



Morongo Basin Health Care District
Community Health Center
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES of Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 5:45 p.m.

Administration Office

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Mission Statement: To provide affordable, quality healthcare to the communities we serve.

Vision Statement: We will improve the health of the community by increasing access to care in the Morongo Basin.

PRESENT:

- Susan Madavan, Chairperson (Pt Rep)
- Mike Lopez, Treasurer (Pt Rep)
- Summer Grenzow, Secretary (Pt Rep)
- Laura Grabow, Member (Community Rep)
- Sue Tsuda, Member (Community Rep)
- Bryan Goldfarb, Member (Community Rep)
- Fred Simoneau, Member (Pt Rep)
- Ricky Tagle, (Pt Rep)

STAFF:

- Ron Stewart, CHC Executive Director
- Jackie Combs, MBHD CEO
- Alexandra Barba, CHC Board Clerk
- Joe Ruddon, MBHD Director of Business Development
- Cindy Schmall, MBHD Director of Business Operations
- Tricia Gehrlein, MBHD Director Population Health

GUESTS:

- Bob Armstrong, MBHD Director

CALL TO ORDER: 5:45 p.m.

OBSERVANCES:

- Bryan Goldfarb led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Fred Simoneau read the mission and vision statements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Sue Tsuda motioned to approve the meeting Agenda as presented; motion seconded by Ricky Tagle; motion passed by unanimous vote.

GOVERNING BOARD ATTENDANCE SUMMARY FOR 2018:

Summer reviewed the attendance summary for the first quarter of 2018. She stated that members are only allowed to have 2 unexcused meeting absences before being asked to give up their seat on the board. One member is in violation and Susan will be calling this member to discuss the situation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Summer Grenzow, second by Ricky Tagle, to approve the Governing Board meeting minutes dated March 27, 2018 as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Sue Tsuda reported that Jeff Chawenson spoke on the difficulties with the accounting program, but is looking forward to the implementation of eCW, which will be in mid-June. Sue Tsuda read the overview summary page Jeff provides the Finance Committee with.

Motion to receive and file the Finance Committee minutes dated April 19, 2018; motion by Mike Lopez, second by Summer Grenzow; minutes approved by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AMENDED 2018 CHC SLIDING FEE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Ron Stewart shared that the Sliding Fee Discount Program handout is similar to the version that was initially approved by the board, except there was an error in the table and was not caught until after its approval. Jeff has since corrected the error.

Motion by Susan Madavan, second by Sue Tsuda to approve the amended 2018 Sliding Fee Discount Program as presented; motion passed by unanimous vote.

BOARD CALENDAR:

- Susan Madavan will attend the District board meeting on May 17, not May 3.
- The Board Calendar will now include the Outreach/Events calendars as well.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Election to seat a new Vice Chair; Michael Lopez will remain on the board but cannot meet the committee obligations.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Please notify Susan if there are any nominations for the Vice Chair position.

OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED

Susan Madavan adjourned the Open Session at 5:58 p.m.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board convened at 5:59 p.m. to Closed Session pursuant to:

- *Pursuant to Government Code section 54957 of the Health and Safety Code: Employee Performance Evaluation: Executive Director.*
- *Pursuant to Government Code section 32155 of the Health and Safety Code: Report involving Quality Assurance Matter.*

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Governing Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:02 p.m.

The Health Center Board and invited guests discussed the 2018 Needs Assessment report provided by the Executive Director. The report addressed: Target Population Characteristics; Transportation; Uninsured Persons; Unemployment & Educational Attainment; Income, Poverty & Economic Shifts; Health Disparities; Non-English Speakers; Health Care Access; Other Primary Health Care Services; Population to Provider ratios; Health Care Environment & Insurance Coverage Changes; Uncompensated Care Programs; Homeless Persons & Specific Populations; and, new priorities set by the Morongo Basin Healthcare District Board.

The Health Center Board and invited guests explored critical Health Center considerations that may be included in the 2018 Strategic Planning process. Those considerations included: Locations; Hours of Service; Accessibility & Transportation; Pricing/Fee Schedule; Patient Satisfaction & Opinion; and, Additional Services.

The Board and others will meet again on May 14th at 4pm to continue the planning discussion exploring: Mission & Vision; Financial Stewardship tools; Health Center Board training topics; Health Center Board Member Succession; Facilities; Marketing & Outreach; and Public Awareness.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Susan Madavan adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Alexandra Barba, Board Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Madavan', is written above a horizontal line.

Susan Madavan, Governing Board Chair