

MINUTES OF THE HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Board Meeting
Thursday, September 28, 2023
9:00 am

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION
I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance	<p>The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ewan D. Johnson, MD, PhD, Chair. It was noted that a quorum was present and the attendance was recorded. Dr. Johnson stated while some of Board members are in the room with us today, others will participate by videoconference as permissible by state law and the Harris Health Videoconferencing Policy. The meeting may be viewed online: http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live.</p>	<p>A copy of the attendance is appended to the archived minutes.</p>
II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting – August 24, 2023 	<p>Motion No. 23.09-138 Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve the minutes of the August 24, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.</p>
III. Announcements/ Special Presentations	<p>A. CEO Report Including Special Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget and Tax Rate Approval by Commissioners Court • Ben Taub Emergency Room Renovations • Ben Taub and LBJ Patient Satisfaction <p>Dr. Esmail Porsa, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), delivered the CEO Report including special announcements. He stated that earlier this year, Harris County Commissioners Court approved Harris Health’s FY24 Tax Rate of 0.14343 with estimated total tax revenue of \$888 million. This would give Harris Health a projected 2.3% margin in its tax rate. Dr. Porsa was pleased to announce that Ben Taub Hospital (BTH) ranked #1 out of 44 safety net hospitals in the NRC Patient Satisfaction Survey for second quarter of 2023. Dr. Porsa also noted that Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital (LBJ) ranked sixth (6th) overall in the survey. He stated that Harris Health celebrated the completion of renovations of the Ben Taub Emergency Department within the Ginni and Richard Mithoff Trauma Center. Several Commissioners, their staff, members of the Harris County Hospital District Foundation and the media were in attendance. Dr. Ewan D. Johnson, Dr. Andrea Caracostis and Ms. Sima Ladjevardian represented the Harris Health System Board of Trustees. Dr. Porsa announced that Harris Health’s Strategic Fund was awarded a \$10 million grant from the John M. O’Quinn Foundation. The grant is contingent on the passing of Harris Health’s November 7, 2023 Bond Proposal. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	

	<p>B. Board Member Announcements Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements</p> <p>Ms. Ladjevardian requested a discussion at the next Board meeting regarding the Board resolution in support of Harris Health’s sustainability efforts.</p>	<p>As Presented.</p>
<p>IV. Public Comment</p>	<p>Ms. Cynthia Cole, Executive Director, Local #1550 – AFSCME, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, addressed the Board regarding employee matters related to Harris Health policies and procedures.</p> <p>The following individuals addressed the Board in support of the Harris Health Bond Construction Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lacy Wolf, President & Business Manager, Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation • Mr. Martin Trevino, Owner, All Team Services, LLC. • Mr. James F. Carnes, Representative, United States Department of Labor • Mr. Matt Rawls, Representative, Roofers Local 123 & Texas Union Roofers • Ms. Dakota Rayburn, Apprentice, Houston Area Plumbing Joint Apprenticeship Committee • Mr. Anthony Woodard, Journeyman Plumber, Houston Area Plumbing Joint Apprenticeship Committee • Mr. David Rocha, Owner and Licensed Master Electrician, Rocha Electrical Services • Ms. Linda Morales, Former Harris Health System Board of Trustees Member, and Coordinator, Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation 	<p>As Presented.</p>
<p>V. Executive Session</p>	<p>At 9:35 a.m., Dr. Johnson stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session for Items ‘A through C’ as permitted by law under Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Ann. §151.002, and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007.</p>	
	<p>A. Report Regarding Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report, Including Report of the Medical Executive Board in Connection with the Evaluation of the Quality of Medical and Healthcare Services, Including the Harris Health System Quality, Safety Performance Measures and Zero Harm, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session.</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>
	<p>B. Medical Executive Board Report and Credentialing Discussion, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report, Including Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff.</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>

