

HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Board Room – Administration Building

Members Present:

Ms. Anne Clutterbuck, Chair
Dr. Kimberly Monday, Vice Chair
Ms. Linda Morales, Secretary
Dr. Arthur Bracey
Dr. Ewan Johnson
Ms. Elena Marks
Mr. Art Morales
Ms. Alicia Reyes

Members Absent:

Mr. Lawrence Finder

Others Present:

Mr. George Masi, President & Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Michael Hill, Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Michael Norby, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Nathan Deal, Executive Vice President & Administrator, Ben Taub Hospital
Ms. Patricia Darnauer, Executive Vice President & Administrator, Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital
Dr. Glorimar Medina-Rivera, Executive Vice President & Administrator, Ambulatory Care Services, and Interim Chief Medical Officer
Ms. Victoria Nikitin, Senior Vice President, Finance
Mr. Omar Reid, Senior Vice President, Human Resources
Ms. Karen Tseng, Senior Vice President, Population Health Transformation
Ms.Carolynn Jones, Senior Vice President, Corporate Compliance
Mr. David Webb, Interim Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer
Dr. Yvonne Chu, General Director, Affiliated Medical Services
Dr. Joseph Garcia-Prats, Chair, Medical Executive Board
Dr. Kenneth Mattox, Chief of Staff, Ben Taub Hospital
Dr. Tien Ko, Chief of Staff, Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital
Dr. Mohammad Zare, Chief of Staff, Ambulatory Care Services
Mr. Christopher Okezie, Vice President, System Operations
Mr. Jeffrey Vinson, Vice President & Chief Information Security Officer
Dr. Jennifer Small, Vice President & Associate Administrator, Ambulatory Care Services
Dr. Elizabeth "Pepe" Greenlee, Associate Administrator of Quality Programs, Accreditation, Infection Prevention, and Risk and Patient Safety
Ms. Nicole Streeter, Vice President, Chief Governance Officer
Ms. Sara Thomas, Attorney, Harris County Attorney's Office
Ms. Errika Perkins, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Harris County Auditor's Office
Mr. DeWight Dopslauf, Purchasing Agent, Harris County Purchasing
Ms. Peggy Boice, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo's Office
Ms. Carole Lamont, Commissioner Steve Radack's Office
Mr. Paul Shanklin, Commissioner Jack Cagle's Office
Ms. Amber Weed, Commissioner Ellis's Office
Mr. Mohammed Jamal, Commissioner Adrian Garcia's Office
Administrative Staff
Guests
(Sign-in Sheets attached to permanent record)

I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance

Ms. Anne Clutterbuck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and noted that a quorum was present. The attendance was recorded.

II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 19.10-99

Moved by Dr. Kimberly Monday, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting.

III. Announcements / Special Presentations

A. Special Recognition – Dr. Nathan Deal, Executive Vice President and Administrator, Ben Taub Hospital, recognized the operations and engineering team at Ben Taub for their efforts in improving energy efficiency throughout the hospital. Dr. Deal reported that Ben Taub Hospital (BTH) has earned its third consecutive Energy Star designation. He mentioned that the certification is the only such designation award to a safety-net hospital in Texas, and one (1) of only eighty-seven (87) hospitals nationwide received this designation in 2018. Dr. Deal stated that BTH has partnered with CenterPoint Energy to assist healthcare providers reduce energy costs through practical technical assistance and cash incentives, while recognizing the importance of continued reliability and maximizing uptime. As a result of the initial efforts, CenterPoint Energy has awarded BTH with its first incentive check in the amount of \$28,052.78 for successfully implementing initiatives across the facility.

B. Board Member Announcements regarding Board member advocacy and community engagement. Ms. Linda Morales recognized Harris Health Board member Ms. Elena Marks for participating in a panel discussion at the Harris County Labor Assembly regarding health and healthcare matters. She also recognized Mr. Jeffrey Baker, Executive Director, HCHD Foundation, for the invitation to attend the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans event. Additionally, Ms. Morales expressed her thanks to the participants and organizers of Harris Health's Pink Out event, which honors hundreds of breast cancer survivors. Ms. Clutterbuck recognized Dr. Sunder at the Harris County Jail for facilitating a tour of their health care facility.

IV. Public Comment

Mr. Carlos Finley, former Harris Health employee, spoke regarding alleged wrongful termination. Mr. Finley stated that he served as an officer and a DPS supervisor at Harris Health for 21 years. He stated that he was a loyal employee and demonstrated an exemplary track record, however; he was wrongly accused of falsifying timesheet records. Mr. Finley requested that the Board review the evidence and reconsider his reinstatement.

