

Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba
Morongo Basin Healthcare District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 2024 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 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, Equity.*

Board of Directors:

- Director Cooper
- Director Evans (*not present*)
- Director Markle-Greenhouse (*remote*)
- Director Stiemsma
- Jacquelin Todd

Administrative Staff:

- Deborah Anderson, CFO
- Karen Graley, Board Clerk (*remote*)
- Beverly Krushat, Executive Assistant
- Tricia Gehrlein, Chief Patient Experience & Compliance Officer (*remote*)
- Janeen Duff, Grants & Special Programs Manager
- Kathy Alkire, Education Nurse

CALL TO ORDER

Director Stiemsma 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 platform. It was noted that tonight Director Evans joined Cindy Schmall to attend the Desert Healthcare District board meeting. Director Greenhouse who attended this meeting remotely from Washington state, initially had technical difficulty in connecting from the published remote site; Director Stiemsma conducted the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Karen Graley, Board Clerk, conducted roll call and declared a quorum. It was noted that Director Greenhouse was attending by remote platform in compliance with Brown Act requirements for remote participation.

OBSERVANCES

Director Stiemsma read the mission and vision statements. Director Cooper led the assembly in the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 24-50: Director Cooper motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; second by Director Todd and passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- **Motion 24-51:** Director Cooper motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; second by Director Todd and passed by unanimous vote.
 - Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, July 18, 2024



ACTION ITEMS

LEADERSHIP POLICIES

Tricia Gehrlein, introduced three policies for approval. Redline copies denoting changes were presented in the agenda packet for each of the policies.

- LD-210 Compliance Plan: Ms. Gehrlein explained that the changes were primarily an update of titles within the organization and that there was not significant change to the policy language or intent.
- LD-224 Conflict of Interest: The policy was updated to align with HRSA guidelines for internal reporting and processing of conflict of interest. Again, there was no significant change to the policy language or stated procedures.
- LD-242 Compliance Reporting and Monitoring: This policy was updated, again, for title changes within the organization.
 - **Motion 24-52**: Motion by Director Cooper to approve Leadership policies LD-210, 224, and 242 as presented; second by Director Todd; motion passed by unanimous vote.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENSE

Debbie Anderson presented the action item for consideration. Staff recommendation is presented under Tab 3 for the Split Rock project. The unique foundation was part of the building plans approved by the City and required a specialized contractor recognized by the City. The requested amount covers both materials and installation. There was some discussion as board members requested clarification.

- **Motion 24-53**: Motion by Director Cooper to approve the capital improvement expense of \$71,460 for the Split Rock project building foundation; second by Director Todd; motion passed by unanimous vote.

REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT – Debbie Anderson, CFO

Ms. Anderson reported that the consolidated financials for the month of June show loss of income of \$(588,392) and year to date income of \$1,594,694. The non-clinic financials for the month of June show a loss of income of \$(446,096) and year to date income of \$2,751,903. The clinic financials for the month of June show a loss of \$(142,296) and year to date loss of \$(1,157,249).

The Department of Healthcare Services PPS audit has finalized on July 19th. The PPS rate as audited will be \$248.66 for Behavioral Health. This is up from our interim rate of \$163.49. Finance will be working through what this means based on back claims. Also, please note that June is held open longer due to it being the last month of the fiscal year. This is so that subsequent activity for patient receivables can be captured allowing for a better estimate at June 30th. As such, the numbers for June are not final – they are interim numbers only.

- **Motion 24-54**: Director Cooper motioned to accept the financial report as presented, second by Director Todd; motion passed by unanimous vote.

CEO REPORT – Cindy Schmall, CEO

CEO Cindy Schmall had prepared a PowerPoint presentation as her report recapping the successful mission-vision event on July 19, 2024.



CALENDAR REVIEW AND COORDINATION

- August 4-9: CHC Week, board members are welcome to join staff for lunch on Friday, August 9 at noon on the La Contenta campus, suite 600.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

DIRECTOR COOPER: “Thank you to Debbie for the financial report; thank you Heidi for leading tonight’s meeting.”

DIRECTOR GREENHOUSE: “Looking forward to being in person at the next meeting.”

DIRECTOR TODD: “Thanked staff for information provided tonight.”

DIRECTOR STIEMSMA: “Looking forward to hearing the outcome of the Desert Healthcare District meeting in Palm Springs.”

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.



Heidi Stiemsma, Secretary of the Board

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