as a Deputy Sheriff with the Limestone County Sheriff's Office. In November 1999, he served as a Criminal Investigator for the Limestone County/District Attorney Office. On January 1, 2001, he began his 1st elected term as Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas. He retired after serving 5 elected terms, running the last 3 elections unopposed, from the office of Sheriff on December 31, 2020. He continues to serve in Limestone County as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff.

He is a 1973 graduate of Groesbeck High School and also attended Cisco Junior College and Navarro College where he earned an associate degree in education. He graduated from the Heart of Texas Council of Government Police Academy in 1976. He obtained his Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Master Peace Officer certificate in 1994. He has attended over 4700 hours of continuing education with the TCOLE. He also holds an Instructor's Certificate from TCOLE.

Wilson served as the President of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas (S.A.T.) for the term of 2016-2017. He also served on the Legislative Committee and Jail Advisory Committee for the S.A.T. for over 18 years. In 2013, he was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve as a Commissioner on the Board for the Texas Commission on Jail Standards representing the rural Sheriffs of our state. He was proudly reappointed by Governor Greg Abbott and continued to serve this state agency. He has served as Chairman of the Board for a two-year term on the Texas Council of Community Centers Board of Directors and continues to serve as a member on the Texas Council Board of Directors for the past 20 years.



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Locally, Wilson served as Chairman of the Board of Directors on the Heart of Texas Behavior Health Network (HOTBHN) for a three-year term and continues to be a Board Member. He has a real passion in helping improve the Behavior Health Care System in Texas by helping develop new methods of delivery of Behavior Health Care services in our great state. He continues to work with the staff at Sam Houston State University/Criminal Management Institute of Texas, the National Institute of Corrections, and other Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer associations, as well as, working with our state and federal legislative elected officials providing assistance in improving the educational/mental health training for all who are involved in our Behavior Healthcare Network.

Over the years, Sheriff Wilson has had the honor of working with many past and present Texas Council Board Members also working on various committees within the Texas Council. He has a clear understanding of the innerworkings, including the role we contribute as Texas Council Board Members. It has been an extreme honor to serve in this capacity and he has a strong desire to continue making contributions to the Texas Council and its membership.

Dennis D. Wilson
Retired Sheriff Limestone County
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Email: Pappy_ddw1955@yahoo.com

Honorable Accolades:
2002 – Present Texas Council Board Member
2004 S.A.T. Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission Bert Ford Award
2009 Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year
2023 – 2026 Board Chairman of HOTBHN
Past Chairman of Texas Council serving a two-year term
Past president of Groesbeck Lions Club
2016 – Present Centex Citizens Credit Union Board Member
Past Master of Groesbeck Lodge #354
Golden Trowel award December 15, 2014
2019 District Deputy Grand Master, Masonic District 22 for the Grand Lodge of Texas



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**Edreauanna Fowler**

Fowler received a Bachelor of Arts in Human Relations from The University of Oklahoma, and she earned her Master of Education in Administration from Lamar University. She began her career in education in 2011 as a tutor and facilitator for Project ReDirect in Port Arthur ISD. She later served as a chemistry teacher for Port Arthur ISD from 2012-14.

Currently, Fowler is a fifth-grade science teacher at Lakeview Elementary School in Port Arthur. During her time in this role, she was named Rookie Teacher of the Year in 2017 and Teacher of the Year in 2018. She has also served as the chair for the Lakeview Elementary School science fair since 2015 and is a member of the Science Teacher Association of Texas.

Fowler attends Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, where she has served in several roles, [illegible] th Sunday school superintendent on the Spindletop Center Board of Trustees for over 35 years. and on the Scholarship Committee Board.

In January of 2021, the Jefferson County Commissioners Court appointed Edreauanna Fowler to the Spindletop Center Board of Trustees. She took the seat left vacant after her mother, Gladdie Fowler, who passed away on Dec. of 2020. Gladdie had represented Jefferson County



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**Bob Brown**

Bob Brown has practiced law in Tarrant county for over 35 years. His firm's mission is to provide effective quality legal advice and representation for individuals, business owners, and local companies at reasonable fees.

Bob is a native Texas who grew up in the Texas Panhandle. He served with distinction for five years in the U.S. Army after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Following his Army service, he graduated from the School of Law at the University of Texas.

Bob is long-time Board member of MHMR Tarrant County. Bob is passionate about the Centers' mission and the clients they serve. Bob has also served as a Board member for the Texas Council Community Centers for several years. Bob has served as a Trustee on the Texas Council Risk Management Fund Board since 2022.



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# LIDDA Local Provider Network Development Plan

# FY27-28

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# Developmental Disability Services Overview

**History**

Prior to the 1960s, state institutions were the only source of support and treatment available to citizens who suffered from serious mental disabilities. In 1963, President John F. Kennedy proposed a broad new program that included community mental health centers and signed the Community Mental Health Center Act into law. In 1965, the Texas Legislature passed the Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act, now known as the Texas Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities Act. It authorized the creation of community centers to serve local agencies that would work in partnership with the state and federal government to develop community-based services as alternatives to institutional care.

The doors of Gulf Coast Center's first facility opened on December 1, 1969, to provide mental retardation services in La Marque. By October 1971, services had been expanded to include mental health. The Gulf Coast Center has evolved into the suite of integrated, whole-person services we provide today as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCHBC). To achieve CCBHC status, Gulf Coast Center has distinguished itself as efficiently reducing healthcare disparities for our community. This design demonstrates a commitment to an accountable, culturally competent framework that broadens access to care services for anyone seeking Mental Health, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services, regardless of their ability to pay. Integrated transitions between service agencies, especially for co-occurring and complex diagnoses, are bridges that must be crossed to ensure safe and equitable care. Gulf Coast Center coordinates that care and provide the wrap-around services needed to keep the community in services and services in the community.

That community and cooperative approach has driven the Texas "community center" system of care for over 55 years.



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# Mission and Vision

Gulf Coast Center's mission is to provide accessible, efficient and quality services to support the independent and healthy living of those we serve. Our core values guide not just how we work with our clients, but also how we work with each other and the community. The vision includes empowering individuals to live meaningful, integrated lives, supporting families, and collaborating with community resources to fill gaps.

**Values**

**Humanity -** We value people by serving individuals and families with care and compassion.

**Excellence -** We value the pursuit of operational excellence by striving to gain efficiencies, decrease costs, and enhance service delivery through innovation.