Ms. Angela Charles spoke regarding her concern with Harris Health's retiree health insurance benefits. She stated at the benefits meeting held on September 24, 2019 and October 15, 2019 retirees were given the impression that the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) was their only option. She stated that the large amount of information presented left many retirees confused and overwhelmed. Additionally, Ms. Charles stated that she is uncertain how Harris Health's proposed HRA will affect the current retiree medical plan structure and the retirees' Medicare benefits.

V. Consent Agenda Items

A. Recommended Committee Approvals

Motion 19.10-101

Moved by Ms. Elena Marks, seconded by Dr. Arthur Bracey, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items V.A.1.

1. Consideration of Purchasing Recommendations Requiring Board Approval (Items A(1)a. through A(1)nn.) (*See Attached Expenditure Summary: October 31, 2020*)

Motion 19.10-102

Moved by Ms. Linda Morales, seconded by Dr. Kimberly Monday, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item V.A.2.

2. Approval of a Resolution to Establish the Harris Health System Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board Including Formation of a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation and All Necessary State Filings.

Motion 19.10-103

Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Dr. Kimberly Monday, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item V.A.3.

3. Approval to Transfer Funds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,213,287.40 to the Harris County Engineering Department to Provide Architectural, Engineering, and Construction Management, and Other Related Services.

{End of Consent Agenda}

VI. Strategic Discussions

Agenda item VI.A. Taken Out of Order

Motion 19.10-100

Moved by Ms. Linda Morales, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VI.A.

A. Discussion and Recommended Approval Regarding the Harris Health System and MD Anderson Cancer Center Joint Partnership Initiative

Mr. Michael Hill, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, led the discussion regarding the Harris Health System and MD Anderson Cancer Center Joint Partnership Initiative. He delivered an overview of the MD Anderson Oncology Program at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital (LBJ). He reported that the MD Anderson Oncology Program at LBJ Hospital provides oncologic care to the medically underserved patients of Harris County. Currently, the program provides medical, gynecological, urologic, and orthopaedic oncological services. Radiation Oncology services are not available on-site, resulting in a delay of care of 5-7 days on average for new treatments and travel inconveniences for Harris Health patients.

Mr. Hill mentioned that the MD Anderson and Harris Health partnership for a combined cancer care center at LBJ Hospital will foster a therapeutic atmosphere, remove current constraints, provide conveniences to improve patient satisfaction and recovery, and provide the continuum of care that is fragmented in today's configuration. Mr. Masi stated that the MD Anderson Cancer Center Joint Partnership Initiative proposes a first-class, \$37M project, which will include expanded clinic space, a dedicated lobby for patients and their families, a pharmacy, a larger infusion center, and radiation oncology services. Mr. Masi recognized Dr. Lewis Foxhall, VP, Health Policy, Office of Chief Medical Officer at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center; Dr. Alyssa Rieber, Department Chair, Department of General Oncology, Division of Cancer Medicine, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center; and the entire MD Anderson team for their efforts. Dr. Rieber expressed sincere appreciation for Mr. Masi and the Board of Trustees for positioning the needs of our patients first. She stated that this project aims to increase compliance, care delivery, and the ability to bring cutting-edge research to the LBJ campus. Ms. Clutterbuck and the Board of Trustees recognized the MD Anderson team for their collaboration and commitment to fulfilling this initiative.

