



**HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 27, 2020**  
**Board Room – Administration Building**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

**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. Ann Barnes, Executive Vice President & Chief Medical Officer  
Ms.Carolynn Jones, Executive Vice President & Chief Compliance & Risk Officer  
Dr. Maureen Padilla, Executive Vice President & Chief Nursing Executive  
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  
Mr. Omar Reid, Senior Vice President, Human Resources  
Ms. Karen Tseng, Senior Vice President, Population Health Transformation  
Ms. Victoria Nikitin, Senior Vice President, Finance  
Dr. Michael Nnadi, Chief Pharmacy Officer  
Mr. David Webb, Interim Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer  
Dr. Jose Garcia, Affiliated Medical Services  
Dr. John Foringer, Vice 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  
Ms. Desolyn Foy, Vice President, Advanced Analytics & Continuous Control Monitoring  
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  
Mr. R. King Hillier, Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations  
Ms. Catherine Mitchell, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Community Health Choice, Inc.  
Mr. David Attard, Associate Administrator, Healthcare System Engineering  
Ms. Amanda Calloway, Associate Administrator, Mission Advancement  
Ms. Sara Thomas, Vice President Legal Affairs/Managing Attorney, Harris County Attorney'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  
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 9:03 a.m., and noted that a quorum was present. The attendance was recorded.

**II. Announcements / Special Presentations**

**A. Special Recognition** – Ms. Anne Clutterbuck recognized Mr. George V. Masi, President and Chief Executive Officer, for nineteen (19) years of service at Harris Health System. Mr. Masi was presented resolutions by Commissioner Steve Radack and Mr. Paul Shanklin, on behalf of Commissioner Jack Cagle. Additionally, Mr. Masi was presented with a signed photograph on behalf of Dr. Kenneth Mattox and the Ben Taub Hospital (BTH) leadership as well as a memento from Human Resources and Harris Health employees. Ms. Clutterbuck expressed gratitude to Mr. Masi for his years of service at Harris Health and the Harris County community, and she presented Mr. Masi with a crystal flame as a token of appreciation on behalf of the Harris Health Board of Trustees, Administration, and staff. Ms. Andrea Kelley, Executive Assistant to Mr. George V. Masi, provided her sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Masi and also presented a commemorative video to the Board.

**B. Board Member Announcements** regarding Board member advocacy and community engagement.

There were no Board member announcements.

**III. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Motion 20.02-19**

Moved by Ms. Linda Morales, seconded by Dr. Kimberly Monday, and unanimously passed that the Board approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Special Called Board of Trustees meeting. The minutes of the January 23, 2020 Board Meeting was deferred to the March 26, 2020 Board meeting.

**IV. Public Comment**

Ms. Fadine Roquemore, Chair of the Harris Health System Council at-Large, provided remarks recognizing Mr. Masi for his years of service at Harris Health System.

Ms. Cynthia Cole, Executive Director, Local #1550 – AFSCME, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, recognized Mr. Masi for his years of service by expressing her utmost respect and appreciation for Mr. Masi. Ms. Cole stated that the organizational culture has been negatively affected by high turnover rates. She further stated that employees from various departments within the organization have contacted AFSCME regarding their dissatisfaction with the workplace and feeling devalued. She emphasized that staff who feel valued will in turn deliver higher levels of service to patients and the community. Ms. Cole distributed a letter to the Board which outlined these and other concerns for the Board's review.

## **V. Consent Agenda Items**

### **A. Recommended Committee Approvals**

#### **Motion 20.02-20**

Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items V.A.1 through V.A.11.