**Accountability -** We value achievement of an exemplary standard of accountability for our individual and collective performance.

**Loyalty -** We value the crucial role which family members and other natural supports play in effective treatment.

**Teamwork -**We value collaboration to efficiently maximize resources and improve outcomes of care.

**Honor -** We value united and uncompromising resolve as we steadfastly safeguard and evolve our work environment to uphold education, responsible self-direction, and collaborative coaching.

**You -** We value commitment to build and strengthen partnerships that benefit the needs and values of our community as a whole.



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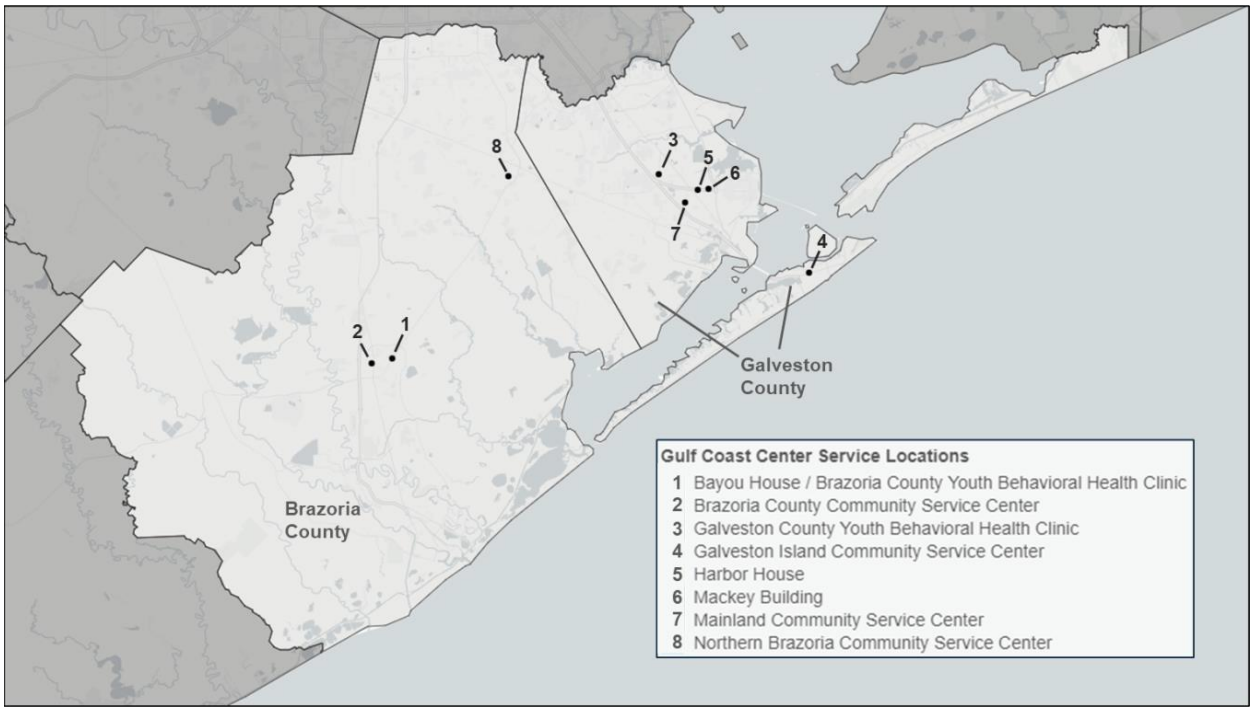
# Local Service Area

The Counties of Galveston and Brazoria jointly agreed in 1973 to the establishment of the Gulf Coast Center (originally known as Gulf Coast Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Center). Gulf Coast Center's Board of Trustees and leadership oversee LIDDA functions in the region. The Center is governed by a nine-member volunteer Board of Trustees appointed by the County Commissioner's Courts of Galveston (5 members) and Brazoria (4 members) Counties, Texas. Gulf Coast Center employs over 300 with 51 employees working in IDD Services. Gulf Coast Center serves over 10,000 individuals and their families. Our service area covers 1,736 miles over the counties and is comprised of 1 rural county (Brazoria) and 1 urban county (Galveston).




**Planning and Stakeholder and Advisory Involvement**

GCC employs stakeholder input and community needs through individuals receiving community-based intellectual disability services and family members of those individuals, residents of the State Supported Living Center (SSLC), family members of those residents, and members of SSLC volunteer services councils, if the SSLC is located in the local service area of the LIDDA, other interested persons, advisory committees, public comment, observation of community needs, provider forums, and through its provider network development planning. The draft plan is posted for public comment, and changes made in response to stakeholder feedback. A regional Planning Network and Advisory Committee (RPNAC) in collaboration with ETBHN (10 other LIDDAs) or similar advisory body will be involved in reviewing, recommending, and advising on the local plan. GCC will provide draft copies of the Local Plan to stakeholders, solicit comments (e.g. via website, public meetings), and document responses or rationale for any changes. The plan will adhere to HHSC and TAC rules governing how LIDDAs must operate (e.g. confidentiality, appeals, service settings). GCC commits to transparency and reporting of network operations, provider performance, and service gaps.



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Gulf Coast Center serves as one of 39 community centers in Texas contracted by Health and Human Services and designated to act as the single point of entry for publicly funded intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) programs in Galveston and Brazoria County. As the LIDDA or Local Intellectual and Developmental Disability Authority, Gulf Coast Center is responsible for determining eligibility for IDD services, enrolling individuals in programs, and coordinating ongoing services. Utilizing a person-centered planning approach, Gulf Coast Center provides accessible, efficient and quality services to support the independence and healthy living of those we serve focusing on support to achieve their greatest potential while living within their communities.

We provide a range of services and support for people in Galveston and Brazoria counties with intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) needs including individuals experiencing co-occurring disorder services such as mental health and substance use. Gulf Coast Center IDD Services are divided into two departments, the IDD Authority which coordinates and monitors community services and the IDD Provider, which provides training, support and specialized services. Most of the services provided by the IDD Service Department are Service Coordination, Crisis Intervention and Intake/Enrollment. Gulf Coast Center IDD Provider Services Department contracts for all provider direct care services except PASRR Specialized Services. We also provide additional community services such as collaboration with school services, transitioning from nursing facilities, state facilities, community education and disaster recovery support. Integrated care coordination between Gulf Coast Center and community agencies is an important component to ensure the individual lives a meaningful and healthy life in the community.

