



Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba
Morongo Basin Healthcare District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Convened on the La Contenta campus; the public was invited to attend the meeting on campus or via Microsoft Teams, an electronic, remote-site platform.

- **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:

- Karen Graley, Board Clerk (*remote*)
- Debbie Anderson, CFO
- Joe Raddon, Chief Community Programs Officer
- Tele Thornett, Administrative Assistant
- Janeen Duff, Program Development Liaison

Guests:

Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, Desert Market, Tenet (*remote*)
 Karin Faulis, CEO, Hi-Desert Medical Center
 Gemma Pringle, Assistant CFO, Hi-Desert Medical Center
 Cheryl Valenzuela, Controller, Hi-Desert Medical Center

CALL TO ORDER

Director Greenhouse called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Stiemsma read the mission, vision, and core value statements.
Director Cooper led the assembly in the pledge to the American flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 23-35: Director Savitt motioned to approve the meeting agenda without the Split Rock Project Update and without the CEO Staff Report; the motion was seconded by Director Cooper and passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 23-36: Director Evans motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by Director Cooper and passed by unanimous vote.

- Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, June 1, 2023.
- Minutes: Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, June 10, 2023



ACTION ITEMS

ACCEPT ANNUAL REPORT FROM HDMC HOLDINGS, LLC

Karen Faulis, CEO, Hi-Desert Medical Center (HDMC), introduced Gemma Pringle, assistant CFO who presented the financial component of the report.

Ms. Pringle spoke to Quality Assurance Funds, a state run program. Per the 30-year lease agreement between HDMC Holdings and the District, the Healthcare District is entitled to 15% of the QAF monies distributed to HDMC. She noted amounts received from the state and that the 15% was paid to the District. She reviewed the capital improvement list, project progress and the amounts committed to each project. Approximately \$14.1 million is committed for capital.

There was discussion about the complexity of the QAF program and how distribution is calculated. Neither HDMC or the District has any influence on the amount; it is based on a formula that the state uses. It was noted that there is no guarantee that the program and funding will continue.

Karin Faulis continued the report, mentioning that six electric vehicle charging stations will be installed on the medical center campus. She talked about the family medicine and emergency medicine resident rotation at the hospital. Family medicine residents have expanded their rotation to include behavior health services. Also under consideration is a kiosk for after hours out-patient pharmacy distribution for patients being discharged from the hospital.

- **Motion 23-37:** Director Evans motioned to accept the annual report from HDMC Holdings, LLC, second by Director Savitt; motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVE OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Debbie Anderson, CFO, introduced the action item, using a PowerPoint presentation. She reminded the Directors that the recap of the clinic budget and assumptions was reviewed in detail at the special meeting of June 10.

She stated that the operations budget presented tonight does not incorporate QAF monies or any new grants we may be awarded. The budget is based on “best guess” from reviewing past trends in patient volumes. The non-clinic budget (District) covers the projected loss in the health center’s budget. There are no projections for investments. Overall, the operating budget has a positive bottom line.

There was discussion about reserve monies. Ms. Anderson reminded the Directors that should Tenet exit the lease agreement, the healthcare district need to be positioned to step back into hospital operations.

Ms. Anderson presented the capital budget stating the parameters were items with a useful life of over one year and an acquisition of \$5,000. The capital budget includes equipment and renovation costs and new roof for the Yucca Valley health center. Also in the capital budget is a new vehicle for the LIFT Transportation program. Ms. Anderson noted that the pending QAF monies will cover the capital budget.

- **Motion 23-38:** Director Stiemsma motioned to approve the operations and capital budgets for FY2023-24 as presented, second by Director Cooper; motion passed by unanimous vote.



REPORTS

OUTREACH AND MARKETING REPORT

Mr. Rudden referred the Directors to his written report in the agenda packet. He called out that Marge Doyle, HIV Nurse has retired, and that Kathy Alkire will assume her work as part of an expanded education program. Kathy will oversee the HIV grant for community outreach, education and the COVID test-to-treat grant.

He noted National Community Health Center is next month and shared some of the celebratory activities planned for employees; he invited the Directors to the all-employee lunch and service awards on Wednesday.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Anderson reported that the consolidated financials for the month of May show income of \$271,201 and year to date income of \$2,182,638. The non-clinic financials for the month of May show income of \$99,975 and year to date income of \$1,853,304. The clinic financials for the month of March show income of \$171,226 and year to date income of \$329,334.

She stated that we have received notice from Medi-Cal that the fourth and final rate audit will be completed soon, thereby setting the final rate for point of service.

Directors asked for clarification on details of the report.

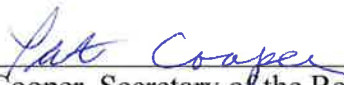
- **Motion 23-39:** Director Stiemsma motioned to accept the financial reports as presented, second by Director Cooper; motion passed by unanimous vote.

CALENDAR REVIEW AND COORDINATION

- ACHD annual conference begins September 13, the CHC board meeting has been rescheduled to September 21 as both Director Cooper and Stiemsma will be unavailable for the regular CHC board meeting date.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Pat Cooper, Secretary of the Board

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