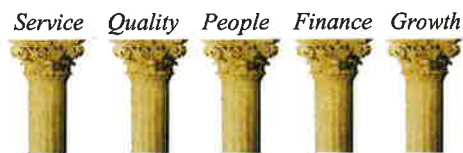




**HI-DESERT
MEDICAL CENTER**
HI-DESERT MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT



HI-DESERT MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
SPECIAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

January 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Little Church of the Desert
6079 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277
760-366-6262

Mission Statement: *Hi-Desert Medical Center will provide superior service to improve the quality of life for people in the Morongo Basin*

Vision: *We are caring people providing extraordinary healthcare services.*

Core Values: *Integrity, Superior Service, Stewardship, Innovation, Teamwork, Dignity*

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Directors:

Director Cooper, President
Director Avels, Vice President
Director Sullivan, Treasurer
Director Doyle, Secretary
Director Hoffman, Member-at-Large

Administrative Staff:

Bob Tyk, CEO
Karen Graley, Marketing Manager
Robin Schmelling, Board Clerk
Other Department Managers and Staff

Media

None present.

Guests

Michael Maloney, Vice President Acquisition & Development, Tenet
Alexander Reynolds, Project Manager Acquisition & Development, Tenet

CALL TO ORDER

Director Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Robin Schmelling, Board Clerk, conducted roll call:

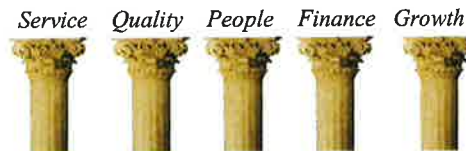
Director Cooper: Present

Director Avels: Present

Director Sullivan: Present

Director Doyle: Present

Director Hoffman: Present



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Cooper asked Director Hoffman to lead the pledge of allegiance.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT:

Mission Statement: Read by Director Hoffman.

Vision Statement: Read by Director Doyle.

Core Values: Read by Director Avels.

PUBLIC COMMENT PARAMETERS:

The Public Comment Parameters were read by Director Cooper.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

▶▶ **MOTION 15—05:** Director Avels made the motion to approve the meeting agenda, and Director Doyle seconded. Director Sullivan, Director Hoffman and Director Cooper all voted in favor and the agenda was approved as submitted.

AFFILIATION PRESENTATION:

Mr. Tyk presented an overview of the affiliation for those present. (copy of presentation with original minutes).

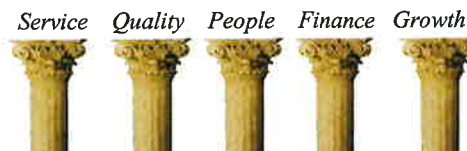
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Gilbert, Lakewood, CO

Ms. Gilbert has been the Interim Director for the FQHC clinics for approximately three months. She doesn't work directly for HDMC, but rather B.E. Smith. She volunteered to come to the forum and speak. Being from Colorado, she has no vote. She wanted to commend the community, the board of directors, the FQHC board and past board members. She realizes this was a serious undertaking to make the decision to affiliate. She views this as a very good deal for the community and the organization. In her past experience, she has also worked for Tenet.

Mickey Luckman, Joshua Tree, CA

Ms. Luckman is a long time resident of Joshua Tree. She stated economic changes make it very difficult for small hospitals to survive. Hospital problems are widespread across the country. In her opinion, DRMC and JFK seem to be operating well under Tenet. We will be in a much stronger position with more services and options if we affiliate. She urged those present to join her in voting yes.



Sue Shinaver, Twentynine Palms, CA

Ms. Shinaver, Director of Laboratory Services, spoke as an employee of HDMC and a longtime resident of Twentynine Palms. HDMC is a great facility with very passionate people that work there. The benefits if we affiliate are numerous. Additional physicians, support for the staff, stability for future employees looking to relocate, etc. It will be a big change, but she stated it will allow the hospital to be much stronger in serving the community. Thanked those present, the board as well as Alex Reynolds and Mike Maloney from Tenet Healthcare for being in attendance and urged those present to vote yes on the affiliation.

Director Cooper asked Ms. Shinaver to explain a little more about the lab department at HDMC. Ms. Shinaver reviewed the services offered at both the hospital and outpatient sites 24/7, 365 days a year. The clinical lab is overseen by Dr. Bush, who also directs pathology. They are constantly striving to stay current and bring the best lab services to the community.

Mike Skarbek, Twentynine Palms, CA

A longtime resident of the Morongo Basin, Mr. Skarbek stated he has used HDMC facilities quite often. He wanted to thank HDMC as well, as his significant other was diagnosed with cancer and received top notch treatment at HDMC during her initial treatment, and is now a cancer survivor. Question from Mr. Skarbek:

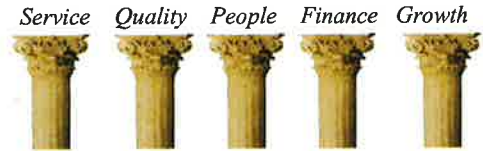
- In addition to specialists, will Tenet look into recruiting more general practitioners?

Mr. Tyk responded they will definitely look into recruiting more general practitioners in addition to the specialists.

Karalee Hargrove, Twentynine Palms, CA

Ms. Hargrove spoke as a representative from the Morongo Unified School District Board of Directors and a resident of Twentynine Palms. She inquired about the possibility of other boards and councils in the Morongo Basin passing Resolutions in support of the affiliation to help spread the word of the positive impact this will have. She hopes this will help reach other audiences. As a mother of 5, she uses the hospital services frequently and would love to eventually see an urgent care in Twentynine Palms. She will encourage all to vote yes on affiliation and put forth a Resolution to the school board.

Mr. Tyk introduced Tenet Healthcare representatives Alex Reynolds, Project Manager, Acquisitions and Development and Michael Maloney, Vice President, Acquisitions and Development.



DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Director Hoffman: Director Hoffman agrees with the comments made by Ms. Shinaver. There is a great passion with HDMC employees and physicians. It is a great place to be taken care of, if needed. He feels affiliation is the only option remaining. The only cost of the affiliation will be if we don't vote in favor of it, the hospital doors will close. He hopes everyone takes the time each day to talk to the community and encourage them to vote yes.

Director Doyle: Director Doyle thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It is critical we do this so we can continue to be able to provide for the health and welfare and the economic survival of the Morongo Basin.

Director Avels: Director Avels thanked those present for attending. She commented that the City of 29 Palms was also having their City Council meeting, but Kevin Cole had attended Monday night's meeting and they would be putting together a presentation for the council members. She thanked Karalee Hargrove for her idea about board and councils in the Morongo Basin passing Resolutions supporting the affiliation. She extended her thanks to Mr. Maloney and Mr. Reynolds for being at the meetings.

Director Sullivan: Director Sullivan commented on his family's personal experience with HDMC and knows how important hospitals are to the community. Everyone knows someone who has been treated at HDMC and treated well. Small community hospitals are struggling across the country and Mr. Sullivan is very impressed with Tenet Healthcare. He thanked Mr. Maloney and Mr. Reynolds for being in attendance at these meetings. The board will continue to work on doing their best to make this a successful agreement.

Director Cooper: Director Cooper acknowledged HDMC staff who worked on putting these meetings together.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, Director Cooper adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Board meeting minutes recorded by R. Schmelling, Board Clerk



Patricia Cooper, President, Board of Directors



Marge Doyle, Board Secretary