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**NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2100 Comer Avenue – New Horizons Training Room
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Date of Meeting: December 9, 2024

Members Present: Damon Hoyte, Nancy Schroeder, Edwina Turner,
Karen Johnson Bussey, LaVerne Chaffin, Arcola Scott,
David Ranieri, Sandra Gill, April Hughes, and Linda McElroy

Members Excused: Ed Harbison and Terry Edwards

Staff Present: Andrea Winston, Cyndy Pattillo, Susan Gallagher, Denise Wade McLeod, Danny Davenport, Chloe Landreth, Karen Cotton-Everett, and Molly Jones

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Damon Hoyte called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.. A quorum was established at that time.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING: Jeffrey Wright, Financial Consultant.

* **SECRETARY'S MINUTES (Approval of October 14, 2024 minutes):** M/S/P Arcola Scott/David Ranieri to approve the minutes of October 14, 2024, Board approved.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Susan reported that October saw an improvement in Medicaid Waiver, Medicaid Fees, and Grant-in-Aid Fee for Service collections as the Revenue Acquisition and IT Teams continue to work with CareLogic Support. We anticipate billable services revenue to continue to increase as the I/DD and BH rates are implemented and retro payments are received in November and December. October ended with a surplus of \$452,575 for the month and a Year to Date surplus of \$765,752. This surplus is needed to serve as a cushion with the anticipated Go-Live date of July 1, 2025 for the bundled CCBHC payment rate. We are planning for expected delays in approvals, payments, and other unforeseen issues as we transition to this new payor model that is new for us, DBHDD, and DCH. Supplemental funding from DBHDD will continue through June 30, 2025. A graph, showing Days Cash on Hand of 168.47 as of October 31, 2024, also illustrated the 11-year journey to grow our Days Cash on Hand from -2.3 Days in June of 2014 to meeting the DBHDD Key Performance Indicator of 30 Days Cash on Hand in December of 2020.

ENDOWMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND: Susan gave an update on the current Klayder Memorial Fund balance of \$54,004, an increase of \$3,364 from last December. She reminded the Board that in 2003 the Estate of Velma Klayder made a \$20,000 donation to New Horizons with the request to use the fund's income for the I/DD division.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW/OUTCOMES - FY25: The Strategic Plan is developed annually with objectives listed for the following goals: Demonstrate Superior Treatment Services, Financial Viability, Technology, and Improve Community Awareness and Decrease Stigma and measured quarterly. The plan was sent to Board Members prior to the meeting for review. Cyndy indicated objectives can be added or revised throughout the year as needed. Andrea emphasized the plan is used to drive the vision of New Horizons for the future.

***CLINICAL PLAN – FY25:** The Clinical Plan was sent to Board Members prior to the meeting for review. Karen reminded the Board that the plan is reviewed and revised annually. It lays out the Mission and Vision of New Horizons and the history and structure of the agency. The biggest changes to this year's plan are additions related to CCBHC and Express Clinic.

***2025 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR:** The 2025 Board calendar was presented for review and approval. Meetings will be held monthly, except for January, April, July, and October. M/S/P David Ranieri/Arcola Scott to approve the 2025 Board Meeting calendar, Board approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Andrea extended congratulations to Edwina Turner who was chosen as a Champion for Education by the Chattahoochee-Flint Regional Education Service Agency, and to Stewart County, who has a 93% graduation rate.

Andrea reminded Board members that the Election of Board officers for 2025 will take place at our next Board meeting in February 2025. Current officers are: Damon Hoyte, Chair, Nancy Schroeder, Vice Chair, and Sandra Gill, Secretary.

Andrea recognized Chloe Landreth for the great job she did with the Recovery Luncheon held December 5th at the Trade Center. The luncheon was held due to the cancellation of Recovery on the River in September due to inclement weather. The event featured an array of recovery speakers who shared their moving journeys to recovery and the impact on their lives and families. Several of our speakers are now employed at New Horizons and are paying it forward by helping others in their recovery. Thank you Chloe, for putting together an inspirational, meaningful event for our individuals and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 3:47 p.m. M/S/P Arcola Scott/David Ranieri to go into Executive Session to discuss Executive Evaluation/Retirement Benefits, Board approved. At 4:21 p.m. M/S/P Edwina Turner/Arcola Scott to end the Executive Session, Board approved.

ADJOURNMENT: At 4:24 p.m. M/S/P Edwina Turner/Arcola Scott to adjourn the meeting, Board approved.

Holiday Food, Fun, and Fellowship were enjoyed by Board Members and Staff.

Damon Hoyte
Chairperson