1. Acceptance of the Harris Health System Fourth Quarter CY2019 Pension Plan Report.
2. Approval of the Harris Health System Investment Policy.
3. Approval of the Revised Harris Health System Policy No. 3.42 – Conflict of Interest.
4. Approval of the New Harris Health System Policy No. 3.43 – Board of Trustees Members Conflict of Interest and Nepotism.
5. Acceptance of the Harris Health System Executive Quality Scorecard.
6. Approval of the Harris Health System Quarterly Quality Restraint & Seclusion Report.
7. Approval to Amend a Subaward Agreement Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and Baylor College of Medicine in the Amount Not to Exceed \$34,461 to Provide Prevention of Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) for the Extended Term August 31, 2020.
8. Approval to Renew an Interlocal Agreement Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and Harris County Public Health Funded by Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 Part A to provide Primary Medical Care, Psychiatric Services, Obstetric and Gynecological Care, and Local Pharmacy Assistance Program to HIV Positive Patients of Harris Health System.
9. Approval of a Non-Disclosure Agreement Between the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and Ambra.
10. Approval of a First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding Between Houston Food Bank and Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System for Continued Collaboration and Data Sharing.
11. Approval to Ratify A Resolution Committing Support by Harris Health System Board of Trustees and Administration for Level III Trauma Services at Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital.

*{End of Consent Agenda}*

## **VI. Strategic Discussion**

### **A. Harris Health System Annual Corporate Compliance Board Education, Part 3 of 3**

Mr. Anthony Williams, Administrative Director, Deputy Compliance Officer, presented Harris Health System Annual Corporate Compliance Board Education. He provided a brief overview of the Annual Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program Report FY2018.

He reported that \$2.3B was recovered in FY2018 and this only includes federal recoveries. He stated that every dollar spent by the government on health care-related fraud and abuse investigations in the last fiscal year has results in \$109 in savings to the Medicare program. The Department of Justice (DOJ) opened 1,139 new criminal investigations as well as 918 new civil health care fraud investigations. Mr. Williams reported that in Fiscal Year 2018, the DOJ obtained more than \$2.8B in settlements and judgments from civil cases involving fraud and false claims against the government. He stated that of the \$2.8B, \$2.5B involved the health care industry. Mr. Williams presented cases of recent False Claims Act Recoveries, HIPAA, and Cybersecurity attacks. He stated that in November 2019, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) was fined \$1.6M after the names, addresses, social security numbers, and treatment information for 6,600 individuals was viewable over the internet. In addition, Mr. Williams reported that in 2019, healthcare led all industries in cybersecurity breaches. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.

## **B. Harris Health System Legislative Initiatives**

1. Update and Discussion Regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health System.

Mr. R. King Hiller, Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations, led discussion regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health System. He stated that the Trump administration issued its budget which provided an indication of policy trajectory. He stated that the budget included one trillion dollars in cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act over the next ten (10) years, including a reduction on Medicaid supplemental payments. He mentioned that the Medicaid Financial Accountability rule will have an \$11B impact on the State of Texas. Mr. Hillier stated that a meeting is being held today between the Greater Houston Partnership and the Deputy Administrator of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). He noted that delegation letters will be sent from multiple states, including Texas, in opposition to the Medicaid Financial Accountability rule. On January 30, 2020, the Trump Administration issued a proposed rule known as the Healthy Adult Opportunity (HAO). The HAO emphasizes the concept of value-based care while granting states with extensive flexibility to administer and design their programs within a defined budget. Mr. Hillier stated that approximately 80,000 of Harris Health patients would be covered under the rule and could be a significant benefit to Harris Health System. Additionally, Mr. Hillier discussed the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruling to implement the Public Charge Rule, stating that he is aware of two (2) separate patients with infectious disease conditions that were reluctant to begin treatment in fear of the ruling and possible deportation. He explained that Harris Health is working with immigration advocacy organizations in the community to inform individuals that it is important to seek health care regardless of their immigration status. Ms. Linda Morales inquired as to which immigration organizations Harris Health is currently working with. Mr. Hillier stated that he would provide Ms. Morales with a list of the organizations.

## **VII. General Action Items**

### **A. Item(s) Related to Quality Committee**

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

Dr. Jose Garcia, Affiliated Medical Services, stated that there were no new appointments.

**Motion 20.02-22**

Moved by Ms. Elena Marks, seconded by Ms. Linda Morales, and passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.2.

