



Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba
Morongo Basin Healthcare District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 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
- Patricia White, Controller
- Joe Ruddon, Director Business Operations

Media:

- None present

Guests:

- Susan Madavan, CHC board president
- Misty Evans
- Bob Armstrong
- Dianne Greenhouse

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 Avels read the mission, vision and core value statements.

Director Hoffman lead the assembly in the pledge to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 16-51: Director Avels motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; motion was seconded by Director Doyle; 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, 2016

Motion 16-52: Director Hoffman motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by Director Doyle.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Combs presented information on the Rural Health Network Development Application (RHN). This is an opportunity to apply for implementation funding for the community Care Transition project. The grant is for \$300,000 over three years.

However, through HRSA and the Hi-Desert Family Health Clinics, the District was awarded a grant for quality projects which is of a similar nature to the RHN. After research, it was discovered that the funding for quality projects disqualifies the District from applying for the RHN grant. (The quality grant targets the same patient population as the RHN grant.)

The HRSA quality grant awarded to the District is very specific about targeted outcomes. Staff is considering partnering with Hi-Desert Medical Center to achieve those outcomes and satisfy the community Care Transition project.

Director Hoffman initiated discussion about the grant application process and that it would require outside support; Ms. Combs explained that the quality grant required dedicated staff for two weeks because the application was so comprehensive.

Ms. Combs does not recommend pursuing the Rural Health Network grant.

ACTION ITEM

Motion 16-53: Approves the Community Health Center (CHC) Bylaws that were recently revised in joint meetings with Morongo Basin Healthcare District and CHC boards. (disclosure for special meetings in closed session on July 12, July 21, and August 25, 2016)

Motion by Director Doyle, second by Director Avels to approve the Community Health Center Bylaws as presented; motion passed by unanimous vote.

Director Doyle asked about the status of the co-applicant agreement. The agreement will be on the agenda for the CHC October meeting.

REPORTS

MORONGO BASIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT UPDATE, Jackie Combs, CEO

Ms. Combs referred the Directors to Tab 3 in the agenda packet and provided the following additional information:

- The recent October 8 health fair was a grand success. Ms. Combs praised staff in the preparation and delivery of the event. LifeStream blood mobile exceeded their collection goal and was very excited about the event. The District will be approaching the Town of Yucca Valley to partner with them for the spring event. Director Doyle said she has never seen a health fair like this in magnitude and offering; it was the best one she's attended in her healthcare career. She recommended recognition of the team for organizing the event.
- Wound Clinic is opening October 19 with Dr. Nalam.



- Pain Management has been approved by HRSA for the clinic scope of service. Director Sullivan noted that this is another milestone for District because the program had been in crisis and is now on target.
- Clinic financial department has been rebuilt: Finance Director, Jeff Chawenson; Kammi Zimmerman will be the finance manager (previously with HDMC); and Denise Rnich will do accounts payable (also formerly with HDMC).

Director Doyle commented that Jackie's reports are chocked full of exciting information.

Director Hoffman asked about the status of the Yucca Valley dental clinic. Ms. Combs reported that staff is forging ahead with preparing the site; the building is turnkey; the project requires a HRSA change in scope which typically takes 60 days so our targeted opening date is January, but if approval comes sooner we'll be ready. The site has five chairs which can support two dentists and one hygienist.

Director Hoffman referred to the recent Your Healthcare Partners magazine and requested that the magazine include a list of the board of directors.

CALENDAR REVIEW AND COORDINATION

The calendars for the Board of Directors was reviewed and coordinated.

- New board members will be sworn in on December 22.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Tenet report, October 27
- Appointment of Board assignments, December 22 meeting
- Co-app agreement
- HR report (Hoffman), including PTO liability
- Recognition of the Health Fair team (Doyle)

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- Director Cooper: Thanked the audience for being present and thanked Ms. Combs for her report.
- Director Avels: Apologized that she missed the health fair but has heard a great deal about the event. Glad to get the bylaws done tonight.
- Director Hoffman: Thanked staff for the birthday wishes and kind words.
- Director Doyle: Thanked the audience for being present; so proud of the organization and how health fair exemplified to the community who we are as the new healthcare District.
- Director Sullivan: Complimented staff and the health fair results; stating it was impressive and first class; demonstrated the benefit of advanced planning. The superlatives cannot be minimized; it was impressive even before I got out of the truck; thank you to staff for the hard work. He is pleased the pain management program has been resolved properly and is completely in-sync with our commitment and the time line.

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED

Director Sullivan adjourned the open session at 6:17 p.m.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors convened at 6:23 p.m. to Closed Session pursuant to:

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

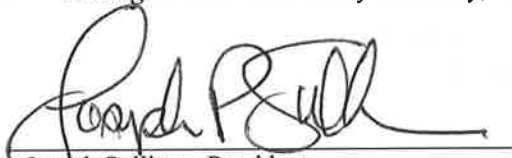
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board of Directors reconvened to Open Session at 7:25 p.m. Director Sullivan reported that Staff was directed to complete a business plan for the initiatives discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Director Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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



Joseph Sullivan, President



Patricia Cooper, Secretary