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Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba
Morongo Basin Healthcare District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

October 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Convened at the District Offices

*6530 La Contenta Road, Suite 100, Yucca Valley CA 92284
760.820.9229*

- *Mission Statement: Morongo Basin Healthcare District 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 and Dignity.*

IN ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors:

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

Media:

- None present

Guests:

- Stan Helgesen, President, HDMC Auxiliary
- Almut Fleck, The Sky's The Limit

Administrative Staff:

- Jackie Combs, CEO
- Dean Moore, President, HDMHCD Foundation
- Nora Maughan, Exec Director, Hi-Desert Family Health Clinics
- Karen Graley, Board Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Director Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Karen Graley, Board Clerk, conducted roll call:

- Director Cooper: present
- Director Avels: present
- Director Sullivan: present
- Director Doyle: present
- Director Hoffman: present

OBSERVANCES

- Director Doyle read the healthcare district's mission statement.
- Director Cooper read the healthcare district's vision statement.
- Director Avels read the healthcare district's core values statement
- Director Hoffman led the Pledge of Allegiance



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Sullivan read the public comments information as presented on the agenda.

Almut Fleck, The Sky's The Limit, spoke to the Board of Directors about improving health in the Morongo Basin through the management of airborne sand particles. She noted that the two primary causes of disturbing the top soil is new construction and off-road activities. Ms. Fleck proposed a study on silicosis within our valley, or perhaps a broader study of lung disease within the valley. She proposed curbing off-road activity and thereby improving the air quality and exposure to the airborne particles.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 15-71: Director Sullivan motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; motion was seconded by Director Avels; motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda presented the following items for approval:

- Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, September 22, 2015

Motion 15-72: Director Avels motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by Director Doyle; motion passed by unanimous vote.

REPORTS

HI-DESERT FAMILY HEALTH CLINICS, Nora Maughan, Executive Director

Ms. Maughan referred the Board of Directors to her published report in the board packet. She added that one of her community board members resigned due to health reasons.

Director Avels asked Ms. Maughan to thank her staff for their work on Sturday's birthday party which was well organized and made a good presentation to the community. Director Doyle thanked Ms. Maughan for including this governing board in the event and complimented Ms. Maughan on the event.

HI-DESERT MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT FOUNDATION, Dean Moore, President

Mr. Moore referred the Board of Directors to his published report in the board packet. Not printed in the report, was that the foundation also received a resignation from a board member.

Director Doyle inquired about the change in the Foundation's telephone number mentioned in the report. Ms. Combs stated that the District received a cease and desist order from Tenet's attorney and there is no recourse to the District to retain the number as the phone number was assigned to Tenet in the lease agreement.

Director Doyle asked about the Versant Program supported by the Foundation; Mr. Moore explained the requirements to participate in the scholarship program.

Director Doyle also inquired about the dynamics of the Healthy Basin Breast campaign; Mr. Moore explained that the campaign provides scholarships to individuals who cannot afford the mammography screening. The Foundation grants the scholarships based on patient financial eligibility.



Director Avels complimented the Foundation on the elegant fundraising dinner they hosted for the Martie Avels Nursing Scholarship program; the food was excellent and it was a wonderful evening.

MORONGO BASIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT, Jackie Combs, CEO

Ms. Combs referred the Board of Directors to her published report in the board packet. Director Hoffman inquired about the status of the financial reports; they are scheduled to present on the meeting of October 20.

Director Doyle applauded staff on the progress made in separating from the medical center.

UPDATE: CONTRACTS, VACANT LAND & RELATIONSHIPS, Director Hoffman

Director Hoffman shared a list of District properties; the attorney provided the list and Director Hoffman went to the County to pull the related parcel maps. He noted that the property on the corner of the Twentynine Palms Highway and White Feather Road was not included in the agreement with Tenet.

The Board of Directors requested an update on the three vacant properties listed for sale; property information on the east side of the medical center; and instructed Ms. Combs to dialogue with the medical center and District attorney regarding including the monument property in the lease agreement.

Director Hoffman also shared with the attorney Director Sullivan's concerns about directors sitting on the Tenet governing board and not being able to share information from those meetings with the District's board. This arrangement to include District board members on the Tenet hospital board was included in the affiliation agreement and is binding.

In reference to other expressed concerns, the attorney stated that specific contracts in question were disclosed to Tenet before the affiliation and all necessary parties were properly informed.

ACTION ITEM: *Approve recommended appointment of HDMHCD Foundation board members*

Mr. Moore spoke to the action item as presented in the board packet, stating that the two listed reappointments are recommended for reappointment by the Foundation board.

Motion 15-73: Motion by Director Hoffman to approve the appointment of Kathy Bush and John Yonushonis to the Foundation's board for three year terms; second by Director Doyle motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEM: *Approval of policy LD-208 Levels of Authorization*

Ms. Combs spoke to the action item and stated that the policy was not put on the consent agenda so that the Board of Directors could make comments and inquiries about the document. Director Hoffman requested several changes. There was discussion about the relationship between the clinics and this board and how this policy relates to clinic performance; resolved to include minutes and financial statements of the CHC board as FYI.

Motion 15-74: Motion by Director Doyle to approve the District policy LD-208 *Levels of Authorization*, with the requested revisions; second by Director Hoffman; motion passed by unanimous vote.



CALENDAR REVIEW AND COODINATION

The calendar for the Board of Directors was reviewed and coordinated:

- October 20: regular meeting of the Board of Directors
- November 11: regular meeting of the Board of Directors was rescheduled to November 12 in observance of the Veterans' Day holiday.
- November 23: regular meeting of the Board of Directors
- November 19: there was general consensus to host the District's Open House on Thursday, November 19, 5-7 p.m.
- December 9: regular meeting of the Board of Directors
- December 10: the Board of Directors are invited to the HDMC Auxiliary's annual installation of officers luncheon, 11 a.m.
- December 17: regular meeting of the Board of Directors

NEXT AGENDA

- Employee recognition of Billie Flatter, transportation coordinator (Oct 20)
- Approval of mission, vision and core values as agreed upon at the strategic plan workshop (Oct 20)
- Evaluation form: discussion of revisions (Oct 20)
- Edit of bylaws (Article 3) presented by Director Hoffman (Oct 20)
- Closed session for an employment related issue (Oct 20)
- Director Hoffman's research on properties east of the medical center (Nov 12)
- Auditor's review for annual audit of District finances (Nov 12)
- Nomination process for board offices (Nov 23)
- Formal election of board offices (Dec 9)
- Reevaluation of District legal representation: our mission has changed, therefore, do we need a different attorney? Current Council specializes in hospital law but the District no longer provides oversight of the medical center. Report should include the expiration on the current contract and the CEO's recommendation on timing if the board chooses to change legal council.

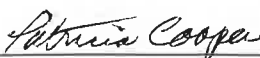
DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- Director Avels noted that she is speaking to the Republican Women's organization on behalf of the healthcare District.
- Director Hoffman thanked the Board and staff for his personal birthday wishes.
- Director Doyle thanked staff for their hard work.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Director Cooper adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Board meeting minutes recorded by K. Graley, Board Clerk.



Patricia Cooper, President



Marge Doyle, Secretary