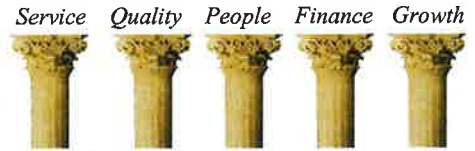




**HI-DESERT
MEDICAL CENTER**
HI-DESERT MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT



HI-DESERT MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
SPECIAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
January 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Joshua Tree Community Center
6171 Sunburst Avenue, Joshua Tree, CA 92252
760-366-6262

***Mission Statement:** Hi-Desert Medical Center will provide superior service to improve the quality of life for people in the Morongo Basin*
***Vision:** We are caring people providing extraordinary healthcare services.*
***Core Values:** Integrity, Superior Service, Stewardship, Innovation, Teamwork, Dignity*

IN ATTENDANCE:

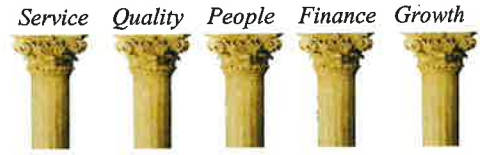
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| Board of Directors: | Director Cooper, President
Director Avels, Vice President
Director Sullivan, Treasurer
Director Doyle, Secretary
Director Hoffman, Member-at-Large |
| Administrative Staff: | Bob Tyk, CEO
Karen Galey, Marketing Manager
Robin Schmelling, Board Clerk
Other Department Managers and Staff |
| Media | None present. |
| Guests | Alexander Reynolds, Project Manager Acquisition & Development, Tenet |

CALL TO ORDER

Director Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Robin Schmelling, Board Clerk, conducted roll call:
Director Cooper: Present
Director Avels: Present
Director Sullivan: Present
Director Doyle: Present
Director Hoffman: Present



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Cooper asked Director Hoffman to lead the pledge of allegiance.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT:

Mission Statement: Read by Director Sullivan.

Vision Statement: Read by Director Avels.

Core Values: Read by Director Doyle.

PUBLIC COMMENT PARAMETERS:

The Public Comment Parameters were read by Director Cooper.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

▶▶ **MOTION 15—06:** Director Hoffman made the motion to approve the meeting agenda, and Director Avels seconded. Director Sullivan, Director Doyle and Director Cooper all voted in favor and the agenda was approved as submitted.

AFFILIATION PRESENTATION:

Mr. Tyk introduced Alex Reynolds, Project Manager, Acquisitions & Development, Tenet Healthcare. Mr. Tyk presented an overview of the affiliation for those present. (copy of presentation with original minutes).

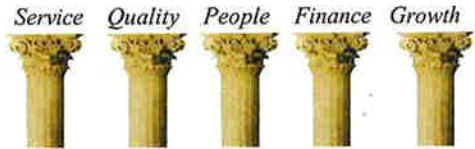
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mickey Luckman, Joshua Tree, CA

Ms. Luckman is a long time resident of Joshua Tree. She stated economic changes make it very difficult for small hospitals to survive. Hospital problems are widespread across the country. In her opinion, DRMC and JFK seem to be operating well under Tenet. We will be in a much stronger position with more services and options if we affiliate. It would also keep residents from having to make the long drive to Palm Springs for hospital services. She urged those present to join her in voting yes.

Jerry McKenzie, Yucca Valley, CA

Mr. McKenzie is the BioMedical Director at HDMC and a Yucca Valley resident for the last five years. He commented there were two reasons not to affiliate. The first being all the medical needs of the community are being met and the second reason is the District's finances are stable. Mr. McKenzie commented these items were obviously not the case. With affiliation comes revenue and additional services to provide the community that spreads across 1800 square miles. Mr. McKenzie



stated that some people feel those speaking as employees are only trying to save their jobs. He stated he is actually a contract employee, and he supports the affiliation even though it may mean his company would no longer be with HDMC. He referenced the wrist bands that Mr. Tyk has distributed to employees that read “HDMC: What is BEST for the patient?”. Mr. McKenzie asked those present to remember to ask “What is BEST for the community?” and vote yes on the affiliation.

Dr. Steve Bush, Joshua Tree, CA

Dr. Bush is a board certified pathologist and medical director of clinical labs at HDMC. He has been with HDMC since 1982, and cares deeply for the hospital and the people that work there. There is a great sense of dedication with the employees and the community. Dr. Bush agrees with Mr. Tyk on the difficulty we face getting physicians to come to the area and stay here, especially specialists. With the finances and support that Tenet Healthcare can provide, he feels we can not only keep our current services but expand the services we offer. Dr. Bush stated the affiliation will also support the continued infrastructure and increase our technology. In terms of the medical staff at HDMC, Dr. Bush stated they are also all in favor of affiliation.