	<p>C. Report Regarding Harris Health System Correctional Health Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Including Credentialing Discussion and Operational Updates, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 and Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report with Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session.</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>
<p>VI. Reconvene to Open Meeting</p>	<p>At 9:49 a.m., Dr. Johnson reconvened the meeting in open session; he noted that a quorum was present and that no action was taken in Executive Session.</p>	
<p>VII. General Action Item(s)</p>	<p>A. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Medical Staff and Nursing Staff</p>	
	<p>1. Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff</p> <p>Dr. Martha Mims, Chair, Medical Executive Board, presented the credentialing changes for members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff. For September 2023, there were fifty-two (52) initial appointments, 104 reappointments, seven (7) change/add privileges, six (6) resignations, and thirty-three (33) temporary privileges. A copy of the credentialing report is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p>Motion No. 23.09-139 Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Mr. Jim Robinson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.1. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>2. Review and Discussion Regarding the Harris Health System Staffing Advisory Committee’s Semi-Annual Evaluation of the Nurse Staffing Plan and Aggregate Staffing Variance [Accountability]</p> <p>Dr. Jackie Brock, Executive Vice President & Chief Nursing Executive, led the discussion regarding the Harris Health System Staffing Advisory Committee’s Semi-Annual Evaluation of the Nurse Staffing Plan and Aggregate Staffing Variance. The Texas Health and Safety Code requires hospitals to create staffing advisory committees in facilities where 60% of the registered nurses (RNs) spend at least 50% of their time conducting direct patient care. There is one (1) staffing advisory committee per hospital. Each committee meets to discuss challenges related to staffing and makes recommendations to leadership regarding staffing changes. The staffing plan is reviewed by the Board twice each year. Dr. Derek Curtis, Chief Nursing Officer, LBJ, reported that the hospital’s staffing committee consists of seventeen (17) nurse clinicians and received a response rate of 94%. He stated that 91% of those respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the staffing plan and 9% disagreed. The committee conducted a correlation analysis between patient falls and hours per patient day, in which no trends were identified. Dr. Sibil George, Director, Nursing Strategic Initiatives, reported that the BTH staffing committee consists of sixteen (16) nurse clinicians and received a response rate of 100%. She stated that 85% of those respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the staffing plan and 15% disagreed. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p>As Presented.</p>
	<p>B. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Correctional Health Medical Staff</p>	

	<p>1. Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Correctional Health Medical Staff</p> <p>Dr. Otis Ekins, Chief Medical Officer, Harris Health Correctional Health, presented the credentialing changes for members of the Harris Health System Correctional Health Medical Staff. For September 2023, there were four (4) initial appointments. A copy of the Correctional Health credentialing report is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09-140</u> Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Ms. Carol Paret, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.B.1. Motion carried.</p>
<p>VIII. New Items for Board Consideration</p>	<p>A. Approval of Appointment of Ms. Sima Ladjevardian to the Joint Conference and Quality Committees of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees for the Remainder of Calendar Year 2023</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09-141</u> Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.A. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>B. Approval of Appointment of Ms. Carol Paret to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees for the Remainder of Calendar Year 2023</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09-142</u> Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.B. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>C. Approval of Skilled Trade Protections for Bond-Funded Construction Contracts Policy</p> <p>Mr. Louis Smith, Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, provided a brief overview regarding the draft Harris Health Policy related to Skilled Trade Protections for Bond-Funded Construction Contracts. A copy of the Skilled Trade Protections for Bond-Funded Construction Contracts Policy is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09-143</u> Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.C. Motion carried.</p>

