

HONORABLE RALPH H. WALTON, JR.  
- District Judge -  
355th Judicial District



HONORABLE VINCENT J. MESSINA  
- County Court at Law Judge -

HONORABLE RON MASSINGILL  
- County Judge -  
Hood County, Texas

SHELLI BERRY  
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## HOOD COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES 355TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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Notice of the regular meeting of the Hood County Juvenile Board on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 8:00 AM in the Central Jury Room located in the Hood County Justice Center at 1200 W. Pearl St., Granbury, TX. At which meeting, the following subjects will be discussed, and the following matters acted upon:

### Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Approve minutes from previous meeting(s).
- III. Review requests for budget line item amendments and consider for approval.
- IV. Consider payment of invoices for the period of February 4, 2021 through February 15, 2021 and take appropriate action.  
February 23, 2021 expenditures: 30,388.59
- V. Ratify current payroll.
- VI. Consider and approve personnel changes, new hires, and terminations.
- VII. Receive update from Lake Granbury Youth Services.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ron Massingill".

RON MASSINGILL, COUNTY JUDGE

Notice of meeting/agenda posted at Hood County Courthouse, 100 E. Pearl St., Granbury, Texas on February 18, 2021

#### Notice

##### Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability

County of Hood does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. Personnel Director, Personnel and Governmental Affairs Dept. 1410 W. Pearl St., Granbury, Texas 76048, phone 817-408-3450 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements in Section 35.107 of the Department of Justice regulations. \*Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rights provided there under, is available from the Personnel Director.

Hood County Reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and §551.087 (Economic Development).

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

RALPH H. WALTON, JR., DISTRICT JUDGE  
VINCENT MESSINA, COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGE  
RON MASSINGILL, COUNTY JUDGE

REGARDING ITEM 1: JUDGE WALTON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:00 A.M. ON THE AFORESAID DATE OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021.

REGARDING ITEM 2: MOTION MADE BY JUDGE MESSINA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2021 MEETING. SECONDED BY JUDGE MASSINGILL. MOTION CARRIED. SEE ATTACHED.

REGARDING ITEM 3: NO ACTION REQUIRED.

REGARDING ITEM 4: MOTION MADE BY JUDGE MASSINGILL TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR THE JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY JUDGE MESSINA. MOTION CARRIED. SEE ATTACHED.

REGARDING ITEM 5: MOTION MADE BY JUDGE WALTON TO RATIFY PAYROLL FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2021. SECONDED BY JUDGE MASSINGILL. MOTION CARRIED. SEE ATTACHED.

REGARDING ITEM 6: MOTION MADE BY JUDGE MESSINA TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL CHANGES, NEW HIRES AND TERMINATIONS. SECONDED BY JUDGE MASSINGILL. MOTION CARRIED. SEE ATTACHED.

REGARDING ITEM 7: RYAN PAYNE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR LAKE GRANBURY YOUTH SERVICES GAVE A MONTHLY UPDATE.

A. MOTION MADE BY JUDGE MESSINA TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM PROGRAM DIRECTOR RYAN PAYNE FOR LAKE GRANBURY YOUTH SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LESA PROJECT. SECONDED BY JUDGE MASSINGILL. MOTION CARRIED. SEE ATTACHED.

ADJOURNED AT 8:13 A.M.

  
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JUDGE RALPH H. WALTON, JR.

  
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JUDGE VINCENT MESSINA

  
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JUDGE RON MASSINGILL

CERTIFICATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

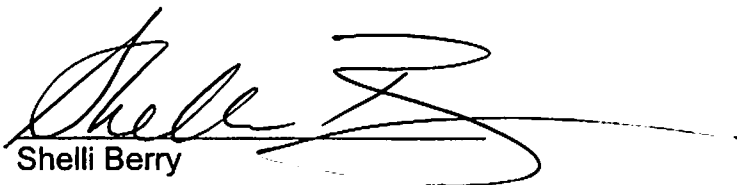
THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HOOD

To certify the authorization for payment of bills as presented and made a part of the minutes of Hood County Juvenile Board on this 23rd day of February, 2021 with the following exceptions: None.

