

**MINUTES OF THE HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Board Meeting  
Thursday, July 27, 2023  
8:00 am**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION
<p><b>I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance</b></p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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: <a href="http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live">http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live</a>.</p>	<p><b>A copy of the attendance is appended to the archived minutes.</b></p>
<p><b>II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Meeting – June 22, 2023</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-102</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>III. Announcements/ Special Presentations</b></p>	<p><b>A. CEO Report Including Special Announcements</b></p> <p>Dr. Esmaeil Porsa, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), delivered the CEO Report including special announcements. He presented an overview of Harris Health’s Minority Woman-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) contract awards by ethnicity and gender. He spotlighted Harris Health’s Nurse Externs Transition (NEXT) Program and partnership with the University of St. Thomas for an accelerated 1-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. Dr. Porsa concluded by presenting Harris Health patient comments related to satisfaction with Harris Health staff and health care services.</p>	<p><b>As Presented.</b></p>
	<p><b>B. Board Member Announcements Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements.</b></p> <p>Ms. Marcia Johnson stated that on July 7, 2023, she accompanied members of Harris Health’s Executive Leadership and staff on its First Friday Tour. The Tour included visits to Harris Health’s Pediatric &amp; Adolescent Health Center – C.E. Odom and Sunset Heights Clinic. The next First Friday Tour is scheduled for August 4, 2023, and will spotlight Harris Health’s Aldine Health Center and Squatty Lyons Health Center.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson introduced himself as the new Board Chair of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees. Additionally, Dr. Johnson led the discussion regarding possible expansion of Harris Health services and programs.</p>	<p><b>As Presented.</b></p>

	<p>Dr. Johnson stated that Harris Health System Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome its newest Trustee, Dr. Cody Miller Pyke. In a unanimous vote, Harris County Commissioners Court made history as it approved Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones’ nominee, Dr. Cody Pyke, to the Harris Health System Board of Trustees. Dr. Pyke, is the first openly transgender and non-binary individual to serve on the Harris Health System Board. Dr. Pyke is a medical doctor, attorney, bioethicist and adjunct professor at the University of Houston College of Medicine, who brings a wealth of experience from multiple disciplines. Dr. Pyke completed her undergraduate at Trinity University, her medical doctorate at Baylor College of Medicine, her Juris Doctorate and Master of Laws in Health Law at University of Houston Law Center, and her Master of Sciences in Bioethics Policy at Clarkson University.</p>	
<p><b>IV. Public Comment</b></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 employee wages, a culture of promoting from within, consideration of less meetings and more productivity and turnover rates.</p>	
<p><b>V. Executive Session</b></p>	<p>At 8:25 a.m., Dr. Johnson stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session for Items ‘A through C’ as permitted by law under Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007 and Tex. Occ. Ann. §151.002.</p>	
	<p><b>A.</b> Report Regarding Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Pursuant to Tex. Health &amp; 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><b>No Action Taken.</b></p>
	<p><b>B.</b> Medical Executive Board Report and Credentialing Discussion, Pursuant to Tex. Health &amp; 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><b>No Action Taken.</b></p>
	<p><b>C.</b> Report Regarding Harris Health System Correctional Health Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Including Credentialing Discussion and Operational Updates, Pursuant to Tex. Health &amp; 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><b>Deferred.</b></p>
<p><b>VI. Reconvene to Open Meeting</b></p>	<p>At 8:36 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>	

