



Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba
Morongo Basin Healthcare District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Convened on site restricted to board members and staff; public invited to attend 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.

- **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 Cooper
- Director Evans
- Director Markle-Greenhouse
- Director Savitt
- Director Stiemsma

Administrative Staff:

- Cindy Schmall, CEO (*remote*)
- Karen Graley, Board Clerk (*remote*)
- Joe Rudson, Director Business Development
- Kathy Alkire, Wellness Nurse (*remote*)
- Tele Thornett, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

- Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, Desert Market, Tenet (*remote*)

- Cecelia St. Clair, CHC board member
- Jack Williams, CHC board member

CALL TO ORDER

Director Greenhouse called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The meeting was convened on the La Contenta campus and by electronic platform using Microsoft Teams.

ROLL CALL

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

OBSERVANCES

Director Savitt read the mission, vision, and core value statements.
Director Evans led the assembly in the pledge to the American flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 23-10: Director Savitt motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; motion was seconded by Director Evans the motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 23-11: Director Stiemsma motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by Director Savitt; motion passed by unanimous vote.

- Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, January 5, 2023.
- Re-ratify the Governor's proclamation of state of emergency and authorize remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of MBHDistrict.



Blood Drive:

- HDMC continues to hold blood drives with LifeStream. The need for blood remains critical. As a recap for 2022, Desert Care Network held a total of 27 blood drives and procured 475 pints of blood (HDMC held seven drives and collected 139 pints).

Capital Project Update:

- Hospital roofing project is ongoing with anticipated completion end of February.
- The installation of four Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations has been approved. We will be requesting written approval from the landlord to install the units on the property.
- New nurse call light system replacement in the acute hospital is scheduled for Q3-4 2023.
- Acute hospital emergency generator project is in process. Anticipated project completion is Q3 2024. The generator is not being delivered until April 2024.
- Continuation of the sewer line project is scheduled to restart tentatively in June 2023
- The CCC generator replacement is expected to begin within next 60 days with estimated completion of the project in Spring 2025

Trauma Update:

- Trauma activations= 17
- Codes= 3
- Alerts= 14
- 77% traffic collisions; 6% geriatric fall; 6% GSW; 6% adult fall; 6% other
- 71% discharged; 6% admitted; 6% transferred (DRMC); 18% expired

Board members thanked Linda Evans for the report.

REPORTS

ACHD REPORT: Director Greenhouse presented information about ACHD opportunities, including the annual conference.

FINANCIAL REPORT – *Cindy Schmall, CEO*

Debbie Anderson is absent from tonight's meeting to work on the HRSA grant reporting data. Cindy Schmall presented the financial information for December 2022:

The consolidated financials for the month of December show income of \$696,470 and year to date of \$1,127,923. The non-clinic financials for the month of December show income of \$483,000 and year to date of \$531,652. The clinic financials for the month of December show income of \$213,470 and year to date of \$596,271.

The consolidated financial statements continue to reflect the ongoing variances discussed in Previous months: increased tax revenue, patient income, grant income, and other operating income (capitation fees and quality). These positive variances in revenues are driving the better than budgeted results. Consolidated operating expenses for December had only a one percent variance from budget, and year to date only a two percent variance from budget.

A reminder that the HRSA ARP grant is coming to an end March 31. Since we were holding on to the budget amendment from HRSA for several months, and amounts charged to the grant were smaller as we waited for formal approval for new budget lines, this is now contributing to the clinics positive change in net income as we make up for amounts not previously charged to the grant. This will be a significant factor in future financials once the grant is completed.

- **Motion 23-13:** Director Cooper motioned to accept the financial reports as presented, second by Director Savitt; motion passed by unanimous vote.