(list, if any)

CERTIFIED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

  
Shelli Berry



Hood County, TX

# Check Register

Packet: APPKT04243 - 02/23/2021 JUVENILE PROBATION

By Check Number

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
<b>Bank Code: GEN DISB-GENERAL DISBURSEMENT</b>						
009038	XEROX CORPORATION	02/15/2021	Regular	0.00	196.43	
008955	DREAM RANCH DBA CARTRIDGE WC	02/15/2021	Regular	0.00	64.40	
009726	LUKAS A. LAWRENCE	02/15/2021	Regular	0.00	200.00	
012617	PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES & YOKEI	02/15/2021	Regular	0.00	375.00	
010153	RITE OF PASSAGE, INC.	02/15/2021	Regular	0.00	7,637.17	
007521	PEGASUS SCHOOLS INC	02/15/2021	Regular	0.00	5,535.32	
018324	ATTENTI US, INC.	02/15/2021	Regular	0.00	367.38	
005618	GRAYSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT	02/15/2021	Regular	0.00	16,012.89	

**Bank Code GEN DISB Summary**

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	12	8	0.00	30,388.59
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30,388.59</b>

**HOOD COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD  
JUVENILE PROBATION PAYROLL**

Payroll from February 1, 2021 through February 14, 2021

Paid on February 19, 2021

**Total Payroll - Fund 56 \$ 8,353.46**  
**Total Employees Paid 5**

Motion Made by Board Member *Mr. [Signature]*

To ratify Payroll as presented.

Seconded by Board Member *[Signature]*

All voted AYE, motion carried.

Approved this 23rd day of February, 2021

Juvenile Probation Director *[Signature]*

Treasurer *[Signature]*

Auditor *[Signature]*



## HOOD COUNTY PERSONNEL AND RISK MANAGEMENT

THE ATTACHED PERSONNEL CHANGES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE JUVENILE BOARD ON  
FEBRUARY 23, 2021.

Melissa Wellborn  
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

Rebecca Kidd  
AUDITOR

Sam Merritt  
COUNTY JUDGE

Ma Hail  
DISTRICT JUDGE

Shelli F.  
JUVENILE PROBATION DIRECTOR

[Signature]  
COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGE



**Lake Granbury Youth Services Juvenile Board Updates**

**February 23, 2021 Board Meeting**

**Current Population on 2/23/2021:**

55 - Post-Adjudication Students

8 - Pre-Adjudication Students

63 - Total Student (2/23/2021, 5:00AM Head Count)

**Reporting Date Range: January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2021**

1 – Facility Population and Capacity Report:

- Average Population Post-Adjudication Students: 58.4
- Average Population Pre-Adjudication Students: 6.2

2 – Number of Serious Incidents (by category):

- Attempted Escapes: 0
- Attempted Suicide: 0
- Escapes: 0
- Reportable Injury: 0
- Youth-On-Youth Physical Assaults: 4
- Youth-On-Staff Physical Assaults: 1
- Fights: 11 Total Fights/25 Total Incident Reports For Fights
- Youth Sexual Conduct: 0 – Reports to TJJJ
- Personal Restraints: 32
- Mechanical Restraints: 5
- Chemical Restraints: 0

3 – Number of injuries to residents, requiring medical treatment: 0

4 – Number of injuries to staff requiring medical treatment: 1

All information presented is in compliance with Title 37 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 343.212 (i) Duties of Facility Administrator.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Ryan Daniel Payne  
Program Director/Facility Administrator  
Lake Granbury Youth Services: Rite of Passage





**Preventing Opioid Use Among Justice-Involved Youth as They Transition to Adulthood:  
Leveraging Safe Adults (LeSA Project)**

**Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®) Overview**

Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI) is a trauma-informed approach developed by Texas Christian University's Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development (KPICD). TBRI is a relational, attachment-based intervention that promotes emotional regulation through interaction with responsive adults. It is a therapeutic model that trains caregivers to provide effective support and treatment for at-risk children and youth. TBRI has been applied in families, orphanages, courts, residential treatment facilities, group homes, foster and adoptive homes, churches, and schools.

TBRI is built on the three main "pillars" of trauma-informed care that should be included in any program designed to treat complex trauma. These are (a) development of safety, (b) promotion of healing relationships, and (c) teaching of self-management and coping skills. The three evidence-based principles of TBRI are:

- Connection—attention to relationship and attachment needs
- Empowerment—attention to physical needs
- Correction—attention to behavioral needs

Connecting strategies enable both child and parent to experience the personal and interpersonal behaviors that build trust and lead to secure attachment. This set of strategies focus on building/strengthening positive behavioral connections between a parent and child through sustained eye contact, appropriate touch, and consistently high levels of attention to needs. Strategies focus on giving youth voice, actively listening in order to "see the need," and finding ways to appropriately and consistently meet the need. Because self-regulation stems from an individual's attachment relationships, helping youth develop healthy emotional connections is important.