VII. General Item(s)	Action	
	<p><b>A. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Medical Staff</b></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 July 2023, there were thirty-nine (39) initial appointments, two (2) resignations and fifteen (15) temporary privileges. A copy of the credentialing report is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-103</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Mr. Jim Robinson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.1. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p><b>B. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Correctional Health Medical Staff</b></p>	
	<p>1. Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Correctional Health Medical Staff</p> <p>Dr. Otis Eging, Chief Medical Officer, Harris Health Correctional Health, presented the credentialing changes for members of the Harris Health System Correctional Health Medical Staff. For July 2023, there were five (5) initial appointments and ten (10) temporary privileges. A copy of the Correctional Health credentialing changes is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-104</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.B.1. Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>VIII. New Items for Board Consideration</b></p>	<p><b>A. Discussion and Appropriate Action Calling an Interim Officer Election for the Current Term (2023) Resulting from the Vacancy in the Office of Board Vice Chair and any other Resulting Vacancies Required by Article V, Section 2 of the Harris Health Board of Trustees Bylaws</b></p> <p>Per the Harris Health Board of Trustees Bylaws, when there is a vacancy in the Board Chair position, the Vice Chair shall automatically assume the duties of the Board Chair. Dr. Johnson stated now that he has assumed the Board Chair position, this leaves a vacancy in the Vice Chair position for the remainder of calendar year 2023. He noted that another election will be held for the positions of the 2024 Board Officers prior to the new calendar year.</p> <p>The following Board Members were nominated for the Vice Chair vacancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Barbie Robinson</li> <li>• Dr. Andrea Caracostis</li> <li>• Ms. Jennifer Tijerina</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Tijerina withdrew her name from consideration. Director Robinson and Dr. Caracostis offered statements regarding their experiences and interests in the Vice Chair position. Dr. Johnson explained the election process and conducted the election for the Vice Chair vacancy. The votes were cast as follows:</p>	<p><b>Vacancy Election for Board Vice Chair was held</b></p>

	<p>All those in favor of nominating Dr. Caracostis to the Board office of Vice Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Cody M. Pyke - yes</li> <li>• Mr. Jim Robinson - yes</li> <li>• Ms. Alicia Reyes - no</li> <li>• Dr. Andrea Caracostis - yes</li> <li>• Ms. Marcia Johnson - no</li> <li>• Ms. Jennifer Tijerina – no</li> <li>• Ms. Carol Paret – yes</li> <li>• Director Barbie Robinson – no</li> <li>• Dr. Ewan D. Johnson - no</li> </ul> <p>All those in favor of nominating Director Robinson to the Board office of Vice Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Cody M. Pyke - no</li> <li>• Mr. Jim Robinson - no</li> <li>• Ms. Alicia Reyes - yes</li> <li>• Dr. Andrea Caracostis - no</li> <li>• Ms. Marcia Johnson - yes</li> <li>• Ms. Jennifer Tijerina – yes</li> <li>• Ms. Carol Paret – no</li> <li>• Director Barbie Robinson – yes</li> <li>• Dr. Ewan D. Johnson - yes</li> </ul> <p>The final election results were announced as follows: <u>4</u> votes in favor of electing Dr. Andrea Caracostis and 5 votes in favor of electing Director Barbie Robinson to the Office of Vice Chair. Director Robinson received a majority of the votes cast by Board Members present and voting and was declared the new Vice Chair of the Harris Health Board of Trustees for the remainder of the 2023 Calendar Year.</p>	
	<p><b>B.</b> Approval of Appointment of Ms. Marcia Johnson as Chair to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>Motion No. 23.07-105</b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Mr. Jim Robinson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.B. Motion carried.</b></p>

	<p>C. Approval of Appointment of Ms. Marcia Johnson to the Community Health Choice, Inc. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc., collectively “Community”, Board of Directors</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-106</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.C. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>D. Approval of Appointment of Dr. Cody M. Pyke to the Quality, Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and Governance Committees of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-107</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.D. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>E. Approval of Appointment of Mr. Jim Robinson to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-108</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Ms. Marcia Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.E. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>F. Approval of Joint Election Services Agreement for the November 7, 2023 Bond Election, in Accordance with Applicable Laws, Including Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Chapter 281 and Tex. Gov’t Code Chapter 1251</p> <p>Ms. Elizabeth Hanshaw Winn, Assistant County Attorney, Harris County Attorney’s Office, delivered an overview of the Joint Election Services Agreement for the November 7, 2023 Bond Election. She stated that per the election agreement, Harris Health’s total share of costs will not exceed a maximum amount of \$9M. Harris Health’s pro-rated share of the election costs is determined by the number of registered voters in Harris County and the number of participating entities which have candidates and/or propositions on the ballot. Ms. Winn shared that per the election agreement, on or before September 15, 2023, Harris County will deliver to Harris Health (1) an itemized list of estimated election expenses that the County will incur in connection with the November 7, 2023 Election and (2) an estimate of Harris Health’s share of such costs. Additionally, per the election agreement, Harris County must furnish a final accounting of the November 7, 2023 Election expenses actually incurred within ninety (90) days after the November 7, 2023 Election, and Harris Health would be required to pay Harris County’s invoice for the balance of its November 7, 2023 Election expenses within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-109</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.F. Motion carried.</b></p>