**LIDDA Priority Population and Eligibility**

All individuals referred to Gulf Coast Center enter through the GATES – Get Access To Evaluations and Services department for the initial contact. An individual, family member or the individual's natural support can inquire about services and assist individuals with requesting to be added to the state Interest Lists.

| Community Needs assessment completed in January 2025 by the Meadows Policy Institute | Gulf Coast Center | County | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Galveston | Brazoria |
| Adult Population | 560,000 | 270,000 | 290,000 |
| Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities | 2,700 | 1,300 | 1,400 |
| Youth Population | 130,000 | 60,000 | 70,000 |
| Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities | 1,400 | 650 | 750 |



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**Waitlist / Interest List Management**

The Gulf Coast Center (GCC) is responsible for maintaining accurate Interest Lists for individuals waiting for all applicable services. GCC will ensure that all individuals on these lists are contacted on a biennial basis to verify continued interest and update demographic and clinical information. GCC will manage and prioritize the interest lists in accordance with HHSC rules and guidance, ensuring equitable access and compliance with state requirements. Reports regarding the status, movement, and management of the lists will be submitted to HHSC as required by contract.

In accordance with the definition of "LIDDA priority population" found in 26 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 304, Subchapter A, §304.102 (Diagnostic Assessment), LIDDA priority population is a group comprised of individuals who meet one or more of the following descriptions:

- A person with an intellectual disability (ID), as defined by Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC) Section 591.003;
- An individual with autism spectrum disorder, as defined in the most current edition of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders;
- An individual with a related condition (also called a developmental disability on the current HHSC-approved list of related conditions who is eligible for and enrolling in services in the ICF/IID Program, HCS Program, TxHmL Program, or Community First Choice (CFC);
- A nursing facility (NF) resident who is eligible for specialized services for an intellectual disability or related condition pursuant to Section 1919(e)(7) of the Social Security Act;
- A child who is eligible for early childhood intervention (ECI) services through HHSC; or
- An individual diagnosed by an authorized provider as having a pervasive developmental disorder or Asperger disorder through a diagnostic assessment completed before November 15, 2015.

The determination of eligibility for the priority population must be made using assessments and evaluations performed by qualified professionals. Individuals who are members of the priority population are eligible to receive IDD services identified in the Description of IDD Services and the Service Definition Manual, as appropriate for the individual's level of need, eligibility for a particular service, and the availability of that service. Since resources may be insufficient to meet the service needs of every individual in the priority population, GR Services should be provided to meet the most intense needs first. Intense needs are determined as follows:

- an individual is in danger or at risk of losing his or her support system, especially the living arrangement or support needed to maintain self;
- an individual is at risk of abuse or neglect;
- an individual's basic health and safety needs not being met through current supports;
- an individual is at risk for functional loss without intervention or preventive or maintenance services; or
- an individual demonstrates repeated criminal behavior.

The LIDDA may serve individuals who have resided in a SSLC on a regular admission status, but who may not be in the priority population.

GCC follows the statutory definitions for intellectual disability, developmental disability, and related conditions. GCC places applicants on relevant interest or wait lists (e.g. HCS / TxHmL) and manages the statewide interest list via its intake system. Because resources are limited, prioritization is given to individuals with the most



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intense needs (e.g. risk of loss of supports, health & safety risk, behavioral challenges). The contract (amendment) requires that the LIDDA maintain and provide the interest list (for General Revenue-funded services) in a format approved by HHSC. All services will be founded on a person-centered process, and the LIDDA supports the individual's right to prefer living environments. All services will be offered, planned and delivered in the least restrictive environments.

## IDD Service Array

**Screening** – Gathering information to determine a need for services. This may be in-person or by phone. For people not eligible or who decline services, GCC will provide referral to alternate resources or supports. GCC will identify veterans and service members during intake and eligibility activities, provide referrals to available veteran resources including the Texas Veterans Commission and Texas Veterans Portal, provide information regarding services available to women veterans when applicable, and maintain required records and reporting in accordance with HHSC requirements

**Eligibility Determination** - an interview and assessments or an endorsement of a previous eligibility determination conducted in accordance with THSC Section 593.005, and 26 TAC Chapter 304, Diagnostic Assessment. The diagnostic assessment is commonly referred to as a Determination of Intellectual Disability (DID). An assessment (or endorsement) typically includes an interview with the person, the person's legally authorized representative (LAR), or, if the person doesn't have an LAR, others who are actively involved with the person. This service also may be requested as part of a formal petition for guardianship.

**Service Coordination** - Assistance in accessing medical, social, educational, and other appropriate services and support that will help a person achieve a quality of life and community participation acceptable to the person as described in the plan of services and supports. The plan of services and supports is based on a person-centered process that is consistent with the Person-Centered Planning Guidelines and describes the person's desired outcomes and the services & supports, including service coordination, to be provided to the person, with specifics concerning frequency and duration. This service is provided to individuals receiving Medicaid Waiver services, such as Home and Community Based Services, Texas Home Living, General Revenue and Community First Choice Medicaid Services

Service coordination performed in accordance with 26 TAC Chapter 331

- Assessment - to identify an individual's needs and the services and supports that address those needs as they relate to the nature of the individual's presenting problem and disability.
- Service planning and coordination - activities to identify, arrange, advocate, collaborate with other agencies, and link for the delivery of outcome-focused services and supports that address the individual's needs and desires.
- Monitoring- activities to ensure that the individual receives needed services, evaluates the effectiveness and adequacy of services, and determines if identified outcomes are meeting the person's needs and desires; and
- Crisis prevention and management- activities that link and assist the individual to secure services and supports that will prevent or manage a crisis



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*The plan of services and support is based on a person-directed discovery process that is consistent with HHSC's Person and Family Directed Services Planning Guidelines and describes the individual's:

- Desired outcomes
- Services and supports including service coordination services to be provided to the individual to meet the desired outcomes.
- Potential health and safety risks

**Community First Choice (CFC) -** LIDDA responsibilities primarily involve assessment, eligibility determination and enrollment activities, Service Coordination, resources, managed care organization (MCO) communication, reassessments and information and assistance with applying for individuals who meet the criteria CFC. This service may be included in the waiver services but can be the only service connected to LIDDA services. Gulf Coast Center is committed to working collaboratively with the MCO.