2. Acceptance of the Medical Executive Board Report.

Dr. Kimberly Monday inquired regarding the Physician Advisory Committee report, which states that the goal for Texas Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) is to go-live on March 1, however; the providers are still able to go ahead and check on their own and document in the medical record that they queried PMP for the state deadline. Mr. David Webb, Interim Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer, stated that there is contract required for this feature, however; there is a link that providers can access to document that they have gone to the site to check the PMP for opioid prescriptions. Additionally, Mr. Webb stated that once a contract is approved with the vendor, the integration will be more seamless. Dr. Monday expressed her concern regarding the delay of the contract, stating that this is not acceptable and makes it more difficult for providers to effectively carry out their duties. A copy of the report is available in the permanent record.

**Motion 20.02-30**

Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Ms. Elena Marks, and passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.3. Dr. Kimberly Monday and Dr. Arthur Bracey recused from this agenda item.

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

Dr. John Foringer, Vice Chair, Medical Executive Board, presented the credentialing changes for members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff. He reported that there were eighteen (18) initial appointments; thirty-four (34) reappointments, nine (9) resignations, and one (1) change/add privileges. A copy of the report is available in the permanent record.

**Motion 20.02-23**

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Finder, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.4.

4. Approval Regarding the Revisions to the Record of Internal Medicine Cardiology Clinical Privileges.

Dr. John Foringer presented the Revisions to the Record of Internal Medicine Cardiology Clinical Privileges. Dr. Monday inquired whether Harris can afford to perform the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TVAR) procedures. Dr. Mattox stated that Harris Health could afford to forgo the procedure in some cases and that the procedure would only be used for patients with an aortic valve stenosis in high to medium risk. Dr. Mattox confirmed that TVAR will not replace aortic valve replacement, however, if performed; the procedure will be done by professionals from both Surgery and Cardiology.

**B. Item(s) Related to Budget & Finance Committee**

**Motion 20.02-24**

Moved by Ms. Anne Clutterbuck, seconded by Dr. Kimberly Monday, and passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.B.1.

1. Consideration of Purchasing Recommendations Requiring Board Approval (Items (A(1)a. through A(1)rr.) (*See Attached Expenditure Summary: February 27, 2020*).

### **Motion 20.02-25**

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

2. Acceptance of the Harris Health System January 2019 Financial Report Subject to Audit.

Mr. Michael Norby, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, presented the Harris Health System January 2019 Financial Report. He reported that primary care visits and patient days were down 6.3% and 4.9%, respectively. He stated that emergency room visits and births were down 2.7% and 11.1 %, respectively. Overall January net revenue of \$168M was \$31.8M or 23.3% higher than budget. Mr. Norby reported that net patient revenue contributed \$8.9M to the positive variance due to the Medicare Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) add-on payments. Additionally, Mr. Norby reported that income from Medicaid Supplemental programs were \$20.9M higher than expected primarily due to resizing of the Uncompensated Care program under the Medicaid 1115 Waiver effective for state fiscal year 2020. Total operating expenses of \$147.7M were \$15.9M or 12.1% above budget. Mr. Norby stated that the higher spend was primarily attributable to the increases in other purchased services of \$7.8M due to negative variances reported in outside medical services, consulting expense and repairs. January also included a \$4M increase in health insurance expense. The operating income for January was \$20.3M compared to budgeted income of \$4.5M. Mr. Norby explained that this was due to higher than expected revenues moderated by higher spending across the System. A copy of the report is available in the permanent record.

3. Procurement Update Regarding *STAR+PLUS and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. v. Courtney Phillips* in Her Official Capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Cause No. D-1-GN-19-007758.