Empowering principles address the ecological (external/environmental) and physiological (internal/physical) needs of the child. These principles focus on modifying elements of the internal, physical, and social environment that may be contributing to the child's fear, anxiety, or undesirable behavior. Ecological strategies include developing predictable routines, easing transitions, and reducing physical or social triggers. Physiological strategies include hydration, stabilizing blood sugar levels (e.g., healthy snacks), and regulating sleep cycles. Creating an environment that fosters felt-safety is a critical component in this process. This assumption emphasizes the difference between a child actually being safe and feeling safe.

The objective of the correcting principles is to build the child's social and emotional competence. Correcting strategies focus on shaping children and youth behavior, which is most successful after establishing a foundation of connection and empowerment. Correcting strategies include leveling the response (correction) at the behavior and not the child and responding with an appropriate amount of authority (for example, using a playful tone of voice to redirect misbehavior rather than a harsh tone and excessive consequences).

As part of the LeSA Project, TCU is adapting and testing TBRI with older adolescents involved in the JJ system. The hope is that by equipping "safe adults" in the youth's family system, youth will be less likely to engage in substance use and other harmful behaviors following release from secure facilities. Adults in the child's family network (e.g., parent/guardian, extended family member) will be trained as "safe adults" using TBRI Connecting, Empowering, and Correcting strategies to help youth express their needs, improve self-regulation, and develop healthier relationships. The intervention will be delivered by TCU staff (trained TBRI practitioners), and will include youth, caregiver, and family components. Youth will participate in four youth group sessions; caregivers will participate in one individual introductory session plus four caregiver group sessions. Immediately following each caregiver session, youth will join their caregivers for joint roleplay activities. In addition to the primary intervention, three reentry support options will be tested: phone support (only when requested), 4 structured in-home coaching sessions, and responsive coaching (at least 2 structured sessions plus additional sessions indefinitely as needed).

Please contact Dr. Danica Knight (Principle Investigator) for more information ([d.knight@tcu.edu](mailto:d.knight@tcu.edu))

**LeSA Project Overview Virtual Call 4.3.2020**  
**ROP Lake Granbury Youth Services**  
**Participants: Danica, Yang, Shatoya, Lainey, Angie and Ric**

**Impacts of COVID**

- Teachers are no longer at the facility and education is provided virtually through YouTube
- Considering case managers and therapists being moved to home and providing services virtually in the near future
- LeSA project in regards to the pilot pieces will be delayed
- Currently seeing youth impacted because of quarantine – self harm, acting out
- All new youth, will undergo 48-hour quarantine

**LeSA Project Description and Overview**

TCU envisions the program working in the pilot phase as well as the implementation phase. TCU is currently adapting materials specific for justice involved older adolescents and biological or identified non-biological caregivers. TCU is refining these pieces and will begin recruiting families to be part of the project while the youth are still in custody.

**On site session overview and Trainings:**

- Lainey and Shatoya will be working with the Facility for the Pilot Project
  - (1) hour intake assessment with caregiver (virtual or by phone)
    - Trauma history assessment, attachment, parenting
  - (4) 3-hour sessions with Caregivers at the facility
    - First two hours spent with the caregiver. The youth will join the last 45 minutes of the session.
      - Spend the last 45 minutes role play or activity, practicing what they learned
      - 15 minutes for caregiver to debrief
  - Youth Component
    - Currently being adapted
  - Sessions on campus would best on Saturdays and Sundays, due to busy weekly schedule for youth
    - Family visitation is on Saturdays 9-3
    - Childcare for siblings are a barrier to consider with scheduling
  - There will also be coaching sessions in the home that will occur post release
  - TCU has IRB approval for focus groups with staff and youth
  - Staff survey will be completed annually in regards to trauma informed practice, etc.

**Recruitment**

- ROP - help with this and provide information to families, or ask families if their information can be shared with TCU.
  - Important family does not feel coerced to participate
- Goal – at least one group of 5 families – possibly two groups of 5, if we can
  - There are nine youth currently at ROP, who are from Tarrant County
    - This is the average
      - Could also consider, Dallas, Bell, or McClennan County Youth
  - Every county is different, but will need to start with the County for options
    - TCU will connect with Chris Shahan out of Tarrant County (Intro. By Angie)

**Things to think about for later discussion**

- Online consenting
- Recruitment
- Family environment, characteristics, and challenges
- Logistics