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**NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2100 Comer Avenue – Conference Room B  
Columbus, GA 31906**

Date of Meeting: 13 December 2021

Members Present: David Ranieri, Sandra Gill, Damon Hoyte,  
Nancy Schroeder, Joseph Williams, Ed Harbison,  
Sherrell Terry, LaVerne Chaffin, and Karen Johnson

Members Excused: Edwina Turner, April Hughes, and Linda McElroy

Staff Present: Andrea Winston, Denise Wade, Susan Gallagher,  
and Molly Jones

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. A quorum was established at that time. Board Chair David Ranieri welcomed Board members and staff.

**RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING:** Mac Moye, Stewart County Manager, Laura Lee Bernstein, Chattahoochee County Manager, and Colton McKay, Musician.

**\* SECRETARY'S MINUTES (Approval of October 11, 2021 minutes):** M/S/P Joseph Williams/Ed Harbison to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting, Board approved.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW:** Andrea presented the Financial Report, provided by Valerie, that indicated New Horizons had a surplus of \$280,949 for the month of November. The revenue for November includes the HRSA Provider Relief funds of \$89,799 and the Federal CMHC grant funds of \$136,926. The year to date surplus is \$441,025. There were not any unusual expenses for the month. Days Cash on Hand at the end of November are at 52.50 days.

Andrea proudly announced that all New Horizons' team members received a holiday bonus of \$200 for full-time employees and \$100 for part-time employees.

Andrea also made the special announcement that New Horizons was one of two Georgia CSBs (along with River Edge in Macon) awarded CCBHC funding from DBHDD in late October. The amount is two million for two years, a total of four million dollars.

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**\*EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An Executive Session was required today to discuss pending opioid litigation. Information was sent to Board members prior to today's meeting for review. M/S/P Joseph Williams/Sherrell Terry to go in to Executive Session at 3:42 p.m., Board approved.

M/S/P Joseph Williams/Sherrell Terry to adjourn the Executive Session at 3:57 p.m., Board approved.

**FY22 – ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS (JANUARY MEETING):** It is time, once again, to elect Board Officers for the coming year. This will take place during the January meeting and Board members were asked to begin considering their selections.

**PRESENTATION OF IMPACT AWARD:** With great pleasure, Andrea presented the 2021 Impact Award to Jerry “Pops” Barnes for his dedicated service to New Horizons, the Military/Veterans, and the citizens of Muscogee County. Pops goes above and beyond to help those in need, not only as a City Councilman for his district, but throughout the area. His weekly Facebook show, on a variety of topics, brings awareness to mental and physical health services and resources in our area. Pops has received numerous awards at the State and local level and works tirelessly as a dedicated community servant. Several Board Members commended Pops and expressed their gratitude for the compassion and energy he brings to all he does and his outstanding public service to New Horizons, our community, and our country.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Andrea announced that Board Member April Hughes welcomed Allister Jaxon McKenzie on Friday 12/3/21 at 5:07 pm weighing in at 6 lbs. and 11 oz. All extended Best Wishes to Mom and baby.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments were presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, M/S/P Joseph Williams/Damon Hoyte to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m., Board approved.

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David Ranieri  
Chairperson