Ms. Catherine Mitchell, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Community Health Choice, Inc., provided an update regarding *STAR+PLUS and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. v. Courtney Phillips*. Ms. Mitchell stated that Community Health Choice, Texas Inc. (Community) received a ruling from District Court Judge Scott Jenkins on February 7, 2020 ordering that the defendant comply with §533.004 of the Texas Government Code and its mandatory provisions. She noted that it was further ordered that the defendant fulfill the mandatory legal obligations as the Executive Director of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to contract with Community. Ms. Mitchell explained that HHSC had twenty (20) days to file an appeal. On Monday, February 24, 2020, Community received a notice that The Office of Attorney General filed an appeal on behalf of HHSC. Additional information regarding this matter will be provided at the March 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### **C. Item(s) Related to Nomination Committee**

#### **Motion 20.02-34**

Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Dr. Kimberly Monday, and passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.A. Ms. Clutterbuck noted that this agenda item will be considered in Executive Session. The agenda item presentation order is reflected in the sequence of the Board motions.

1. Approval of the 2020 Slate of Officers for the Board of Trustees of the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System.

- i. Dr. Kimberly Monday, Chair
- ii. Ms. Linda Morales, Vice Chair
- iii. Ms. Elena Marks, Secretary

## **VIII. Item(s) Related to the Health Care For the Homeless Program**

### **Motion 20.02-26**

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

- A. Approval of the 2020 Budget Expense Report 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.

Ms. Tracey Burdine, Director, Health Care for the Homeless Program, presented the Healthcare for the Homeless Program (HCHP) 2020 Budget Expense Report. She reported that the HCHP has served more than 1,300 unduplicated patients and performed approximately 2,000 visits during January 2020. She reported that the HCHP is currently on track with their projected year-end balance of \$4M. However, Ms. Burdine explained that the HCHP has spent approximately 22% of funds on travel expenses. She stated that this was a result of rolling over expenses from the previous year to the current grant cycle. Ms. Burdine stated that the new Outreach Services Team are currently in training and will begin their services on March 1, 2020. She noted that the Outreach Services Team will be focused on navigational services for patients and increasing community awareness regarding the various services provided by Harris Health. Ms. Burdine reported that the HCHP internal auditing process is slated to begin on March 1, 2020. She stated that the internal audits will be conducted quarterly utilizing the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) site visit protocol. A copy of the report is available in the permanent record.

### **Motion 20.02-27**

Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Dr. Kimberly Monday, and passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.B.

- B. Approval of the Health Care for the Homeless Sliding Fee Scale 2020 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.

Ms. Tracey Burdine presented the Health Care for the Homeless Sliding Fee Scale 2020 for the Health Care for the Homeless Program. She explained that Harris Health does not charge patients for services however; a fundamental attribute of Federally Qualified Health Centers is that they provide services regardless of a patient's ability to pay, charging based on a Board-approved sliding fee scale. A copy of the sliding fee scale is available in the permanent record.

### **Motion 20.02-21**

Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.C. Ms. Clutterbuck noted that this agenda item was considered under Consent Agenda.

C. Approval to Ratify a Grant Award from the United States Department of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System Funded by Part C of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 to Provide Early Intervention Primary Medical Care to HIV Positive Patients of Harris Health System.

**IX. Executive Session**

At 10:55 a.m., Ms. Clutterbuck stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session under Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.085, Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.074, Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, Texas Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Texas Occupations Code Ann. §160.007 and Texas Occupations Code Ann. §151.002.

**X. Reconvene**

At 1:40 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 Tex. Gov't Code Ann §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session Including Consideration of Approval of:

1. The Operating and Support Agreement Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and Baylor College of Medicine;

and;

2. The Affiliation and Support Agreement Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

**Motion 20.02-29**

Moved by Ms. Linda Morales, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and passed that the Board approve agenda item X.A.1. Dr. Kimberly Monday and Dr. Arthur Bracey recused from this agenda item.

Harris Health, by and through its Board of Trustees, hereby approves the Operating and Support Agreement Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and Baylor College of Medicine and authorizes the President/CEO of Harris Health to execute this agreement.

**Motion 20.02-28**

Moved by Ms. Linda Morales, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and passed that the Board approve agenda item X.A.2. Dr. Kimberly Monday and Dr. Arthur Bracey recused from this agenda item.