GCC will maintain collaborative relationships and agreements with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) serving the local service area to support eligibility determination, assessment, care coordination, enrollment, reassessment, and ongoing service planning activities related to Community First Choice (CFC) services. GCC will coordinate with MCOs to promote timely access to services, continuity of care, efficient referral processes, and person-centered planning. Individuals and legally authorized representatives will be offered the opportunity to include MCO representatives in service planning meetings when desired.

**Continuity of Services** - Assistance in accessing medical, social, educational, and other appropriate services and supports that will help a person achieve a quality of life and community participation acceptable to the person as described in the plan of services and supports. This service category includes the following:

- transition planning for a person residing in an SSLC whose movement to the community is being planned or for a person who formerly resided in a state facility and is on community-placement status. Refers to responsibilities listed in 26 TAC Chapter 904, Continuity of Services-State Facilities; or
- providing assistance to a person who is interested in admission to the ICF/IID Program including assistance with eligibility determination, enrollment activities, and other activities that may assist in maintaining person's placement or assist in locating another placement for the person. Refers to responsibilities listed in 26 TAC Section 331.7, 26 TAC Section 261.244, and THSC Section 533.0355;
- discharge planning for a person receiving services in a state hospital who is anticipating discharge to the community in order to identify and secure services necessary to prepare for successful transition to the community with needed services and supports. Refers to responsibilities listed in 26 TAC Sections 306.163 and 306.201; or
- providing assessment of needs for services and supports for a person with IDD who has been identified by the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS) as being incarcerated. GCC will respond to TLETS notifications in accordance with HHSC contract requirements, including timely assessment, continuity-of-services planning, coordination with correctional and community partners, and initiation of required follow-up activities within applicable contract timeframes. Refers to

responsibilities listed in the LIDDA Performance Contract and the LIDDA Handbook regarding continuity of services for individuals identified through the TLETS system.

**Permanency Planning** – conducts and documents that permanency planning for persons under the age of 22 years who are enrolling in or currently residing in an ICF/IDD or HCS residential setting and is completed in accordance with HHSC rule 26 TAC, Chapter 263, Subchapter J (HCS) and 26 TAC, Chapter 261, Subchapter E – ICF/IDD

**Habilitation Coordination** - Assistance for a person residing in a nursing facility to access appropriate specialized services necessary to achieve a quality of life and level of community participation acceptable to the person and their LAR on the person's behalf. Habilitation Coordination is required in Title 26. HHS, Part 1. HHSC, Chapter 303. This service includes regular in-person contacts, coordinating specialized services, planning for transition out, supporting community integration

**PASRR Evaluations** – This requirement is to identify those individuals with IDD in Nursing Facilities that need additional advocacy and support to assure they receive the services they need and to transition from the nursing facility to a community setting by Title 26. HHS, Part 1. HHSC, Chapter 303, the PASRR IDD Handbook and the FY2023- 2024 HHSC Performance Contract to complete Level 2 PASRR Evaluations for individuals residing in Nursing Facilities who are identified as possibly eligible for IDD Specialized Services.

**PASRR LIDDA Specialized Services** – Independent Living Services for individuals living in nursing facilities -- individualized activities for individuals residing in a nursing facility that are consistent with the habilitation service plan and provided in an individual's residence and at community locations (e.g., libraries and stores).

**Enhanced Community Coordination (ECC) (Money Follows the Person Funding) Service Coordination** -- For an individual diverting or transitioning from an NF to the HCS Program or another community Medicaid program or from an SSLC to the HCS Program or a setting other than HCS

**Crisis Intervention Services** - Crisis intervention specialist – The lead crisis intervention specialist (CIS) is a full-time employee or contract employee who oversees all activities required by the LIDDA Handbook. The LIDDA must ensure that the lead CIS is not assigned responsibilities, duties, or tasks other than those described in the LIDDA Handbook. Additional staff may be assigned to support the lead CIS.

Consistent with the LIDDA Performance Contract, Gulf Coast Center maintains procedures for immediate response to HHSC Notifications of Potential Threats to Health and Safety. These procedures ensure timely assessment, coordination of appropriate interventions, documentation of actions taken, and an in-person visit with the individual within two business days when required by HHSC correspondence

**Crisis Respite Services** - Crisis respite out-of-home - therapeutic support provided in a safe environment with staff on-site providing 24-hour supervision for up to 14 calendar days to assist a person who is demonstrating a crisis that cannot be stabilized in a less intensive setting. Out-of-home crisis respite is provided in the following settings: an ICF/IID, an HCS group home, an HHSC-authorized crisis respite facility, crisis residential facility or a LIDDA-operated facility.



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**Respite** – Respite is either planned or emergency short-term relief provided by trained staff to the person's unpaid caregiver when the caregiver is temporarily unavailable. If enrolled in other services, the person continues to receive those services as needed during the respite period. Respite is typically defined by the family and provided by a trusted person or entity in the community. Community inclusion is a priority for Gulf Coast Center.

**Community Support** -- Community supports are individualized activities that are provided in the person's home and at community locations, such as libraries and stores. This service is available to individuals who live on their own in the community with minimal support and do not qualify for Medicaid.

### Optional Supports for Community Integration

GCC may provide or contract for the following (depending on resources and local capacity):

- Supported Employment / Employment Assistance
- Behavioral Supports / Behavior Consultation
- Day Habilitation (for individuals residing in nursing facilities or needing structured day activities)
- Nursing / Health Support Services (if tied to IDD services and medical needs)
- Other services or supports as defined in individual PDPs

The choice, frequency, and duration of services are defined within the PDP and implementation plans.

**Benefits Eligibility** – Provides assistance with completing applications, approval and appeal as needed to acquire and/or maintain Medicaid if eligible. Service Coordinators and Benefit Advisors will work to assist individuals from application through the appeals process. GCC does not refuse services solely based on inability to pay; for non-Medicaid services, GCC may use a sliding scale for fees.

