



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

May 26, 2016 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:** *To improve the health and wellness of the communities we serve.*
- **Vision:** *A healthy Morongo Basin.*
- **Core Values:** *Commitment, Collaboration, Accountability, Dignity, Integrity.*

Board of Directors:

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

Administrative Staff:

- Jackie Combs, CEO
- Karen Graley, Board Clerk
- Joe Ruddon, Director Business Operations

Media: None present

Guests:

- Dianne Greenhouse
- Mary Jane Binge, CHC board member
- Cindy Dietz, Clinic Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Director Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Karen Graley, Board Clerk, conducted roll call:

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

OBSERVANCES

- Director Doyle read the healthcare District's mission, vision and core values statements.
- Director Hoffman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 16-29: Director Hoffman 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, May 12, 2016 (amended to correct the spelling of “Cerner” under “Review of Tenet Agreement”).
- Minutes: Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 19, 2016 (amended to list all Board of Directors who were expected to attend but were not present at the meeting).

Director Avels inquired about Directors’ Comments on page 7 regarding the District’s tax ID number being used by Tenet. Ms. Combs gave the background history of Tenet’s use of the ID number; additionally, Ms. Combs noted that she will be doing an audit to insure that the co-mingled revenue surrendered to Tenet is accurate.

Motion 16-30: Director Hoffman motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended; motion seconded by Director Doyle; motion passed with Director Avels abstaining as she was not present for either meeting.

REPORTS

Financial Report – April, 2016, Jackie Combs, CEO

Ms. Combs introduced the report prepared by Controller Patricia White.

- The District showed a consolidated net operating gain in April.
- Meditech data was included in this report summary for information; Director Doyle commented that the net income margin of 2.94% illustrates why the District leased the medical center to Tenet.
- The Clinics showed a gain in April of \$196,000.
 - ♦ Director Avels asked why there was a significant decline in the number of April visits as reflected on page 9. The drop is related to the closing of Dr. Frascchetti’s private office in Yucca Valley. Clinic patients assumed he was leaving the valley and rushed to his private practice. However, Dr. Frascchetti continues to see patients at the clinic. A radio spot promoting well-child visits with doctors Frascchetti and Shih is currently airing.
 - ♦ Staff is working with Mr. Best to format the clinic reports into the District’s report structure using categories and subtotals.

Investments:

- Cash balance has increased by \$363,766;
- Investments increased by \$7,932;
- Estimated accrual for the bond was \$4,039.
- Director Hoffman asked about interest paid; Ms. Combs noted that the interest is listed on the income statement and averages between \$200-\$300 per month.

Morongo Basin Healthcare District Update, Jackie Combs, CEO

Ms. Combs provided the following verbal report:

- **2017 Budget:** Ms. Combs attended the Community Health Center’s (CHC) board meeting and presented the clinic budget for 2017; she reported that the CHC board approved the budget. She noted there was discussion about Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).
 - ♦ The CHC board would like to use the District’s report format that Mr. Ruddon is developing. The CHC board also expressed interest for the District and CHC boards to meet and discuss the two strategic plans and coordinate on the CIP.



- ♦ Ms. Combs noted that she has targeted September for resolving how clinic overhead will be reported and tracked by the District, taking into consideration the discussion during the budget workshop (May 19) that explored how the overhead was currently tracked.
- ♦ The District annual financial audit is scheduled for August.
- Board communication: Recent local activity has brought to light use of board members' personal electronic devices to conduct District business. A "call for public record" is becoming a common practice in California for legal discovery. Ms. Combs spoke with the District's legal counsel who recommended options for conducting District electronic communications: (1) Use a protected portal; (2) Assign board members a District email address. Staff will investigate and implement an appropriate solution.
- Physician Intern Program: Mr. Wardell, CFO for Hi-Desert Medical Center (HDMC) conveyed to Ms. Combs that the family practice residency program is in process and that HDMC is expecting a proposal from the University in the near future.
- District's Attorney: Ms. Combs advised that Jared Goldsmith is moving from BBK, Attorneys at Law, to the Department of Health Services with the State of California. The District's primary counsel is being briefed on Mr. Goldsmith's District files.
- County Registrar's Office: Staff spoke with the County Registrar's office who advised that election preparation will begin in July. Ms. Combs asked the board members whose seats are up for election in November to advise Staff of their intent so appropriate preparation can be made for transition.
- Finance: We have received the \$1.5 million reimbursement for the California Outpatient Cost report; however, the Meaningful Use repayment to Medi-Cal for \$886,000 is due.
- Community: Mr. Moore, Mr. Ruddon and Ms. Combs met with United Way and Trish Gehrien of the Clinton Foundation; the United Way is interested in re-establishing their organization in the Morongo Basin. The United Way hosts a 5K walk in the nine cities of the Coachella Valley and chooses a charity for each walk to receive funds. Employers in the valley compete for employee participation. For the Morongo Basin, there is opportunity to coordinate an event in conjunction with the Tour de Joshua Tree scheduled in 2017. These walks would satisfy, in part, the District strategic plan. Staff told United Way that the District was interested; we are waiting for them to advise the next step.
- Take A Hike: Mr. Ruddon has met with National Park staff and Karen Faulis, CEO of HDMC, to relaunch the Take A Hike program.
- 2017 Budget: Ms. Combs asked the Directors to forward their recommendations for change to the budget to her so that they may be incorporated in the final product. Budget approval has been placed on the June agenda.

CALENDAR REVIEW AND COORDINATION

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

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Thursday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

- Budget approval



DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Avels: Director Avels thanked staff for their work and the guests for attending tonight's meeting. She thanked the Directors for covering her absence during her vacation and celebration of her 30th anniversary.

Director Doyle: Director Doyle thanked staff for their good work; thanked Mary Jane Binge for representing Community Health Center's board; and thanked the guests who attended tonight's meeting.

Director Hoffman: "What PK (Patricia White, Controller) has done for her short time being here, is impressive. She has definitely stepped up to the challenge." The district Rotary is creating a VA task force and has asked Rotary members to recruit interested individuals to participate in the task force. Director Hoffman stated he would like to use Nora Maughan, Executive Director of the clinics, as a resource in support of the core committee. Director Doyle suggested that the District's board room is available for meeting space.

Director Cooper: Director Cooper thanked staff for their work; and thanked guests for attending the meeting and acknowledged their effort in support of the healthcare District.

Director Sullivan: Director Sullivan applauded staff for what they've accomplished since July and for what they continue to do. He thanked Mary Jane Binge for speaking up about the absence of her peers at the budget workshop meeting. He stated that he is looking forward to building on the collaboration of the two boards and thanked her for being the ambassador.

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED

Director Sullivan adjourned the open session at 6:20 p.m.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors convened at 6:25 p.m. to Closed Session pursuant to:

- Government Code section 32106 of the Health and Safety Code: Report involving Trade Secret. Estimated date of public disclosure is projected to August, 2016.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

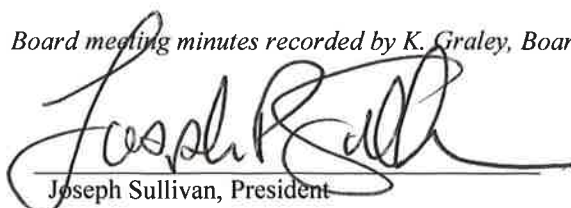
The Board of Directors reconvened to Open Session at 7:33 p.m. Director Sullivan reported that:

- Trade Secrets: Board members will review presented information and continue discussion in another closed session at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Director Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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


Joseph Sullivan, President


Patricia Cooper, Secretary