



Governing Board Meeting Minutes September 24, 2024

Zoom Meeting: <https://bertnash-org.zoom.us/j/91945363710?pwd=bTU2T2dySW5PckVtLyt2TDIxTUFDdz09>

Members Present:

Patrick Schmitz, President & CEO
Matthew Herbert, Chair
Gene Dorsey, Treasurer
Ehren Feldmeyer
Kat Couvillon

Kirsten Kuhn
Kristin Magette
Kristina Edwards
Josh Davis
Christina Haswood

Members Absent:

Barbara Ballard
Jay Armbrister
Tina Rosenthal
Clay Britton

Staff Present:

Carrie Combs, Director, Executive Administration
Stephen O'Neill, Chief Operations & Strategy Officer
Amalia Mendez, Senior HR Director

Emily Farley, Chief Advancement Officer
Mike Meigs, Senior Director of Finance and Admin.

Others Present:

Tricia Masenthin, The Lawrence Times

I. Call to Order

Matthew Herbert called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.

II. Online Meeting Guideline Review

III. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

IV. Consent Agenda

Matthew Herbert requested a motion to approve the consent agenda (August meeting minutes & September CEO Report); so moved by Gene Dorsey; seconded by Kirsten Kuhn; approved by all.

V. Reports

a. Matthew Herbert, Chair

- Matthew has nothing to report.

b. Patrick Schmitz, President & CEO

- Several members of our leadership team attended the Association of Mental Health Centers of Kansas conference last week. Stephen and Tim delivered a presentation on CCBHC cost accounting, in collaboration with Erni from CohenReznick, our trusted partner in the cost reporting process.
- Marsha, Dr. Dadson, and Jonathan Smith from the Health Department presented on our ongoing collaboration in integrated health, CCBHC initiatives, and health screenings.
- This month, the Bert Nash Center successfully submitted its third cost report, offering valuable insights and learning opportunities. Our next report is scheduled for submission in two years.
- Stephen will prepare a presentation for the October Finance Committee, outlining our cost report. We're on track to increase services by 17%, visits by 10%, and FTEs by 10%.

Additionally, we experienced an 18% rise in expenses, primarily due to service expansion and infrastructure investments.

- In Kansas, counties are required to support behavioral health services, although no specific funding amount is mandated. The Bert Nash Center is fortunate to receive substantial support from Douglas County, consistently ranking in the top three counties for behavioral health funding.

c. Mike Meigs, Senior Finance & Administration Director

August Financial Report:

- Mike summarized data presented in the August Financial Report that was sent to the Board prior to the meeting.
- Highlights: Total Services provided per day increased slightly to 632 in August compared to 624 per day in July. Total Services exceeded budget by 1,026 in August. With this continuing trend, Total Services now exceed budget by 9,499 on a year-to-date basis.
- With August having the same number of working days as July, Fee Revenue was up \$6K. Fee Revenue compared to budget produced a \$206K unfavorable variance in August as Medicaid visits trailed budget. As indicated in the prior month, an analysis by payer type indicates we are seeing a decline in Medicaid clients and an increase in uninsured clients. Operating Revenue came in \$42K above budget for the month. Monthly State Crisis Intervention Center funding for the TRC drove most of the variance.
- Expenditures were \$180K below budget in August. Computer Equipment & Support drove most of the variance, down \$97K from budget. Salaries were \$72K under budget for the month. Rent expense exceeded budget by \$16K and included lease payments for Permanent Housing.
- The month of August ended with an operational loss of (\$128K) compared to a budgeted loss of (\$143K). The year-to-date surplus from Operations is \$467K.
- Cash coverage for operating expenses was setting at .71 month's coverage in August.

Matthew Herbert requested a motion to approve the August Financials; so moved by Gene Dorsey; seconded by Matthew Herbert; approved by all.

d. Emily Farley, Chief Advancement Officer

Building Bert Nash Report:

- Emily summarized upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and cultivation updates.
- Highlights: There are numerous activities happening across our community, and we are encouraging board members to volunteer. Emily and Patrick are actively engaging with private donors, foundations, and corporations to advance the capital campaign for the Youth Recovery Center.
- Upcoming Events: The Annual Celebrate Bert Nash Fundraiser is October 30, at Maceli's.

VI. Adjourn

Matthew Herbert requested a motion to adjourn; so moved Kristina Edwards, seconded by Matthew Herbert, approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 am.

The next Bert Nash Governing Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 29 from 7:30-9:00 am via Zoom/in person.