	<p>Discussions ensued related to proposed costs and the number of participating entities. Ms. Paige Abernathy, Assistant County Attorney, Harris County Attorney’s Office, stated that Harris Health will pay 60% of its estimated costs, as provided by the County within ten days of receipt of the estimate, but no earlier than September 1, 2023.</p>	
	<p><b>G. Approval of Reimbursement Resolution Related to Possible Reimbursement of Certain Expenditures from Future Bond Issuances</b></p> <p>Ms. Abernathy led the discussion regarding the reimbursement resolution related to possible reimbursement of certain expenditures from future bond issuances. She noted that the fully executed reimbursement resolution will be brought to the Board for approval in August. A copy of the reimbursement resolution is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>No Action Taken.</u></b></p>
	<p><b>H. Presentation of the Harris County Hospital District 401(k) and Pension Plan Independent Auditor’s Reports and Overview for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022</b></p> <p>Mr. Ryan Singleton, Partner, FORVIS, delivered a presentation of the Harris County Hospital District 401(k) and Pension Plan Independent Auditor’s Reports and Overview for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022. He shared FORVIS’ responsibilities, accounting policies and practices, and findings during their engagement process. He stated that there were no difficulties encountered by the team when conducting the audit, no disagreements with management, no contentious accounting issues, no consultations with other accountants, and no identified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal controls. Mr. Singleton mentioned three (3) identified risk areas including: 1) management override of controls, 2) related-party disclosures, and 3) management estimates. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b>As Presented.</b></p>
	<p>1. Acceptance of the Harris County Hospital District 401(k) Plan Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-110</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Mr. Jim Robinson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.H.1. Motion carried.</b></p>

	<p>2. Acceptance of the Harris County Hospital District Pension Plan Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-111</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.H.2. Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>IX. Strategic Discussion</b></p>	<p><b>A. Harris Health System Strategic Plan Initiatives</b></p>	
	<p>1. Update Regarding LBJ Hospital Expansion Project</p> <p>Ms. Patricia Darnauer, Executive Vice President &amp; Administrator, Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, delivered an update regarding the LBJ Hospital Expansion Project. Ms. Darnauer introduced Mr. Jason Fleming, Senior Design Leader, HKS, Inc., who presented the proposed exterior design of the LBJ Expansion Project. Discussions ensued regarding the LBJ campus parking garage, community engagement related to playground and park areas, as well as the use of eco-friendly building materials. Mr. Jim Robinson recommended that consideration be given to covering the walkway between the bus rapid transit (BRT) station and the hospital’s front entrance. Mr. Fleming addressed Board member’s concerns regarding street flooding, location of generators, and the facilities’ cooling systems. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b>As Presented.</b></p>
	<p>2. Update Regarding Ballot Language for Harris Health’s Proposed Bond Election</p> <p>Ms. Abernathy delivered an update regarding Ballot Language for Harris Health’s Proposed Bond Election. She stated that Harris County will approve the final ballot language as part of the Bond Election Order to be considered on August 17, 2023. Additionally, Ms. Abernathy shared that the draft resulted from input from outside special counsel, financial and tax experts, along with the Harris County Attorney’s Office. Mr. Barron Wallace, Partner, Bracewell LLP, provided additional insight related to the bond language for the proposed bond election. Mr. Jim Robinson requested that Harris Health’s Administration provide an estimate of the Maintenance and Operations (M&amp;O) tax burden associated with the LBJ Expansion Project. Director Robinson requested a formalized process for Board members to make motions for items requested. Mr. Jim Robinson motioned for Harris Health Administration to provide an estimate of the anticipated increase in operating expenses for staffing the LBJ Hospital Expansion Project and the new Level 1 Trauma Center at Ben Taub Hospital. Dr. Porsa stated that this information was presented to the Board in the April as a part of the approval of the bond proposal and also to Harris County Commissioner’s Court in June. He reiterated that given the projected growth in the population of Harris County and the increase in the County’s projected appraisal values over the next ten (10) years, Harris Health does not anticipate a material increase in the future M&amp;O tax rate. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-112</u></b>  <b>Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Director Barbie Robinson for Harris Health Administration to provide an estimate of the anticipated increase in operating expenses for staffing the LBJ Hospital Expansion Project and the new Level 1 Trauma Center at Ben Taub Hospital, and majority passed that the Board approve the motion as presented. Dr. Cody Pyke opposed the motion. Motion carried.</b></p>