### Quality Assurance, Monitoring and Performance Outcomes

- GCC will maintain a Quality Management Plan to monitor provider performance, compliance, outcomes, and implement continuous quality improvement.
- GCC sets performance metrics aligned with HHSC's contractual targets (e.g. utilization rates, crisis diversion, timeliness, transitions) and monitors them internally.
- GCC will conduct audits, provider reviews, corrective action plans, and ensure data validity.
- GCC will report required data and metrics to HHSC per contract requirements (interest lists, service utilization, outcome metrics).
- GCC will maintain procedures for tracking, reporting, and analyzing consumer complaints and inquiries, including monitoring resolution timeliness, identifying trends, informing quality improvement activities, reporting data to HHSC as required, and ensuring individuals and legally authorized representatives have access to complaint resolution processes and HHSC Office of the Ombudsman information.

GCC will maintain procedures for immediate response and action related to HHSC Notifications of Potential Threats to Health and Safety. In accordance with the LIDDA Performance Contract, actions taken will ensure

the individual is seen in person within two business days of notification, and that appropriate health and safety follow-up activities are completed and documented

## Provider Network and Workforce Development

- GCC will assemble and manage a provider network that offers individual choice to the extent possible, in compliance with the HHSC amendment.
- GCC will promote and protect an individual's right to informed choice by maintaining a provider network that supports access to multiple qualified providers whenever available. Individuals and legally authorized representatives will be provided information regarding available service options and providers and will be supported in making informed decisions based on their preferences, needs, strengths, and desired outcomes. GCC will not restrict provider choice except as permitted by applicable state or federal requirements.
- GCC will post provider interest notices, maintain provider inquiry forms, and follow procurement / credentialing processes.
- Where external provider capacity is limited, GCC may provide services internally or temporarily until external capacity builds.
- GCC commits to provider training, oversight, credentialing, contract monitoring, and capacity building.
- GCC will monitor gaps (e.g. in rural/underserved areas) and target recruitment efforts accordingly.
- GCC will utilize partnerships with local agencies, community organizations, colleges, or workforce development entities to expand provider capacity.
- GCC will maintain a comprehensive subcontractor oversight program that includes written SOPs, annual review of executed Data Use Agreements (DUAs), verification of cybersecurity training and security requirements for subcontractors with access to state systems or confidential information, routine monitoring of contractual and regulatory compliance, implementation of corrective actions when needed, and continuous oversight to ensure subcontractors meet all HHSC performance, privacy, security, and quality expectations.

### Emergency Provider Closure Preparedness

GCC will maintain Emergency Provider Contract Decertification, Involuntary Provider Contract Closure, and Voluntary Provider Contract Closure plans in accordance with HHSC contract requirements. These plans will include after-hours leadership contact procedures, immediate response protocols, crisis prevention and management activities, health and safety monitoring, coordination of alternative placements and services, and ongoing communication with HHSC until all affected individuals have safely transitioned and continuity of services has been established.

## IDD Community Outreach

- GCC will inform the public, potential clients, families, providers, and stakeholders about IDD services via its website, printed materials, brochures, social media, community events, and provider outreach. (GCC posts its Local Plans and network development plans publicly)
- GCC will collaborate with Mental Health Services both within the Gulf Coast Center and throughout the community to secure assessments that identify and address co-occurring disorders, ensuring whole-person, wraparound care.



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- GCC will distribute explanation of services / supports documents, intake information, and processes to individuals, families, and prospective clients.
- GCC will conduct outreach to school districts, hospitals, nursing homes, advocacy groups, and providers to improve awareness of eligibility and supports.
- GCC will provide training and informational materials to families, first responders, community agencies, and providers about interacting with individuals with IDD, crisis de-escalation, etc.
- GCC will participate in local Community Resource Coordination Groups (CRCG)

## Gulf Coast Center Goals, Key Initiatives and Strategies

Achieving operational excellence, through efficient and effective operations, results in consistent superior performance. This effort requires a well-trained workforce, relentless focus on customer service, state-of-the-art financial and technology systems, quality infrastructure and performance measurement. These systems enable success in current and future business initiatives. Achieving our mission requires an engaged community. Gulf Coast will be a leader in the community on education of the needs of individuals living with mental illness, substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, and developmental disabilities. We will collaborate with community partners and our elected representatives to achieve the vision of better community healthcare promoting healthy living.

**Key Initiatives & Business strategies**

**IDD –**

- Gulf Coast Center will continue partnerships and ongoing education with the justice system and law enforcement through the IDD Intake (GATES), Continuity of Services and Crisis Intervention Specialist to educate on diverting to community services for success on community living. Additional education will be consistently communicated to utilize least restrictive environments first to divert individuals from the criminal justice system. IDD Crisis Respite will be utilized if needed to ensure health and safety while in transition to community living.
- Collaboration between IDD Crisis Intervention Staff and EOU Crisis Respite to increase crisis access and provide training and support in the Crisis Respite Programs.
- IDD Guiding Coalition/Brazoria County to increase resources for individuals and families.
- Gulf Coast Center will continue partnerships and ongoing education with the local school districts through the IDD Intake (GATES), Continuity of Services and Crisis Intervention Specialist to provide continuity of care between the educational system and community services.
- Regional LIDDA Collaboration for IDD Summitt, Quarterly LIDDA/Provider Meetings with Texana, Harris Center and Tri-County Community Centers.
- Surveys, meetings and open dialogue with individuals, families and community partners to rank community needs and satisfaction of services.
- NCQA Accreditation: Increased structured services, data-driven and person-centered accountability including quarterly performance audits in compliance with HHSC contract standards.
- Community Engagement: Increase community events such as IDD Awareness Day, family/partner meetings, celebration events and collaboration with community partners such as student worker collaboration with College of the Mainland, Student Accessibility Services



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- Increased Quality Management: Improve IDD SmartCare Electronic Health Record forms project and reduce administrative overhead costs by streamlining documentation and using collaborative documentation.
- Internal Collaboration: Same Day/Next Days standards in IDD Services for referrals from internal program partners to continue to decrease intake waiting times.
- Workforce Development: Strengthen onboarding, refresher training, and staff growth initiatives to promote empowerment and ensure all Gulf Coast Center staff receive IDD-specific training that supports high-quality, accessible, and person-centered services.