	<p>D. Approval of a Community Benefits Agreement between Harris Health System and Community Organizations</p> <p>Dr. Porsa presented to the Board for approval the Community Benefits Agreement. The Agreement with community and faith-based organizations in Harris County demonstrates Harris Health System’s commitment to the communities that it serves and focuses on three key areas: 1) Harris Health will establish The Center for Elimination of Healthcare Disparities (“The Center”) on the LBJ Campus. The Center will be part of Harris Health System’s Population Health Division lead by the Chief Health Officer. Creation of The Center aligns with Harris Health’s commitment to providing quality healthcare and innovative solutions to eliminate healthcare disparities, considering the health issues most prevalent in underserved communities; 2) Harris Health emboldens its commitment to Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) participation through its M/WBE Program by outreach to M/WBEs and by providing periodic reports to the community related to M/WBE participation and internal accountability frameworks; and 3) Harris Health will expand its targeted outreach and internships to underserved communities as another way of creating a pipeline to health professions and other related employment opportunities at Harris Health and elsewhere. A copy of the Community Benefits Agreement is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09-144</u> Moved by Ms. Marcia Johnson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.D. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>E. Presentation of the Harris County Hospital District Pension Plan’s Actuarial Audit for the Actuarial Valuation as of January 1, 2023, and Consideration of Acceptance of the Actuarial Audit Report</p> <p>Mr. James Tumlinson, Jr., Principal and Consulting Actuary, Milliman, delivered a presentation of the Harris County Hospital District Pension Plan’s Actuarial Audit for the Actuarial Valuation as of January 1, 2023. He provided an overview of the 2023 Actuarial Audit scope, audit details and proposed recommendations and considerations. A copy of the Actuarial Audit Report is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09-145</u> Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.E. Motion carried.</p>
<p>IX. Strategic Discussion</p>	<p>A. Presentation and Discussion Regarding 2022 Board Self-Assessment Results</p> <p>Ms. Elisabeth Hurst, Member Success Manager, The Governance Institute, delivered a presentation regarding the 2022 Board Self-Assessment Results. She provided an overview of the Board’s fiduciary duties and responsibilities. She reported there was a response rate of 100%, with 8 out of 8 respondents participating in the survey. The Board received an overall effectiveness rating of 5.5 compared to the national average of 8.3; the Board had an engagement experience rating of 6.8 and an influence rating of 6.8. These ratings were based upon a 0-10 ratings scale and were aimed at helping the Board identify areas of improvement. Ms. Hurst outlined both the highest and lowest performing assessment items. She shared Board responses to open-ended questions, open-ended themes and recommended educational topics for the Board to consider. Ms. Hurst highlighted suggestions and next steps in the governance planning process and provided the Board with available resources to help achieve its planning and governance goals. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p>As Presented.</p>

B. September Board Committee Meeting Reports:

Governance Committee

Dr. Andrea Caracostis shared that the Governance Committee met on September 12, 2023, and the following topics were covered:

- Ms. Sara Thomas, Chief Legal Officer, delivered an overview regarding the revisions to Board’s Standard Operating Procedures.
- Dr. Cody M. Pyke led the discussion regarding Committee vacancies.
- Ms. Olga Rodriguez, Vice President, Corporate Communications & Board Services, delivered a presentation regarding the Governance Committee accomplishments.

Quality Committee

Dr. Caracostis noted that the following topics were covered in open session at the Quality Committee meeting on August 8, 2023:

- The monthly High Reliability Organization (HRO) Video “Sharing Near Misses – Unsafe Conditions” was displayed.
- Harris Health continues its charge to create a Just and Accountable Culture that represents its responsibilities to patients and employees. The key components of a High Reliability Organization are to create and maintain a safety focused culture and dedication to continuous learning and improvement.
- The Cardiology Service Line will be working on separating the LBJ Chest Pain measures into different patient types to improve the understanding around patient movement (door in door out, and door to door to balloon). Work continues on the development of systemwide pathway for managing heart failure patients in the outpatient setting and high-risk lipid patients.
- Population Health’s Hypertension Remote Monitoring Program demonstrates ongoing work to promote health equity and reduce disparities in outcomes related to blood pressure. HealthyConnect remote patient monitoring provides patient education, blood pressure devices and real-time alert management with provider management.
- The Harris Health System Quality Manual is reviewed annually to make updates that align with quality assessment requirements of CMS Conditions of Participation and Harris Health System changes related to the strategic goals and operational initiatives.

Compliance & Audit Committee

Ms. Jennifer Tijerina stated that the Compliance & Audit Committee met on September 14, 2023, and the following items were presented by the Chief Assistant County Auditor to the Committee for information only:

- Three (3) FY 2023 audits were completed since the last CAC meeting: UT Provider Invoicing Audit; Follow-up: Guidehouse Grant Accounting Process Assessment; and Physician Preference Cards