B. Harris Health System Epic Refuel and Project Implementation Overview

Mr. David Webb, Interim Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer, provided a presentation on the Harris Health System Epic Refuel and Project Implementation Overview. He stated that the purpose of the project is to implement additional Epic best practice enhancements, align closer to the Epic foundation system, and to implement essential Epic clinical & financial programs. Mr. Webb stated that prior to the implementation of Epic Refuel, Harris Health utilized 52% of Epic projects, however; since the implementation and roll out 76% of projects have been completed. He explained that the Foundation system provides up-to-date features and content based on the expertise and experience of the Epic community and the Epic staff. He mentioned that the refuel strategy also includes the adoption of Epic best practice enhancements. Mr. Webb stated that since implementing Refuel, Harris Health has seen a significant increase in best practice enhancements from a total of 373 to 466. He noted that the benefits of the Foundation System include: 1) allows for implementation and standardization of workflow, 2) leverages more of Epic's education materials, and 3) enables the utilization of a more robust set of key performance indicators to help measure patient safety and quality of care over time. Mr. Sam Karim, Vice President, Project Management Office and Division Planning, provided a brief overview of the current Epic Board approved projects which include MyChart, Epic Beaker Lab and Bloodbank System, Epic Infection Control, and Epic Resolute Physician Billing and Analytics. Mr. Webb provided a highlight of Harris Health System future initiatives which include tele-medicine, Patient Experience (MyHealth Patient Portal), Implementation of Epic Dialysis Module, and Population Health. Dr. Monday inquired regarding the timeline and associated cost to successfully implement tele-medicine. Dr. Glorimar Medina-Rivera, Executive Vice President & Administrator, Ambulatory Care Services, and Interim Chief Medical Officer, reported that Harris Health has successfully implemented tele-medicine in their pediatric psychiatry facilities. She stated that the technological infrastructure is currently in place, however; Harris Health needs to build a base of specialists in order to successfully implement telemedicine. Dr. Medina mentioned that Harris Health has six (6) specialists starting at El Franco Lee Health Center who will then identify which patients are applicable for telemedicine. Additionally, she mentioned that BTH's Rheumatology department will be the first to adopt telemedicine services enabling patients to be seen by a specialist. Discussion ensued regarding a successful roll-out of tele-medicine services.

Dr. Monday requested further dialogue with informatics physicians to discuss piloting the tele-medicine program in the Rheumatology department. Ms. Karen Tseng, Senior Vice President, Population Health Transformation, stated that she plans to provide a presentation on data science and tele-health at the next Quality committee meeting on November 14, 2019. Dr. Kenneth Mattox, Chief of Staff, Ben Taub Hospital and Dr. Joseph Garcia-Prats, Chair, Medical Executive Board, recommended dialogue at the next Joint Conference meeting regarding telemedicine, Epic Refuel, and the ability to provide a more robust set of key performance indicators. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.

C. Harris Health System's Compliance Program and Code of Conduct Overview – Part 2 of 3 [Board Compliance Education]

Mr. Anthony Williams, Administrative Director, Deputy Compliance Officer, delivered the presentation regarding 2019 Compliance Education – Why Compliance Programs Are Essential and the Seven Elements of an Effective Compliance Program – Part 2 of 3. He reported that an effective compliance program must include the following seven (7) elements: 1) the implementation of written policies, procedures, and standards of conduct; 2) the designation of a compliance officer and a compliance committee; 3) the provision of effective training and education; 4) the development of effective lines of communication; 5) the implementation of internal monitoring and auditing; 6) the enforcement of standards through well-publicized disciplinary guidelines; and 7) a prompt response to offenses and taking corrective action. He noted that the United States Office of Inspector General added an eighth element, which states that an effective compliance program must be evaluated annually to ensure that all elements of the program are satisfied. Mr. Williams explained that the Code of Conduct provides the principal guidelines to conduct daily business activities ethically and legally. He mentioned that the code of conduct serves as the “Constitution” for our Corporate Compliance program to ensure that Harris Health meets its compliance goals and that these goals are consistent with Harris Health’s mission, vision, and value statements. Mr. Williams stated that there are eight (8) standards of behavior in the code of conduct which include the following: 1) quality of care, 2) compliance with laws and regulations, 3) human resources, 4) billing and coding, 5) Federal and State False Claims Act, 6) protection and use of information, property and assets, 7) conflicts of interest, and 8) health and safety. Ms.Carolynn Jones, Senior Vice President, Corporate Compliance, provided a high-level overview of the following key laws, statutes, and regulations: 1) Federal False Claims Act (FCA), 2) Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act (FPA), 3) Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act (FERA), 4) Stark Law, 5) Anti-Kickback Statute (AKS), 6) Exclusion Statute, 7) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and 8) Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA). A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.

VII. General Action Items

A. Item(s) Related to Joint Conference Committee

Motion 19.10-104

Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.1.

1. Notice of Appointments and Selection of New Service Chiefs.

Dr. Yvonne Chu, General Director, Affiliated Medical Services, the appointment of the

following New Service Chiefs:

- Dr. Karen Eldin, Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, UT Health McGovern Medical School
- Dr. Eric J. Silberfein, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine
- Dr. Chad Wilson, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine

Motion 19.10-105

Moved by Dr. Kimberly Monday, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.2.

2. Acceptance of the Medical Executive Board Report for October 2019.

Dr. Joseph Garcia-Prats, Chair, Medical Executive Board, presented the Medical Executive Board (MEB) Report for October 2019. A copy of the report is available in the permanent record.