	<p>3. July Board Committee Meeting Reports:</p> <p><b><u>Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion (DEI) Committee</u></b>  Ms. Johnson stated that the DEI Committee met on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Dr. Jobi Martinez, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, provided an update on Implicit Bias and Patient Care. Mr. Omar Reid, Executive Vice President, Chief Health Officer, and Dr. Martinez delivered a presentation regarding Institutional Biases.</p> <p><b><u>Governance Committee</u></b>  Dr. Caracostis shared that the Committee met on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Ms. Maria Cowles, Chief of Staff, provided an update regarding Board Member Orientation Process. Ms. Winn from the legal team presented recommendations to the Board regarding the Nomination Process. Ms. Winn also presented Best Practices for Making Parliamentary Motions to Request Documentation, Reports or Other Post-meeting Actions. Dr. Caracostis noted that the parliamentarian training provided by Ms. Winn was recorded and available for viewing.</p> <p><b><u>Quality Committee</u></b>  Dr. Caracostis noted that these highlights were covered in open session at the Quality Committee meeting on July 11, 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>HRO Safety Message – Videos*</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two videos were displayed. The monthly High Reliability Organization (HRO) video “Closed Loop Communication: Three Way Repeat Back” and Zero Harm Awards.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>As Presented.</p>
<p><b>X. Consent Agenda Items</b></p>	<p><b>A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations</b></p>	
	<p>1. Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A16)</p> <p>Dr. Johnson noted that Purchasing Transmittals (B1 through B7) are not for approval. Copies of the purchasing recommendations are available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-113</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Carol Paret, and majority passed that the Board approve agenda item X.A.1. Ms. Marcia Johnson opposed the motion. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p><b>B. Consent Committee Recommendations</b></p>	
	<p>1. Acceptance of the Ambulatory Surgical Center at LBJ Status Report</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-114</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>



	<p>2. Acceptance of the Riverside Dialysis Center Status Report</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-114</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p><b>C. Consent Grant Recommendations</b></p>	
	<p>1. Approval of Grant Recommendation (Items C1 through C3)</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-114</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p><b>D. New Consent Item for Board Approval</b></p>	
	<p>1. Acceptance of the Harris Health System May 2023 Financial Report Subject to Audit</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-114</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>2. Approval of a Settlement Agreement Between Harris Health System and Harris County for Epic Licenses and Related Support Services Rendered in 2022 to the Harris County Public Health Department</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-114</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried. Director Barbie Robinson recused on this matter related to Harris County Public Health.</b></p>

	<p>3. Approval of a First Amendment to the Employment Agreement Between Lisa Wright, Community Health Choice, Inc., Community Health Choice Texas, Inc., and Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-114</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>4. Approval of Revision to the Governance Committee Charter to Include Board of Trustees Officer Nominations Function</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-114</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>5. Approval to Acquire a 9,321 Sq. Ft. Tract of Land at 1600 Keene St. for the Casa de Amigos Health Center Expansion Project, Houston, Harris County, Texas</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-114</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>6. Approval to Amend the Lease Agreement Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and India House Houston for the Sareen Clinic, Located at 8888 West Bellfort, Houston, Texas 77031</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-114</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>7. Approval to Amend the Lease Agreement Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and Harris County for the Thomas Street Health Center, Located at 2015 Thomas St., Houston, Texas 77009</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-114</u></b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>

	<p>8. Approval to Amend the Lease Agreement Between Community Health Choice, Inc., Community Health Choice Texas, Inc., and SLS-South Loop, LLC for Office Space at 2636 South Loop, Houston, TX 77054</p>	<p><b>Motion No. 23.07-114</b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>9. Approval of a Fourth Amendment Between Harris Health System and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (“UTHealth”) to the Collaboration Agreement for Population Health Projects</p>	<p><b>Motion No. 23.07-114</b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.B.1. through X.B.9. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p><b>E. Consent Reports and Updates to Board</b></p>	
	<p>1. Updates Regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health System</p> <p>2. Harris Health System Council-At-Large June Meeting Minutes</p> <p><i>{End of Consent Agenda}</i></p>	<p><b>For Informational Purposes Only</b></p>

