



Morongo Basin Health Care District

Community Health Center

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

MINUTES of Thursday, August 13, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

- *Convened via GoToMeeting, an electronic, remote-site platform temporarily permitted as per the Executive Order issued by California's Governor in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.*
- *Additionally, a physical meeting was convened on the District's campus at 6530 La Contenta Road, Yucca Valley, suite 700. The public was screened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the building and were asked to wear a face mask while inside. Seating was limited to accommodate the six-foot distancing guidelines.*

Mission Statement: *To provide affordable, quality healthcare to the communities we serve.*

Vision Statement: *A healthy Morongo Basin.*

Core Values: *Commitment, Collaboration, Accountability, Dignity, Integrity*

PRESENT:

- Paul Hoffman, Chairperson (*on-site*)
- Beverly Scott, Vice Chairperson (*remote*)
- Barbara "Cassie" Souter, Secretary (*on-site*)
- Bryan Goldfarb, Treasurer (*not present*)
- Mary Ann Shirbourn, Member (*on-site*)
- Patricia "Pat" Cooper, Member (*on-site*)
- Alejandro Penalva, Member (*remote*)
- Cecelia St. Clair (*on-site*)
- Misty Evans, Member (*remote*)
- Dianne Greenhouse, Member (*on-site*)

STAFF:

- Jackie Combs, CEO
- Karen Graley, Board Clerk
- Debbie Anderson, Controller
- Joe Ruddon, Director Comm Development
- Cindy Schmall, Director Operations
- Karmolette Ogilvie, Women Health Mgr
- Janeen Duff, VDH Manager (*remote*)
- Dale Mondary, community member
- Greg Brown, community member
- Denise Cullum, community member (*remote*)

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Karen Graley, board clerk, conducted roll call and declared a quorum.

OBSERVANCES:

- Paul Hoffman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mary Ann Shirbourn read the mission and vision statements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion 20-06: Motion by Dianne Greenhouse to approve the meeting Agenda; motion seconded by Mary Ann Shirbourn; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CHC MEETING MINUTES:

Motion 20-07: Motion by Mary Ann Shirbourn, second by Cecelia St. Clair, to approve the Governing Board meeting minutes dated July 9, 2020; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION

- SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MATERNAL HEALTH NETWORK – *Jackie Combs, CEO*
Ms. Combs introduced the group's executive summary and strategic plan. Their goal is to collaborate and support women before, during and after pregnancy, and children's health throughout the county. The group members represent a broad section of community services and organizations, including Jackie Comb representing Morongo Basin Healthcare District.

DISCUSSION

- FEEDING MORONGO BASIN PROJECT / REFRIDGERATOR PURCHASE – *Paul Hoffman*
This discussion comes out of the District's board meeting on August 2. Beverly Scott requested that the topic come before this board even though it has no authority or influence over the issue. Ms. Scott expressed concern that the non-profit, Waste Not Morongo Basin, has not received its official 501.3.c. status and has been awarded by the District board \$50,000 for the purchase of a solar refrigeration unit. Additionally, she expressed concern for the length of time this agency would be in operation and if it closes, who owns the refrigeration unit?

Misty Evans, who sits on the District board, acknowledged Beverly Scott's and other CHC board members' concern and encouraged them to comment and speak up at the District meetings during discussion of action items. Dianne Greenhouse, who also sits on the District board, clarified information about the actual refrigeration unit and pointed out that it is a long-term legacy of the District and supports feeding the community.

Paul Hoffman summarized the discussion. He appreciates the opportunity to feed people in the Morongo Basin. His concern is how the project was funded and that there was no plan provided regarding purchase and implementation. The discussion concluded.

REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – *Debbie Anderson, CFO*

Ms. Anderson presented June financials for CHC. Units for June began to climb back up. Even though they are not where they were prior to COVID-19, the fact that they are trending upwards is good news.

Net income for the clinics has been reduced by approximately \$(10,000). This is because upon detailed review of when the units (and thus the revenue) started to dramatically decrease, that month was March and not February. Part of the grant monies cover "lost income". However, February was actually a fairly good month for units, as compared to March and subsequent months. As such, "lost income" recognized has been revised to include the months of March – June instead of February – June. The net effect of this change was approximately \$(10,000), and that is why the clinics will show a negative \$(10,000) as opposed to a zero balance.

June 2020 operating income after allocation came in at \$48,511, which was over budgeted expectations, and the change in net position came in at \$(10,504), both of which was under budgeted expectations. Clinic operating income after allocation is coming in at \$169,990 and the change in net position came in at \$76,704, both of which exceeded budgeted expectations.

No questions were presented.

Motion 20-08: Motion by Cassie Souter to accept the Finance Report for June 2020; second by Mary Ann Shirbourn; accepted by unanimous vote.

CEO REPORT – Jackie Combs, CEO

Ms. Combs referred the Board to Tab 3 of the agenda packet for her written report. No additional information was provided to the written report; however, she highlighted:

- The new relationship with Dr. Agerwal, internal medicine, will be seeing patients in the clinics on Monday. Her sister, a surgeon, is interested in providing surgery consultations and will revive the wound care service line.
- We are still recruiting a full time family practice physician.
- Dr. Puglisi, Director of Behavioral Health, encouraged the recruitment for another psychiatrist.
- Dr. Andre Kasko is the Medical Director for the Women's and Children's Health programs.
- This week is National CHC Week. Board members received the same gift as was given to employees. Activities have included employee service awards, pizza lunch, patient appreciation, and the Cone Zone shaved ice treat on Friday.

Paul Hoffman questioned that the Press Ganey employee survey was delayed until November.

Teresa St. Clair asked about the mobile dental unit on site Saturday peds day; the purpose was to capture children who needed dental care. The MMU provides for an excellent and safe COVID-19 environment. The patients were referred by the pediatric medicine department. We're expecting the service to grow. Many young mothers do not follow through for their child's dental work. First tooth or first year patients should be seen for dental care. Delaying that first visit allows for dental and health problems to grow.

BOARD CALENDAR:

- The quality committee met on Tuesday; recommendation for the committee charter will be presented to the full CHC board for approval. The committee meets quarterly.
- Food Distribution event Saturday, August 15, 7-9 a.m. at 29 Palms and Yucca Valley clinics.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Food Distribution video

MEMBER COMMENTS:

- BEVERLY SCOTT: Stated she was impressed with the prenatal network and the CHC program launch.
- CASSIE SOUTER: Stated she really likes the span of care offered by the prenatal program.
- PAT COOPER: Stated she appreciated the presentation on the prenatal program.
- CECELIA ST. CLAIR: Stated she was impressed with the on-going vision of this organization.
- DIANNE GREENHOUSE: Thanked Jackie Combs and Debbie Anderson for their reports. The importance of these programs is invaluable.
- MISTY EVANS: Said she was excited about the new prenatal program and the collaboration; she wished everyone a happy CHC Week.
- PAUL HOFFMAN: Also expressed his appreciation for the new program. Thanked board members for their attendance. Thanked Cindy for the improved equipment volume on the virtual program.


MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Karen Graley, Board Clerk



Paul Hoffman, Chairperson



Cassie Souter, Secretary