Motion 19.10-106

Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson seconded by Ms. Elena Marks, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.3. Dr. Arthur Bracey and Dr. Kimberly Monday recused from agenda item VII.A.(3).

3. Approval Regarding Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff (October 2019) Subject to Review of Files for Discussion.

Dr. Garcia-Prats presented the October 2019 credentialing changes for the members of the Harris Health System medical staff. He reported that there were 33 initial appointments, 98 reappointments, 12 resignations, 8 change/add privileges. He also noted that there were no files for discussion. A copy of the report is available in the permanent record.

B. Item(s) Related to Quality Committee

1. Review and Discussion Regarding Harris Health System Executive Quality Scorecard.

Dr. Glorimar Medina-Rivera, Executive Vice President and Administrator, Ambulatory Care Services, and Interim Chief Medical Officer, led the discussion regarding the Harris Health System Executive Quality Scorecard. Dr. Monday stated that there have been changes in outpatient metrics and that nurses are now allowed to remove catheters for urinary tract infections. Dr. Medina reported that task forces were implemented to decrease hospital-acquired conditions and improve sepsis core measures. She stated that they are working diligently to improve quality indicators regarding nursing communication and discharge communication. A copy of the scorecard is available in the permanent record.

C. Item(s) Related to Budget & Finance Committee

Motion 19.10-107

Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Ms. Linda Morales, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.C.1.

1. Acceptance of the Harris Health System September 2019 Financial Report Subject to Audit.

Mr. Michael Norby, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Harris Health System September 2019 Financial Report subject to audit. He reported that September revenue of \$115.5M was \$5.6M or 4.7% less than budget. He stated that the \$5.8M negative variance in Medicaid supplemental programs is primarily related to \$5.3M unfavorable variance for Uncompensated Care (UC) program based on the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's final calculations in DY8. Mr. Norby mentioned that the adjusted patient days were 12.0% less than budget for the month of September due to internal disaster declaration for Ben Taub and LBJ Hospitals and incremental weather related to Tropical Depression Imelda. He noted that there were no changes to current tax rate, therefore; Harris Health will continue to record as budgeted as it relates to ad valorem tax revenues. Mr. Norby noted that September expenses of \$131.7 million were \$7.6 million or 6.1% more than budget expectations. He stated that FTEs were 0.8% more than budget. Additionally, he reported that physicians and other purchased services were \$7.7M or 21.9% greater than budget with negative variances reported in physician expense, outside medical services and consulting expense as a result of CMS. Ms. Elena Marks stated that our largest source of revenue is our ad valorem taxes. She expressed her concern that the tax rate will continue to remain flat and the uninsured population continues to grow than we will not be able to provide the appropriate care for our patients. Extensive discussion ensued. A copy of the report is available in the permanent record.

Motion 19.10-108

Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Dr. Kimberly Monday, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.C.2.

2. Acceptance of the Harris Health System Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2020 Investment Report.

Mr. Norby presented the Harris Health System Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2020 Investment Report. A copy of the report is available in the permanent record.

Motion 19.10-109

Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Ms. Linda Morales, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.C.3.

3. Approval of the Harris Health System and Community Health Choice, Inc. Administrative Services Agreement.

Mr. Norby presented the Harris Health System and Community Health Choice, Inc. Administrative Services Agreement. He explained that Harris Health provides certain administrative services to Community Health Choice, including Human Resources, purchasing, and other general and administrative services. A copy of the Agreement is available in the permanent record.

4. **PULLED**

Approval to Revise the Harris Health Policy No. 3.03, Signature Authority on Contracts, to Authorize the Harris Health System Chief Executive Officer to Execute Contracts, Renewals, and Amendments in the Amount of \$100,000 or Less.

D. Miscellaneous Items

Motion 19.10-110

Moved by Mr. Art Morales, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.D.1.

1. Acceptance of the Harris Health System Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report.

Mr. Bryan McLeod, Director, Communications and Mr. John Martinez, Senior Public Relations Specialist, presented the Harris Health System Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report. Mr. McLeod stated that this year's report is an online and interactive version. The annual report highlights the efforts underway with the Population Health pavilion focusing specifically on our community partnerships and addressing the top social factors for our patient population. To access the full online version, please visit 2019.harrishealthannualreport.org.

Motion 19.10-111

Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Dr. Arthur Bracey, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.D.2. Ms. Linda Morales recused from agenda item VII.D.2.