**CCBHC - Certified Community Behavioral Health Center**

- Implement Ambulatory Detox, Level One Program Design.
- Update Needs Assessment for recertification of CCBHC in 3 years.
- Start cosmetic and capital improvements of facilities.
- Advance Revenue Cycle Management Operations and Training.
- Complete Disaster Response Operational Procedure Manual.
- Add revised policies and procedures and contracts to SharePoint.
- Update content for patient education provided via lobby monitors and social media.
- Develop and implement expanded customer satisfaction survey.
- Improve Open Access and Revenue Cycle Management Processes.
- Organize peer services collaboration through established Peer Summit.
- Renew Care Coordination Memorandum of Agreements with community partners.
- Incorporate CQI written plans to address incidences of suicide attempts, death by suicide, 30-day hospital re-admission, and operational changes.
- Develop parameters necessary to create reports to drive clinical practices.
- Evaluate productivity measure practice; consider change from quantity approach to outcome measures.
- Implement a shuttle route between Alvin & Angleton for patient care.
- Implement Kempner/Moody Transportation Grant.
- Further develop an experiential crisis training for staff to develop a mature crisis response system in partnership with key roles within our local communities

**Staff Recruitment & Retention**

- Improve internal customer service training for new staff and provide a version of the training to existing staff; training to include a diversity and inclusion focus.
- Develop leadership trainings specifically crafted for frontline managers.
- Establish connections with local colleges and universities for recruitment purposes.
- Redesign Exit Questionnaire into a digital format that will provide analytics.
- Conduct quality assurance activities to ensure compliance with CCBHC training requirements; support on-going growth of organization as a CCBHC.
- Develop electronic feedback survey regarding on-boarding and new employee orientation.
- Increase awareness and accessibility of employee Life Assistance Program for staff.
- Promote benefits of retirement plan and opportunity for education on retirement planning.
- Implement a collaboration between senior leadership and Human Resource Services to develop strategies that will foster leadership growth and development of frontline staff.

**Community Outreach**



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- Standardize brochures to mirror website; available in English and Spanish; available electronically on website and hard copies in a folder.
- Expand and improve community presentations. Incorporate tabletop exercises and story-telling through lived experience.
- Fully implement Zero Suicide initiatives.
- Support local county efforts to establish jail-based competency restoration.
- Expand discussions with community partners and county officials on Multi-Disciplinary Response Teams (MDRT) and Extended Observation Unit (EOU).
- Complete State Hospital Learning Collaborative.
- Explore Jail Based Competency Restoration Services in collaboration with Galveston County.

**Disaster Services**

- Complete Disaster Response Manual.
- 211 - Helpline for all social and community services

**Information Technology**

- Develop meaningful dashboards necessary to achieve operational excellence.
- Expand SmartCare to include widgets, customized service notes, and consents.
- Add recently completed SmartCare Upgrade to version 314; future initiatives are to add Patient Portal, E&M Progress Note, and Medication Consent.
- Work with an Electronic Health Record vendor to develop a plan to implement a patient portal.
- Engage access as a member of Greater Houston Health Information Exchange.
- Finance
- Improve Revenue Cycle Management processes through evaluation, training, and implementation of efficacy and efficiency plans.
- Fully implement budget software to improve Financial Data Management.
- Conduct new software and budget training for leadership staff.
- Engage program manager and senior leadership in regular and consistent financial planning, preparing, and strategizing.
- Engage with Texas Council and community centers to fully understand, prepare, and implement funding strategies identified to extend and replace 1115 Extension Waiver.
- Pursue grant funding to augment operating budget.
- Pursue additional county and state funding to augment operating budget.
- Pursue value-based payment options negotiated with Managed Care Organizations to augment operating budget.



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**THE GULF COAST CENTER**
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
Northern Brazoria Community Service Center (NBCSC)
101 Brennan, Alvin, TX
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
6:15 pm

**"Better community healthcare promoting healthy living."**

**Minutes**

**3. Call To Order** ..... Jamie Travis, Board Chair

a. Announcements and Introductions

**The following Board Members were present:** Jamie Travis, Chair; Stephen Holmes, Vice-Chair; Caroline Rickaway, Chris Cahill, Brazoria County Sheriff Bo Stallman.
**The following Board Members were absent (excused):** Tyler Drummond, Mary Lou Flynn-DuPart and Galveston County Sheriff Lt. Jaime Castro.
**Also present:** Felicia Jeffery, CEO; Rick Elizondo, CFO; Linda Bell, General Counsel; Deanna David, Cecily Grasso, Sonni Miller, Amanda Groller, Destinee Thomas, Brittany Holloway and Jerry Freshout.

**4. Citizens' Comments**

Citizen Teresa Ferguson spoke to the challenges and frustrations of "Just In Time" Scheduling.

**4. Presentations:**

b. **Substance Use Programs** ..... Sonni Miller, Youth Recovery Program Manager

The Board received an overview of Gulf Coast Center's Recovery Services programs, highlighting continued growth in substance use prevention, treatment, recovery support, and community outreach efforts across Galveston and Brazoria Counties. Staff shared program achievements, service expansion, innovative care coordination initiatives, and the positive impact of recovery services on individuals and families within the community.

**School-Based Services Expansion**: The Board was informed of ongoing efforts to expand recovery and prevention services within local school districts through collaborative partnerships. Staff highlighted significant growth in school-based programming, increased outreach and referral opportunities, and continued efforts to improve access to youth substance use prevention and recovery services.

**Strategic Impact**: The presentation demonstrated Gulf Coast Center's commitment to expanding access to care, strengthening community partnerships, and enhancing recovery outcomes through coordinated, person-centered services that support individuals across the continuum of care.

**14. Board Member Reports**

c. Texas Council of Community Centers ..... Jamie Travis, Board Chair

Board members received updates from the Texas Council of Community Centers regarding current legislative and advocacy priorities.

d. Texas Council Risk Management Fund ..... Mary Lou Flynn-DuPart, TCRMF Board Chair

2026 ELECTION PROCESS FOR PLACES 4, 5, and 6 OF THE TCRMF BOARD OF TRUSTEES **(Pg.8)**



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The Board received a brief report from the Texas Council Risk Management Fund indicating no board action is required at this time.

**15. Operations Report: .....** Felicia Jeffery, CEO

b. Operational, Clinical, & Financial Excellence

- Strategic Plan Update
  Everything is still on track. We're continuing one on one coaching and the training redesign is working on the 30-60-90 day on-boarding process.