Dr. Dianne Swella, Yucca Valley, CA

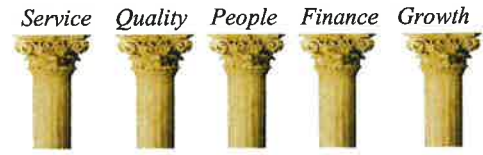
Dr. Swella is a longtime resident of the Morongo Basin and previously served on the board of directors of HDMC. She was very involved in the process and can say that the affiliation is the only viable option we have and she wholeheartedly supports this effort. The most impressive thing to her with regard to Tenet Healthcare will be their ability to recruit much needed physicians to our area. In addition, she feels if there are specialists that aren't required up here full time, perhaps those physicians with DRMC and JFK (Tenet hospitals) could split their time and include HDMC. In conclusion, Dr. Swella urged everyone to vote yes for affiliation to keep the hospital open and keep quality healthcare in our community.

Hilary Slotta, Yucca Valley, CA

Ms. Slotta is also a longtime resident of the Morongo Basin. She wants to see the hospital stay open as we absolutely need it. She thanked the board of directors for bringing a viable option to the community without adding a tax. She was very happy to hear there will be a governing board as well as a district board so the community will still have a voice. Urged those present to please vote yes on the affiliation.

Kathy Alkire, Joshua Tree, CA

Ms. Alkire grew up in the Morongo Basin and recalled her single mother having to work and raise her. She can't imagine if every time there was a need, her mother would have had to take work off and drive an hour to get her to the nearest hospital. She feels for the community and all parents if there wasn't a hospital close in the community. Ms. Alkire stated the employees at HDMC are a family and urged those present to vote yes on the affiliation, so we don't lose the opportunity for people to have healthcare in the Morongo Basin.



Joel Klink, Twentynine Palms, CA

Mr. Klink spoke as both a longtime resident of Twentynine Palms and the Mayor of the City of Twentynine Palms. He addressed the shortage of physicians in Twentynine Palms, and hopes that Tenet would also be able to recruit some to that area of the basin. His question:

- The equipment currently at HDMC. Some is new (3D Mammography) and some is old. Will Tenet pull whatever equipment out of HDMC to place elsewhere?

Mr. Reynolds, Tenet Healthcare, responded the capital expenditures include replacement of some equipment; he isn't sure where the old equipment would be sent. As far as the new 3D Mammography, Tenet is very impressed with it and it will be staying at HDMC as far as he is aware. Mr. Tyk added that old equipment would be replaced.

Mr. Klink concluded by stating he personally supported the affiliation. In addition, if he can support it on the dais of the Twentynine Palms City Council, which he believes he can, he will do so.

Beverly Scott, Landers, CA

Ms. Scott believes the hospital should definitely remain open, but is concerned about Tenet's plans for the mental health services offered. She doesn't want to see a cut back in the services. Mr. Tyk responded as negotiator for the District, they are pushing to make sure those services stay. If anything, we would like to see those services expanded.

Rebecca Unger, Joshua Tree, CA

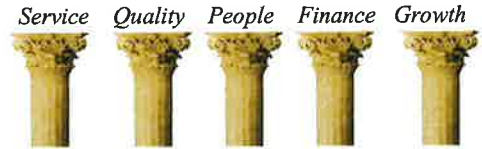
Ms. Unger wanted confirmation that the two FQHC's would not be part of the Tenet lease. Mr. Tyk confirmed that legally, the FQHC's cannot be leased to a private hospital and would remain independent of the Tenet agreement.

Christine Gilbert, Lakewood, CO

Ms. Gilbert has been the Interim Director for the FQHC clinics for approximately three months. She doesn't work directly for HDMC, but rather B.E. Smith. Being from Colorado, she has no vote. She wanted to commend the community, the board of directors, the FQHC board and past board members. Ms. Gilbert has worked in a lot of places, and after spending three months at HDMC and working with staff and attending a number of board meetings, she is amazed at the dedication of the people that work for the District. She strongly recommends voting for the affiliation.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Director Hoffman: Director Hoffman agreed with the sentiments expressed during the evening. All the services offered at the hospital are needed, and the employees and medical staff are passionate about HDMC. The district board will still be involved after affiliation, and has the best interest of the community at heart.



Director Doyle: Director Doyle thanked all for attending. She believes this is the best decision for the community as it will not only save health care and the hospital, but also jobs in this economy which is critical in this community. Thanked all for sharing their thoughts.

Director Avels: Director Avels commented this hospital has been community conceived, built and run for over 30 years. Asked those present to help get the message out that the affiliation will not cost the residents anything. If we don't affiliate, it will cost us the hospital.

Director Sullivan: Director Sullivan thanked all for attending and sharing their thoughts. He added that everyone past and present on this board has struggled to make sure they reach nothing short of what is best for the community in the long run.

Director Cooper: Director Cooper thanked all who attended and those who shared their thoughts.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, Director Cooper adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Board meeting minutes recorded by R. Schmelling, Board Clerk



Patricia Cooper, President, Board of Directors



Marge Doyle, Board Secretary