



Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba  
**Morongo Basin Healthcare District**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 7, 2021 at 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-19-19 pandemic. No physical site was available for the assembly.*

- **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 Brown
- Director Doyle
- Director Evans
- Director Markle-Greenhouse
- Director Mondary

Administrative Staff:

- Jackie Combs, CEO
- Karen Graley, Board Clerk
- Cindy Schmall, COO
- Debbie Anderson, CFO
- Joe Ruddon, Director Community Programming

Guests:

- Paul Hoffman, CHC board member

- Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, Desert Mkt, Tenet
- Deborah Dunaway, community member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Director Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The meeting was convened using the electronic platform of Go-To-Meeting; there was no physical assembly.

**ROLL CALL**

Karen Graley, Board Clerk, conducted roll call and declared a quorum.

**OBSERVANCES**

Director Dale Mondary read the mission, vision and core value statements.  
Director Brown led the assembly in the pledge to the American flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, Desert Market, Tenet addressed the board, reporting on behalf of Karen Faulis, CEO, Hi-Desert Medical Center (HDMC):

- HDMC hospital currently has 10 positive COVID-19 patients and 1 PUI patients in-house (as of this morning). One CCC resident has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Desert Regional Medical Center currently has 109 positive COVID-19 patients and 4 PUI patients in-house (as of this morning).
- JFK currently has 50 positive COVID-19 patients and 8 PUI patients in-house (as of this morning).
- COVID-19 vaccination clinics are ongoing at the Desert Care Network hospitals.
- HDMC is now a San Bernardino County vaccination hub for community healthcare providers.
- Personal Protective Equipment remains in adequate supply at both HDMC and CCC.
- Modified outdoor visitation continues at the CCC.



## **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Motion 21-01:** Director Evans motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; motion was seconded by Director Greenhouse; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion 21-02:** Director Evans motioned to approve the minutes the Board of Directors for December 3, 2020 as presented; motion seconded by Director Greenhouse; motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE – *Karen Graley, Board Clerk*

Ms. Graley administered the Oath of Office to Greg Brown, Dianne Greenhouse and Dale Monday, and welcomed them to the Board of Directors.

### NOMINATION & ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICES – *Karen Graley, Board Clerk*

Ms. Graley opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of the Board.

**Motion 21-03:** Director Evans motioned to elect Director Greenhouse as President of the Board; motion was seconded by Director Mondary; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Graley opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Board.

**Motion 21-04:** Director Doyle motioned to elect Director Evans as Vice-President of the Board; motion was seconded by Director Mondary; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Graley opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board.

**Motion 21-05:** Director Doyle motioned to elect Director Brown as Secretary of the Board; motion was seconded by Director Mondary; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Graley opened the floor for nominations for the office of Treasurer of the Board.

**Motion 21-06:** Director Evans motioned to elect Director Doyle as Treasurer of the Board; motion was seconded by Director Mondary; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Graley opened the floor for nominations for Member at Large.

**Motion 21-07:** Director Doyle motioned to elect Director Mondary as Member at Large; motion was seconded by Director Greenhouse; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BOARD – *Director Greenhouse*

Director Greenhouse introduced the discussion and opened the floor for nominations. Director Mondary requested to serve on the CHC governing board; Director Doyle nominated Director Evans. Director Evans suggested, based on her personal experience, that it was helpful as a new board member to serve one year focused on the District agenda and then transition to serving on the CHC board in the second year. She nominated Director Doyle for the CHC governing board. Director Greenhouse called for the vote. Directors Doyle and Evans were elected to sit on the CHC board.

Director Doyle stated she may not be available for all board meetings due to work commitment. There was further discussion, including having Director Mondary serve as an alternate CHC board member. The conclusion was that we do not have alternating board members. If a member can't



attend, then they can't attend. No substitutes. Jackie Combs, CEO spoke against the tag-team proposal stating that consistent representation was needed.

**Motion 21-08:** Director Mondary volunteered to sit on the CHC governing board; Director Doyle nominated Director Evans; and Director Evans nominated Director Doyle. Director Greenhouse called for the vote. Directors Doyle and Evans were elected to serve the CHC Governing Board.

**APPROVE POLICY ED-203: PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING DISTRICT BUILDINGS DURING A PANDEMIC** – Jackie Combs, CEO

Ms. Combs presented to policy stating it complies with Center for Disease control and Prevent and California Department of Public Health guidelines.

Director Mondary asked if there is direction as to how a supervisor would handle dealing with non-compliant patient. Ms. Combs stated that specifics could be added to this policy; but that management staff are trained in dealing with difficult patients. Director Doyle stated it is important as a healthcare district to define how we deliver healthcare.

**Motion 21-09:** Director Evans motioned to approve Policy EC-203 Procedures for Entering District Buildings During a Pandemic; motion was seconded by Director Mondary; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**CALENDAR REVIEW AND COORDINATION**

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

- The next food box distribution event is January 16, 2021;
- CHC board meeting next Thursday, January 14, 2021;
- MBHD board orientation Saturday, January 30. Ms. Combs asked the directors for their preference for convening this meeting: physical or virtual format. General consensus was to convene a physical meeting and observe wearing masks and social distancing guidelines; the public may join by electronic platform.

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

- Director Brown: "I'm happy to be here and am looking forward to working with everyone."
- Director Evans: "Welcome and congratulations to Greg and Dale on being elected. Excited to collaborate and work with you. With the state of our nation right now, it's important that we work together and support each other and be strong in our vision for the benefit of the community. Also, congratulations to Dianne on your re-election."
- Director Greenhouse: "I'm looking forward to working with each of you as we move into the opportunities in this new year."
- Director Mondary: "I want to thank everyone for their support and for electing me. I'm happy to be here. Kudos to staff and especially Jackie for leading the day-to-day District operations that are so important. Happy to be here and looking forward to the orientation."
- Director Doyle: "I want to thank the board members for the great year we had and for your assistance. I'm very proud of staff. I welcome wholehearted Greg and Dale. Let's get to work and get things done."



**MEETING ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:50 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The closed session meeting was reconvened to open session at 6:52 p.m.; Director Greenhouse reported that staff was directed to bring further information to the board as it became available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

  
Dianne Markle-Greenhouse, President

  
Greg Brown, Secretary