**16. Budget, Finance and Admin Reports** ..... Rick Elizondo, CFO

a. Financial & Operational Monthly Report & YTD Summary **(Pg.5)**

The Board received the monthly financial report, noting that Gulf Coast Center continues to maintain a strong financial position with a year-to-date surplus, stable unrestricted reserves, and approximately 87 days of operating cash on hand. Staff reported that revenues continue to exceed expenses, fund balances remain healthy, and the organization is on track for a solid fiscal year despite increased operating expenditures associated with service expansion.

**17. Consent Agenda** ..... Linda Bell, JD, BSN, RN

**Consideration and Approval of Recommendations and Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items. (***Consent agenda items may be pulled from this consideration for individual action or presentation.)*

c. **Review and approval of July 22, 2026, Board Minutes. (Pg. 23)**
On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Caroline Rickaway, the board approved the July 22, 2026, Board Minutes. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

d. **Review and approval of August 4, 2026, Board Retreat Minutes (Pg.29)**
On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Caroline Rickaway, the board approved the August 4, 2026, Board Retreat Minutes. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

e. **Review and approval of the July 2026 Check Register**
On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Caroline Rickaway, the board approved the July 2026, Check Register. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

**18. Action Items** ..... Linda Bell, JD, BSN, RN

**a. Consider the approval of the recommendations for the FY26 Gulf Coast Center Board of Trustees' Officer Position as presented by the Board of Trustees Nominating Committee.**
On motion by Caroline Rickaway, and a second by Chris Cahill, the board approved the recommendations for the FY26 Gulf Coast Center Board of Trustees' Officer Positions of Jamie Travis, Chair, Stephen Holmes, Vice Chair, Jaime Castro, Treasurer and Sheriff Bo Stallman, Secretary. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

**<u>HHSC Agreements</u>**

**b. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the HHSC MH Performance Contract #HHS00159860035. This amendment reduces funding for the Veterans Services Program by $39,714.40, resulting in a revised allocation of $59,571.60, which reflects amounts previously paid for services rendered prior to the 3/1/26 transfer of the program to the Texas Veterans Commission.**
On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Sheriff Bo Stallman, the board approved the **Amendment #2 to the HHSC MH Performance Contract #HHS00159860035**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

**c. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the HHSC MH Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Contract #HHS001329300026. This program allows for the provision of psychotherapy, family education, peer support, and psychiatry services for individuals 15-30 years of age experiencing first episode psychosis.**

**The amendment revised the categorical budgets for FY26-27 and updates requirements for budget and invoice submissions. No change in allocation.**
On motion by Caroline Rickaway, and a second by Chris Cahill, the board approved the **Amendment #2 to the HHSC MH Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Contract #HHS001329300026**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

d. **Consider approval of the HHSC Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Contract #HHS001612400013. The PATH program provides outreach and case management to persons who are homeless, or at imminent risk of becoming homeless and works to facilitate enrollment into mainstream mental health services. Contract term is FY27-FY31 with a total amount not to exceed $1,127,000.**
On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Chris Cahill, the board approved the **HHSC Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Contract #HHS001612400013**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

e. **Consider approval for Amendment #1 to the HHSC Substance Use Treatment Service Contract #HHS001535500114. This contract provides funding for substance use outpatient programs to include Treatment for Adult (TRA), Treatment for Youth (TRY) and Treatment for Females (TRF) as well as funds for subcontracted residential services. This amendment updates the scope of the grant, performance measures, and fiscal requirements. No change in allocation.**
On motion by Caroline Rickaway, and a second by Stephen Holmes, the board approved the **Amendment #1 to the HHSC Substance Use Treatment Service Contract #HHS001535500114**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

f. **Consider approval of the FY27–28 Quality Management | Continuous Quality Improvement Plan. This HHSC and CCBHC-required plan summarizes QM | CQI activities conducted across all service areas. (Pg. 15)**
On motion by Caroline Rickaway, and a second by Chris Cahill, the board approved the **FY27–28 Quality Management | Continuous Quality Improvement Plan**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

**GCC Administration Agreements**

g. **Consider the approval of the FY2027 Initial Budget as presented at the Board Retreat on August 4, 2026. The budget includes a 3% cost of living adjustment. The initial budget is set at $55,816,929.00.**
On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Caroline Rickaway, the board approved the **FY2027 Initial Budget** as presented at the Board Retreat on August 4, 2026. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

h. **Consider the approval of the FY2027 Bank account listing. (Pg.11)**
On motion by Chris Cahill, and a second by Caroline Rickaway, the board approved the **FY2027 Bank account listing**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

i. **Consider the approval of the FY2027 Board Authorized Signatures. Changes from FY2026 include the removal of Vivian Renfro and the addition of Stephen Holmes. (Pg.13)**
On motion by Chris Cahill, and a second by Caroline Rickaway, the board approved the **FY2027 Board Authorized Signatures**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

j. **Consider approval of the New Agreement with ZMark Health, LLC for credentialing and enrollment services utilizing Exydoc proprietary software. ZMark was determined as best value Awardee from the FY26 Credentialing and Enrollment Services RFP. Term: 3 year agreement Rate: Setup fee: $250/provider; Monthly Software & Managed Services Fee no more than $50/mo/provider.**
On motion by Chris Cahill, and a second by Stephen Holmes, the board approved the New Agreement with **ZMark Health, LLC**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.



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**Behavioral Health Agreements**

**k. Consider approval of the FY26-FY27 Interlocal Agreement with Galveston County and the Galveston County Sheriff's Office for funding support of a Mental Health Deputy position to support the crisis needs of communities in Galveston County, the Center's treatment facilities, and crisis services. Amount not to exceed: $267,788 for the FY 2026-2027 agreement period. Funding: Performance Contract MH Crisis Facility & Rider 5.**
On motion by Chris Cahill, and a second by Sheriff Bo Stallman, the board approved the **FY26-FY27 Interlocal Agreement with Galveston County and the Galveston County Sheriff's Office**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

**l. Consider ratification of the Interlocal Agreement with Galveston County. The purpose of the ILA is to increase safety and security by maintaining a visible law enforcement presence; securing the Galveston County Mental Health Wellness Center facility and intake areas; providing non-voluntary transportation of patients as authorized by law. Six (6) Deputies at Investigator Pay, and One (1) Sergeant to perform the services described herein. Each Deputy shall work up to a total of 2080 hours per year, inclusive of permissible leave. Term: October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028. Amount not to exceed: no more than $95,000/Deputy. Funding: Performance Contract MH Crisis Facility and Rider 53.**
On motion by Chris Cahill, and a second by Caroline Rickaway, the board ratified the Interlocal Agreement with **Galveston County**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