Harris Health, by and through its Board of Trustees, hereby approves the Affiliation and Support Agreement

Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and authorizes the President/CEO of Harris Health to execute this agreement.

Dr. Ewan Johnson expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Michael Hill, Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, and his team for their efforts in finalizing the agreement over the years. Ms. Anne Clutterbuck stated that with the execution of the two (2) agreements, Harris Health will continue to offer first-class healthcare services to the residents of Harris County. She noted that the Board of Trustees is excited to continue the decades-long partnership with the medical schools and will continue to produce some of the best physicians in the nation. Additionally, Ms. Clutterbuck stated that each agreement will be for term of fifteen (15) years and all parties have ensured that the agreements prioritize continuous improvement in the quality of care our patients receive and a forward nimble approach that will allow all parties to adequately respond to the changing healthcare landscape. Harris Health looks forward to the continued partnership with the University of Texas-Health Science Center at Houston and Baylor College Medicine.

- B. Report by the 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.

**Motion 20.02-30**

Moved by Ms. Elena Marks, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and passed that the Board approve the credentialing recommendations for agenda item X.B.

- C. Report by the Executive Vice President, Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, Regarding Compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA and Other Federal and State Health Care Program Requirements Including an Update on the Implementation of the Plan of Correction, 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.

- D. Update Regarding Dental Services Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032 and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071.

No action was taken.

- E. Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding Board Committees and the Delegation of Board Authority, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session.

**Motion 20-02-32**

Moved by Ms. Linda Morales, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and passed that the Board approve agenda item X.E. (*as it relates to the Delegation of Board Authority to CEO/President*).

Harris Health, by and through its Board of Trustees, authorizes Harris Health's President/CEO to approve and execute on behalf of Harris Health any and all contracts, addenda or amendments that are approved as to form by the Harris County Attorney's Office and are:

Not in excess of \$100,000 per 12 consecutive calendar months, excluding agreements in which (a) the authority

to execute belongs to the Harris County Purchasing Agent as stated in the Harris County Hospital District Purchasing Manual; (b) the Board of Trustees has already delegated authority to the Harris Health System Chief Financial Officer (CFO); or (c) state and federal laws or regulations require approval by the Board of Trustees and/or the Harris County Commissioners Court; or

Related to the receipt of grant funds up to \$100,000 when grant terms, state and federal laws or regulations do not require approval of the Board of Trustees.

**Motion 20-02-33**

Moved by Ms. Linda Morales, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and passed that the Board approve agenda item X.E. (*as it relates to the Delegation of Board Authority to County Attorney*).

Harris Health, by and through its Board of Trustees, approves and hereby authorizes the Harris County Attorney to settle or compromise claims or lawsuits in the amount of \$25,000.00 or less, on terms and conditions found by the Harris County Attorney to be in the best interest of Harris Health.

F. Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding Cause No. 2019-52874; *Ivonne Duncan v. Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System*; In the 157<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session

**Motion 20-02-31**

Moved by Ms. Linda Morales, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and passed that the Board approve agenda item X.F.

Harris Health, by and through its Board of Trustees, approves and hereby authorizes settlement related to Civil Action No. 2019-52874; *Ivonne Duncan v. Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System* in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. President/CEO of Harris Health or his designee is authorized to execute any agreement, release, or any other necessary documents to effect this settlement.

G. Consultation with the County Attorney Regarding Cause No. 2020-01633; *Carlos Guimaraes and Jemima Guimaraes v. Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System*; In the 164<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session

No action was taken.

H. Discussion Regarding the Duties of the of the Board Office Program Manager, Including Operations of the Board Office, Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.074, and Possible Action Regarding This Matter Upon Return to Open Session

No action was taken.

**XI. Adjournment**

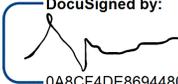
Moved by Ms. Linda Morales, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System held at the Administration Building in Houston, Texas on February 27, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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