

MINUTES OF THE HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Health Care for the Homeless Program Board Meeting
July 30, 2020
8:00 am

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
CALL TO ORDER & RECORD OF ATTENDANCE	<p>The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m. by Kimberly Monday, MD, Chair. It was noted there was a quorum present and the attendance was recorded. Dr. Monday stated that this meeting is being conducted by videoconference. Per temporary meeting suspension rules issues by Governor Greg Abbott due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 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>
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Ms. Cynthia Cole, Executive Director, Local #1550 – AFSCME, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, addressed the Board regarding the following: 1) concerns that front-line staff are not receiving equivalent pay increases as upper management, 2) Covid-19 positive employees feel pressured to return to work after ten (10) days although they are still not well, 3) Harris Health grievance process and the appropriate representation, and 4) Policy changes that are being made without Board review and approval. Ms. Cole urged the Board investigate her concerns and she stated that she would provide additional documentation to the Board.</p>	<p>As reported.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>III. Approval of the Health Care for the Homeless Program Consumer Advisory Council Report from March 2020 to May 2020 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.</p> <p>Dr. Jennifer Small, Vice President & Associate Administrator, Ambulatory Care Services, presented the Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCHP) Consumer Advisory Council Report. She reported a total of 1259 unduplicated patients with a visit count of 1863 for the month of June 2020. Dr. Small stated that the mobile dental unit services are still suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, Dr. Small mentioned that all consumer advisory council meetings were held via WebEx and teleconference. She noted that council members received updates on operational changes at Harris Health and the Health Care for the Homeless Program such as reduced in-person clinic visits and the increase in tele-health services. Ms. Tracey Burdine, Director, HCHP, stated that the council received updates on Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grants for COVID-19, to include testing use of funds for expansion of tele-health services, for renovations at one (1) shelter-based clinic site, and for test kits and personal protective equipment. Extensive discussion ensued regarding COVID-19 testing and initiatives as it relates to the homeless population. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p>Motion No. 20.07-101</p> <p>Moved by Ms. Linda Morales, seconded by Dr. Arthur Bracey and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item III. Motion carried.</p>

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ADJOURNMENT	There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees Meeting held virtually via WebEx on July 30, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly Monday, M.D., Chair



Elena Marks, Secretary

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