2. Approval of a Grant Agreement in the Amount of \$80,000 From Susan G. Komen Houston and the Harris County Hospital District Foundation Awarded to Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System for a Patient Navigator.

Motion 19.10-112

Moved by Dr. Kimberly Monday seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.D.3.

3. Approval to Ratify a Grant Agreement in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,500,000 Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Family Planning Program for the Term September 1, 2019 Through August 31, 2020.

Dr. Medina presented the ratification of a grant Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Family Planning Program.

Motion 19.10-113

Moved by Dr. Kimberly Monday, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.D.4.

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Creation of the Ad Hoc Nursing Recruitment and Retention Committee and Appointment of Committee Members.

Ms. Clutterbuck announced the following recommended committee members:

Chair: Ms. Linda Morales, Board Secretary

Members: Dr. Arthur Bracey, Board Member
Ms. Anne Clutterbuck, Board Chair, ex-officio
Dr. Ewan Johnson, Board Member
Ms. Alicia Reyes, Board Member
Ms. Maureen Padilla, Non-Board Member
Mr. Omar Reid, Non-Board Member

VIII. Item(s) Related to the Health Care for the Homeless Program

Motion 19.10-114

Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.A.

- A. Approval of the Following Reports for the Health Care for the Homeless Program as Required by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Which Provides Funding to the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System to Provide Health Services to Persons Experiencing Homelessness Under Section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act Health Care for the Homeless Program.

1. Operational Update
2. 2nd Quarter Consumer Advisory Council Report
3. Program Director's Performance Appraisal

Dr. Medina presented the Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCHP) operational update, the 2nd Quarter Consumer Advisory Council Report, and the program director's performance appraisal.

IX. Executive Session

At 11:00 a.m., Ms. Clutterbuck stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session under Texas Health & Safety Code §161.032, Texas Occupations Code Ann. §160.007, Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.085, Texas Gov't Code Ann. §418.183, Texas Occupations Code Ann. §151.002, and Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.089.

X. Reconvene

At 3:25 p.m., Ms. Clutterbuck reconvened the meeting and stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

- A. Discussion Regarding Financial Planning Information Related to the Negotiation Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and Baylor College of Medicine and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for the Arrangement or Provision of Medical Services, Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.085, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session.

No action was taken.

- B. Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding Qui Tam Matters Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding These Matters Upon Return to Open Session.

No action was taken.

- C. Discussion Regarding Strategies to Improve and Maximize Financial Performance and Budget Projections Under Provider Agreements, Network Relationships, Network Expansions, and Other Strategic Means for Community Health Choice, Inc., Including the Transfer in the Amount of \$60 Million from Harris Health System to Community Health Choice, Inc., Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.085.

No action was taken.

- D. Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding Epic Electronic Medical Records System Implementation at the Harris County Jail and at The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session.

No action was taken.

- E. Report by the Interim Chief Medical Officer Regarding Quality of Medical and Health Care, Pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Texas Occupations Code Ann. §160.007, and Texas Occupations Code Ann. §151.002 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report in Connection with the Evaluation of the Quality of Medical and Health Care Services, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session.

No action was taken.

- F. Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding Settlement of Compensation Claims, Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding These Matters Upon Return to Open Session.

Motion 19.10-115

Moved by Ms. Elena Marks, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item IX.F.

Harris Health, by and through its Board of Trustees, approves and hereby authorizes settlement of compensation claims in an amount not to exceed \$7,312.13. George Masi, President/CEO of Harris Health, is authorized to execute any agreement, release, or any other necessary documents to effect this settlement.

- G. Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding a Year-End Review of Legal Services Provided By the Harris County Attorney's Office, Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.071.

No action was taken.

- H. Report by the Senior Vice President of Corporate Compliance Regarding Compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA and Other Federal and State Health Care Program Requirements and a Status of Fraud and Abuse Investigations, Pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code §161.032, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session.

No action was taken.

- I. Report by the Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer Regarding Overview and Updates to the Information Security Program, Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Ann. §418.183, Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.089, and Texas Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session.

No action was taken.

- J. Discussion with Alvarez & Marsal Healthcare Industry Group LLC Regarding Compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA, and Other Federal and State Health Care Program Requirements and a Status of Fraud and Abuse Investigations, Pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code §161.032, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session.

No action was taken.

XI. Adjournment

Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System held at the Administration Building in Houston, Texas on October 31, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Clutterbuck, Chair

Board of Trustees



Linda Morales, Secretary
Board of Trustees