	<p>Consulting Engagement. Six (6) audits are in progress: Baylor Provider Invoicing; Follow-up on Correctional Health Pharmacy, Nursing and Infection Prevention; PeopleSoft Change Management; Cybersecurity Training Compliance; Medical Device Security Audit; and Non-Formulary Drug Process Review. Two (2) audits are upcoming: M/WBE Program and Policy Audit and HIPAA Privacy Controls Audit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the time the update was prepared, there were 10 outstanding management action plans (MAPs) from four (4) prior audits: Procurement Audit; Vendor Payment Timeliness; Telemedicine Audit; and Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery. The two (2) MAPs from the Telemedicine Audit were past-due, high-priority. • Knowledge Sharing: Annual Risk Assessment and Emphasizing the Importance of Cybersecurity in Healthcare <p><u>Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee</u></p> <p>Ms. Marcia Johnson stated that the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee met on September 22, 2023, and the following items were presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Derek Holmes, Administrative Director, Contracting Diversity, delivered an update regarding Harris Health’s Minority/Woman-owned Business Enterprises. • Dr. Jobi Martinez, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, delivered an update regarding Harris Health’s Employee Engagement. • Dr. Chethan Bachireddy, Senior Vice President, Chief Health Officer, delivered a presentation regarding Health Disparities. 	
<p>X. Consent Agenda Items</p>	<p>A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations</p>	
	<p>1. Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A75)</p> <p>Mr. Jack Adger, Assistant Purchasing Agent, Harris County Purchasing Office, noted the following revisions to the purchasing recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A25 - Carco Group, Inc. dba PreCheck, Inc. has \$8,000,000 and it should be \$800,000. • A75 - Geisinger Pharmacy Services dba ISS Solutions, Inc. has \$0 and it should be \$648,120. <p>Copies of the purchasing recommendations are available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09 -146</u></p> <p>Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.A.1., with noted corrections. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>B. Consent Committee Recommendations</p>	

	<p>1. Recommendation for Approval of Revisions to the Harris Health System 2023 Quality Manual</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09 -147</u> Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B. through X.D. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>C. Consent Grant Recommendations</p>	
	<p>1. Approval of Grant Recommendations (Items C1 through C5)</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09 -147</u> Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B. through X.D. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>D. New Consent Items for Board Approval</p>	
	<p>1. Acceptance of the Harris Health System August 2023 Financial Report Subject to Audit</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09 -147</u> Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B. through X.D. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>2. Approval of a New Interlocal Agreement between the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and Harris County Public Health (HCPH) for the Exchange of Data for the Accessing Coordinated Care and Empowering Self Sufficiency (ACCESS) Harris Program</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09 -147</u> Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B. through X.D. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>3. Approval of a New Interlocal Agreement between the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and Harris County Public Health (HCPH) for the Exchange of Data for the Accessing Coordinated Care and Empowering Self Sufficiency (ACCESS) Harris Program</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09 -147</u> Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B. through X.D.</p>

		Motion carried.
	4. Approval to Enter into a Third Amendment of a Dental Services Agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) Covering the Fourth Contract Year (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)	Motion No. 23.09 -147 Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B. through X.D. Motion carried.
	5. Approval of an Updated Mission Statement of Community Health Choice, Inc. (CHCI) and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. (CHCT)	Motion No. 23.09 -147 Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B. through X.D. Motion carried.
	E. Consent Reports and Updates to the Board	
	1. Report Regarding the Annual Interest Rate Management Agreement Disclosure	For Informational Purposes Only
	2. Updates Regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health System	For Informational Purposes Only
	3. Harris Health System Council-At-Large July Meeting Minutes <i>{End of Consent Agenda}</i>	For Informational Purposes Only
XI. Item(s) Related to Health Care for the Homeless Program	<p>A. Review and Acceptance of the Following Report(s) for the Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCHP) 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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCHP September 2023 Operational Update <p>Dr. Jennifer Small, Executive Vice President, Ambulatory Care Services, delivered a presentation regarding the Health Care for the Homeless Program September 2023 Operational Update including Patient Services, H80 Carryover Budget, H80 2024 Budget, Primary Care HIV Prevention Grant Patient Satisfaction Report, and Quality Management Report. Dr. Small reported that there were no new telehealth patients, thirty (30) returning telehealth patients, 480 new adult patients, and sixteen (16) new pediatric patients associated with the Program. HCHP is expected to see approximately 9,775</p>	<p>Motion No. 23.09 -148</p> <p>Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.A. Motion carried.</p>

