

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

STATE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM BOARD

Harrisburg Juvenile Treatment Center

Harrisburg, Arkansas

October 10, 2018

Members Present: James Luker, Secretary
Micheal Burden
Nelson Driver
Rafael Figueroa

DHS Staff Present: Marq Golden, Asst. Director of Division of Youth Services-DHS
David Sterling, DHS Office of Chief Counsel
Jay Hill, Director, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services
Scottie Leslie, Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services
Alicia Davis, Division of Youth Services - DHS

Mr. James Luker, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. following a tour of the facility.

Mr. Nelson Driver made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting; Mr. Rafael Figueroa seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT (DAABHS)

The Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS) quarterly report was previously distributed to the Board and is attached to the minutes. Jay Hill, Director, presented DAABHS business to the board.

Arkansas State Hospital (ASH) – Old Business

Emergency Transfer Switch System project at ASH was completed in July. The new models will allow for monthly emergency management testing to ensure generators are transferring power to

the patient care units on the forensic side of the hospital. The project has been completed and is working well.

Updates on the adolescent Room by Room Project were completed in August 2018 and work started at the adult units in September. The project is proceeding at considerable savings since an ASH contractor was able to customize a piece to fit around commode drain pipes in the units. This project includes painting and deep cleaning of the patient rooms along with painting the walls. New beds are plastic with angled/ligature resistant edging and are bolted to the floors. Shelving with plastic ligature resistant ends is also being installed. The sprucing up was much needed. The full project should be completed within the next six months.

Arkansas Health Center (AHC) – New Business

An architect has evaluated the leaking flat roof at the dietary building and recommends replacement. Plans and specs for an estimated cost of \$113,000 have been reviewed by the Division of Building Authority (DBA). Cost estimates include replacing decking and installing a membrane. Mr. Hill requests approval to proceed with this repair. Secretary Luker believes all decking should be removed before a new roof is installed. Mr. Hill will obtain more specific information on the size of the roof and whether or not decking will be replaced.

Mr. Micheal Burden made a motion to approve replacing the roof. Mr. Rafael Figueroa seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Arkansas State Hospital (ASH) –

Mr. Hill, DAABHS, submitted a report addressing the critical roof condition of several buildings at the hospital, including the Forensic Breezeway, Forensic Unit 5, Forensic Blue Band, Forensic Dining, and Materials Building that are failing rapidly and require immediate attention (phase 1). Roofs at Forensic Unit 3, Forensic Hallway, Forensic Gym, and Forensic 3 Skywalk are degrading rapidly and will need attention soon (phase 2). Photos of these facilities were provided. The combined cost of repairing all buildings is estimated at \$1.17 million.

Mr. Burden inquired as to the feasibility of matching these with new hospital building metal roof and removing all old roof. The estimate was for the membrane like AHC. Mr. Figueroa doesn't necessarily agree that all the old roofing must be removed when using membrane and also that he believed the new roofing membrane carried a lifetime warranty with it. Only one roofing company responded to the request to come in and do a roof assessment.

There has been patching in the past, but Mr. Hill recommends proceeding with the group of buildings in phase 1 now.

Mr. Nelson Driver made a motion to proceed with gathering information and going to DBA with the most feasible and cost-efficient method and materials for replacing the roofs in phase 1. Mr. Micheal Burden seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

The Arkansas Insurance Department has plans to remove coverage on the old Little Rock Community Health Systems building. This building is empty. To maintain coverage, the power would have to be turned on and fire suppression equipment added. Should the Division ever need to expand, this is the only property in the area that could be used. Discussion about patient beds, changes in Medicaid, property, liability, and sovereign immunity ensued.

Mr. Micheal Burden made a motion to approve Mr. Hill's report to the Board. Mr. Nelson Driver seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES REPORT (DYS)

The Division of Youth Services (DYS) quarterly report had been previously distributed to the Board and is attached to the minutes. Marq Golden, Community and Residential Contracts Assistant Director presented DYS business to the Board.

DYS Facilities – Old Business

There is a new Mayor in Mansfield and DYS is negotiating with the mayor's office about tying into the city water system. This is the best long-term cost benefit for DYS, even installing the new line from the road to the facility. Secretary Luker asked that we ensure that DYS does not pay the city twice – a user fee and for pumping costs.

Roof repairs at Dermott Boys 18-21 administration building, which the Board approved, are currently underway, as well as property leveling, which will improve drainage and reduce flooding around the dining hall and sewer pumps.

Recent Health Department reports were very good, with no findings at the Dermott or Harrisburg facilities.

TME engineers have completed a review of generators at all DYS facilities. Most were in good condition, but two (2) were identified as nearing the end of service.

DYS Facilities – New Business

The AJATC records facility was damaged during the summer by straight line winds and has been covered with a tarp. Staff has received bids; the low bid was \$29,000. Mr. Golden would like the Board to approve accepting the low bid and proceeding with repairs.

Mr. Nelson Driver made a motion to approve the AJATC roof repair. Mr. Micheal Burden seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Mr. Marq Golden informed the Board that DYS would like to consider a contract to remodel bathrooms and showers at Mansfield. A previous provider closed off these spaces and converted dorm space to offices. DYS staff would like to move administrative staff in to the available/vacant office space and open the dorm space back up to increase capacity. Staff has been on-site with an architect, who estimates a cost of \$100,000 to complete the project.

Mr. Micheal Burden made a motion to approve the DYS report and Mr. Rafael Figueroa seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

SIS BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Nelson Driver stated that he appreciates the information staff is providing to the Board. A request was made for more detail a few years prior and he's glad to see the agencies following through.

Secretary Luker said he was very impressed with the condition of Harrisburg today and would like to commend the staff. Board members agreed it looks much better today than it has in the past. Board members also agreed they believe it is important to meet at state facilities whenever possible.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be, January 9, 2019, at 12:30 p.m., at the Arkansas Health Center in Benton. Mr. Jay Hill said the facility would accommodate members phoning in if the weather was bad.

Mr. Micheal Burden made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Rafael Figueroa seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. Following the meeting, Secretary Luker, Mrs. Luker, and DYS staff toured the Colt Treatment Facility.

Respectfully Submitted:

James Luker, Secretary