<p><b>XI. Item(s) Related to Health Care for the Homeless Program</b></p>	<p><b>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</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>HCHP July 2023 Operational Update</b></li></ul> <p>Dr. Jennifer Small, Executive Vice President &amp; Administrator, Ambulatory Care Services, delivered a presentation regarding the Health Care for the Homeless Program July 2023 Operational Update including updates to Patient Services and the HCHP Consumer Advisory Report.</p> <p>Dr. Small reported that there were 379 new adult patients, no new telehealth patients, ninety-nine (99) returning telehealth patients and twenty-two (22) new pediatric patients associated with the Program. HCHP is expected to see approximately 9,775 patients per year as required by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). At the close of June 2023, HCHP served 4,188 unduplicated patients and 13,669 total completed visits.</p> <p>Dr. Small reported that the quarterly amount of unduplicated patients this year compared to the prior year has remained relatively unchanged. Dr. Small noted the equivalent in the number of completed visits overall has decreased by 7%. She noted that this is attributed to a staff vacancy as well as staff time off.</p> <p>Dr. Small presented the following highlights of the council activities from March 2023 – May 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The council was informed of changes in scope approved by Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), such as the opening of the Navigation Center clinic, changes in hours at some sites, and the closing of the Salvation Army Family clinic. The council members were informed about the evening clinic pilot at Harmony House.</li><li>• The council approved applying for the Ending of the HIV Epidemic Primary Care HIV Prevention funding opportunity. Council members were informed about the one-year grant extension of the American Rescue Plan grant.</li><li>• The members met with the Director of HCHP to discuss their ideas for the HCHP strategic plan.</li><li>• The council was updated on the process of the 2023 needs assessment and the creation of new survey for capturing the needs of patients and non-patients that are experiencing homelessness.</li><li>• The council approved the 2023 HCHP Quality Management Plan.</li></ul> <p>A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b>Motion No. 23.07-115</b></p> <p><b>Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.A. Motion carried.</b></p>
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	<p><b>B.</b> Approval of the HCHP Consumer Advisory Council Report</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-116</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Dr. Cody Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.B. Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>XII. Executive Session</b></p>	<p>At 10:15 a.m., Dr. Johnson stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session for items XII “D through I” as permitted by law Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.074, Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.085, Tex. Health &amp; 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.</p>	
	<p><b>D.</b> Consultation with Attorney Regarding Collaborative Opportunities with The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071 and Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.085.</p>	<p><b>No Action Taken.</b></p>
	<p><b>E.</b> Consultation with Attorney Regarding Bond Election Related Matters, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session</p>	<p><b>No Action Taken.</b></p>
	<p><b>F.</b> Consultation with Attorney, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071 Regarding Settlement of Amounts Owed for Services Rendered by Harris Health System to the Harris County Community Supervision &amp; Corrections Department and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session</p> <p><i>Harris Health, by and through its Board of Trustees, hereby accepts the settlement offered by Harris County, Texas, and authorizes the President &amp; CEO to execute a settlement agreement which obligates Harris County to pay all unpaid invoices for services rendered by Harris Health to the Harris County Community Supervision &amp; Corrections Department from 2018 to 2022.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-117</u></b>  <b>Moved by Mr. Jim Robinson, seconded by Dr. Cody M. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.F. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p><b>G.</b> Consultation with Attorney Regarding Opioid Litigation, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session, Including Consideration of Approval to Participate in the Settlement with Walgreens, CVS, and Walmart as it Relates to the Texas Opioid Multi-district Litigation</p> <p><i>Harris Health, by and through its Board of Trustees, hereby authorizes approval for Harris Health to Participate in the Settlement with Walgreens, CVS, and Walmart as it relates to the Texas opioid multi-district litigation, Harris County v. Purdue Pharma, Inc. et al, MDL No. 2018-63587, in the 152nd District Court of Harris County, Texas. 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><b><u>Motion No. 23.07-118</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Ms. Marcia Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.G. Motion carried.</b></p>

	<p><b>H.</b> 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 &amp; 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><b>No Action Taken.</b></p>
	<p><b>I.</b> Discussion Regarding the Evaluation of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session, Including Approval of CEO Evaluation</p>	<p><b>No Action Taken.</b></p>
<p><b>XIII. Reconvene</b></p>	<p>At 12:28 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 will now take action on Items "F and G" of the Executive Session agenda.</p>	
<p><b>XIV. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Moved by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.</p>	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees Meeting held on July 27, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ewan D. Johnson, MD, PhD, Chair

Andrea Caracostis, MD, MPH, Secretary

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