	<p>patients per year as required by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), of which HCHP has served 5,153 unduplicated patients thus far. Dr. Small reported that the Program has seen an increase in the monthly number of unduplicated patients as well as an increase in number of patient visits associated with the Program. In addition, Dr. Small mentioned that the Program has onboarded a new dentist and nurse practitioner.</p> <p>Dr. Nelson Gonzalez, Grants Project Manager, HCHP, presented the HCHP H80 2023 Carryover Request, noting that these are unobligated funds remaining at the end of a 12-month budget period that may be carried forward to the next budget period to cover allowable costs within that budget period. For the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, the total carryover amount is \$892,881. Dr. Gonzalez reported on the H80 2024 Budget for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 is \$6,277,089. He presented the HCHP Primary Care HIV Presentation Grant of \$57,114 for September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. Dr. Gonzalez presented the HCHP Patient Satisfaction Report, stating that the Program metrics has trended upward from the previous year.</p> <p>Dr. LaResa Ridge, Medical Director, HCHP, delivered the 2023 Quality Management Report. She reported that eight (8) out of the fourteen (14) quality measures were met or exceeded in regard to HCHP goals and those benchmarks set forth by HRSA. These include accessing and managing hypertension and obesity, screening and referring for depression and testing for HIV. Dr. Ridge stated that HCHP fell below its internal goals on two (2) quality measures for cervical and colorectal cancer screening. She stated that HCHP has implemented several initiatives to assist with improving on the remaining standards and goals. Dr. Caracostis recommended adding the cost per patient and cost per visit to the financial report. Ms. Ladjevardian inquired regarding the reason(s) for no new patients as it relates to telehealth visits. Due to connectivity issues, this information will be shared with Ms. Ladjevardian at the close of the meeting. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	
	<p>B. Approval of the HCHP H80 2023 Carryover Request from 2022 Funds for Use in July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09 --149</u> Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.B. Motion carried.</p>

	<p>C. Approval of the HCHP H80 2023 Budget</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09 -150</u> Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.C. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>D. Approval of the HCHP Primary Care HIV Prevention Grant</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09 -151</u> Moved by Ms. Marcia Johnson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.D. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>E. Approval of the HCHP Patient Satisfaction Report</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09 -152</u> Moved by Ms. Marcia Johnson, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.E. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>F. Approval of the HCHP September 2023 Quality Management Report</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.08 -153</u> Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.F. Motion carried.</p>
<p>XII. Executive Session</p>	<p>At 11:06 a.m., Dr. Johnson stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session for Items XII 'D through H' as permitted by law under Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §418.183, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.089, Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code. Ann. §160.007 and Tex. Occ. Ann. §151.002.</p>	

	<p>D. Review of the Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. and Community Health Choice, Inc. STAR+Plus Program and the 2023 Financial Performance for the Seven Months Ending July 31, 2023, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085.</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>
	<p>E. Consultation with Attorney, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071 Regarding Contract Termination.</p>	<p>No Action Taken.</p>
	<p>F. Consultation with Attorney, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071 and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session for Approval of a Settlement with Amerigroup Texas, Inc. d/b/a Amerigroup Community Care for Payment of Medicaid Claims Owed to Harris Health System.</p> <p><i>Harris Health, by and through its Board of Trustees, hereby authorizes settlement for the reimbursement of claims to Harris Health System from Amerigroup Texas, Inc. d/b/a Amerigroup Community Care in the amount of \$3.2 Million payable to Harris Health System for Medicaid claims. President/CEO of Harris Health or his designee is authorized to execute any agreement, release, or any other necessary documents to effect this settlement.</i></p>	<p><u>Motion No. 23.09-154</u> Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.F. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>G. Report by the Executive Vice President, Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, Regarding Compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA and Other Federal and State Healthcare Program Requirements and a Status of Fraud and Abuse Investigations, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Gov't Code §418.183, Tex. Gov't Code §551.089, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002, and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session.</p>	
	<p>H. Discussion and Consultation with Attorney Regarding the Evaluation of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071 and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074.</p>	
XIII. Reconvene	<p>At 12:22 p.m., Dr. Johnson reconvened the meeting in open session; he noted that a quorum was present and that no action was taken in Executive Session. The Board then took action on Item "F" of the Executive Session agenda.</p>	
XIV. Adjournment	<p>Moved by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.</p>	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees Meeting held on September 28, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ewan D. Johnson, MD, PhD, Chair



Andrea Caracostis, MD, MPH, Secretary

Minutes transcribed by Cherry A. Pierson, MBA