



Morongo Basin Health Care District

Community Health Center

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

MINUTES of Thursday, September 10, 2020, 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 pandemic.*
- *Additionally, a physical meeting was convened on the District's campus at 6530 La Contenta Road, Yucca Valley, suite 700. The public was screened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the building and were asked to wear a face mask while inside. Seating was limited to accommodate the six-foot distancing guidelines.*

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

Vision Statement: *A healthy Morongo Basin.*

Core Values: *Commitment, Collaboration, Accountability, Dignity, Integrity*

PRESENT:

- Paul Hoffman, Chairperson (*on-site*)
- Beverly Scott, Vice Chairperson (*remote*)
- Barbara "Cassie" Souter, Secretary (*on-site*)
- Bryan Goldfarb, Treasurer (*remote*)
- Mary Ann Shirbourn, Member (*on-site*)
- Patricia "Pat" Cooper, Member (*on-site*)
- Alejandro Penalva, Member (*remote*)
- Cecelia St. Clair (*on-site*)
- Misty Evans, Member (*remote*)
- Dianne Greenhouse, Member (*on-site*)

STAFF:

- Jackie Combs, CEO
- Karen Graley, Board Clerk
- Debbie Anderson, CFO
- Joe Ruddon, Director Comm Development
- Cindy Schmall, COO
- Karmollette Ogilvie, Women Health Manager
- Janeen Duff, VDH Manager (*remote*)
- Dale Mondary, community member
- Greg Brown, community member
- Denise Cullum, community member (*remote*)

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Karen Graley, board clerk, conducted roll call and declared a quorum.

OBSERVANCES:

- Paul Hoffman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Cassie Souter read the mission and vision statements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments. Mr. Hoffman thanked Greg Brown for joining the meeting remotely.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion 20-09: Motion by Ms. Shirbourn to approve the meeting Agenda; motion seconded by Ms. Evans; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CHC MEETING MINUTES:

Motion 20-10: Motion by Mr. Goldfarb, second by Ms. Shirbourn, to approve the Governing Board meeting minutes dated August 13, 2020; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEM

QUALITY COMMITTEE CHARTER – Paul Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman introduced the Action Item stating that the charter will define the purpose and function of the committee.

Motion 20-11: Motion by Ms. Greenhouse to approve the charter for the CHCH Governing Board Quality Committee as presented; second by Ms. Shirbroun; motion passed by unanimous vote.

REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – No financial report was presented.

CEO REPORT – Jackie Combs, CEO

Ms. Combs referred the Board to Tab 3 of the agenda packet for her written report. No additional information was provided to the written report; however, she highlighted:

- We received HRSA approval to expand the scope of service for vision care. We are in process of credentialing and resolving electronic interface issues for patient charting. We plan to announce the partnership in the community.
- Labs are operational at both clinic sites with two phlebotomists. We are providing services to the community in 29 Palms as there is no other lab service in the community.
- We've begun COVID-19 testing for our patients who manifest COVID symptoms. Drive through appointments where patient remains in vehicle, are administered by the phlebotomist. We are averaging 5-6 tests per week.
- The County's Women's Health Network is putting a new survey out to the community. The flyer is included in the agenda packet as information.
- We are almost ready to begin a flu vaccine campaign. Vaccines for pediatric patients is on hand; we are waiting for county supply for adults. Requests for 65+ vaccines are referred to local pharmacies.

There were no questions.

BOARD CALENDAR:

- Food Distribution event Saturday, September 19, 7-9 a.m. at 29 Palms and Yucca Valley clinics.
- Shared board meeting October 15 will focus on the community needs assessment update. The new data will be used as part of the strategic planning process.
- November quality committee moved to Tuesday, November 17.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Strategic Plan at shared board meeting
- Review bylaws (send out before next meeting)

MEMBER COMMENTS:

- BEVERLY SCOTT: Happy to hear we are planning for flu season. It's especially important this year with COVID-19.
- MARY ANN SHIRBROUND: Flu shots important.

- CASSIE SOUTER: no comment
- PAT COOPER: The biggest and best thing is thanks to Jackie and staff that we've gotten through these last few months financially.
- CECELIA ST. CLAIR: no comment
- DIANNE GREENHOUSE: I've been asked numerous times about COVID-19 testing; good to hear that we are now testing patients.
- MISTY EVANS: Happy to hear about the COVID-19 testing.
- PAUL HOFFMAN: Congratulations to our board on 100% attendance at this meeting. He thanked Greg Brown for joining tonight's meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Hoffman adjourned the open session to closed meeting at 6:20 p.m. The closed session convened at 6:30 p.m.

- *Pursuant to Section 32155 of the Health and Safety Code for report involving quality assurance matters*

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hoffman adjourned the closed session at 7:00 p.m. No report is required for quality assurance matters.

Minutes recorded by Karen Graley, Board Clerk


Paul Hoffman, Chairperson


Cassie Souter, Secretary