**m. Consider approval of the New FY27 After-Hours Telehealth Services Agreement with AVAIL TELEMEDICINE, PLLC for after-hours telehealth/telepsychiatric services for individuals receiving services at the Galveston County Mental Health Wellness Center, a facility comprising an extended observation and crisis respite units. Procured pursuant to 26 Tex. Admin. Code §301.17(a)(4) emergency exception. Amount not to exceed: $290 for physician level After Hours & Weekends Emergent/Urgent New Evaluation. Funding: Performance Contract MH Crisis Facility and Rider 53.**
Approval of the New FY27 After-Hours Telehealth Services Agreement with **AVAIL TELEMEDICINE, PLLC** has been deferred.

**n. Consider approval of the FY27 Renewal Agreement with Medical Behavioral Hospital of Clear Lake which provides Private Psychiatric Beds (PPBs) when the Center's designated inpatient facility is at capacity. Amount not to exceed: $500,000. Funding: Performance Contract PPB.**
On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Chris Cahill, the board approved the FY27 Renewal Agreement with **Medical Behavioral Hospital of Clear Lake**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

**o. Consider approval of the Care Coordination Agreement with Pearland ISD. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the parties' understanding regarding their collaborative treatment planning and care coordination activities.**
Approval of the Care Coordination Agreement with **Pearland ISD** was previously approved July 22, 2026.

**p. Consider ratification of the FY27 renewal agreement with Southwest Key Programs, Inc. to support the delivery of services in an evidence-based intensive family-and community-based treatment program known as Multisystemic Therapy® services to at-risk youth with intensive needs and their families. Term: September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027. Amount not to exceed: cost reimbursement $656,444.00 (no change). Funding: HHSC Multisystemic Therapy Grant.**
On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Chris Cahill, the board ratified the FY27 renewal agreement with **Southwest Key Programs, Inc**. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

**q. Consider approval of the FY27 renewal agreement with the below listed YES Waiver Provider Services Network Agreements: Funding: Performance Contract MHC GR & Fee For Service Revenue**
1. **Compelling Therapy Services, Inc.**: providing community living support services (unit rate: $17.50/15min. or $70/hr) and recreational therapy (unit rate: $19.36/15min or $77.44/hr)



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2. **Cornerstone Family Resource Center**: providing community living support services, family supports, paraprofessional services and in-home respite services.

| Service | Hourly Rate | Unit Rate |
|---|---|---|
| **CLS** | $70/hr | $17.50/15min |
| **Paraprofessional** | $18.45/hr | $4.61/15min |
| **Family Supports** | $18.75/hr | $4.69/15min |
| **In Home Respite** | $15.66/hr | $19.36/15min |

3. **New Life Equine Therapy Facility**: providing equine therapy services (unit rate $77.44/hr or $19.36/15min.)
4. **Thinking Above Average LLC.:** providing community living support services, family supports, paraprofessional services, music therapy and art therapy services.

| Service | Hourly Rate | Unit Rate |
|---|---|---|
| **CLS** | $70/hr | $17.50/15min |
| **Paraprofessional** | $18.45/hr | $4.61/15min |
| **Family Supports** | $18.75/hr | $4.69/15min |
| **Music Therapy** | $77.44/hr | $19.36/15min |
| **Art Therapy** | $77.44/hr | $19.36/15min |

On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Chris Cahill, the board approved the FY27 renewal agreement with the above listed YES Waiver Provider Services Network Agreements. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

**r.** Consider approval of the NEW below listed FY27 YES Waiver Provider Services Network Agreements:
**Funding**: Performance Contract MHC GR & Fee for Service.

1. C**raving for A Change Foundation Inc.:** providing community living support services (unit rate: $17.50/15min. or $70/hr)
2. **Kaleb's Corner LLC.**: providing community living support services, family supports, employment assistance, and nom-medical transportation services

| Service | Hourly Rate | Unit Rate |
|---|---|---|
| **CLS** | $70/hr | $17.50/15min |
| **Family Supports** | $18.75/hr | $4.69/15min |
| **Employment Assistance** | $19.55/hr | $19.36/15min |
| **Non-Medical Transportation** | n/a | $0.44/mile |

On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Caroline Rickaway, the board approved the NEW above listed FY27 YES Waiver Provider Services Network Agreements. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

**19. Pending or Revised Action Items**..... Linda Bell, JD, BSN, RN

*Pending or revised items are those items that were on a prior board agenda but not completely resolved or there has been a revision since approval. The items may be listed for update purposes or final action by the Board.*

**20. Calendar** .....Jamie Travis, Board Chair

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| **September** | Wednesday September 30, 2026 | Galveston | 6:15 PM |
| **October** | Wednesday, October 21, 2026 | Brazoria | 6:15 PM |



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| **November** | **No meeting this month due to holiday** | | |
| **December** | Wednesday, December 9, 2026 | Galveston | 6:15 PM |
| **January** | Wednesday, January 20, 2027 | Brazoria | 6:15 PM |
| **February** | Wednesday, February 17, 2027 | Galveston | 6:15 PM |
| **March** | Wednesday, March 24, 2027 | Brazoria | 6:15 PM |
| **April** | Wednesday, April 28, 2027 | Galveston | 6:15 PM |
| **May** | Wednesday, May 26, 2027 | Brazoria | 6:15 PM |
| **June** | **June 23-25, 2027, Houston Galleria, Texas Council Annual Conference** | | |
| **July** | Wednesday, July 28, 2027 | Galveston | 6:15 PM |
| **August** | Board Retreat | TBD | TBD |
| **August** | Wednesday, August 11, 2026 | Brazoria | 6:15 PM |

**SBCSC location**: 101 Tigner, Angleton, TX | **NBCSC location**: 101 Brennan, Alvin, TX
**MCSC location**: 7510 FM 1765, Texas City, TX

**21. Executive Session**

- None

**22. Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully,

Cathy Rice

Cathy Rice
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved as to Consent and Form,

Jamie Travis

Jamie Travis
Chair of the Board of Trustees



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