

MINUTES OF THE HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Called Board Meeting
July 22, 2021
9:00 am

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
I. Call to Order & Record of Attendance	<p>The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Arthur Bracey, MD, Chair. It was noted there was a quorum present and the attendance was recorded. While some Board members are in the room today, others continue to participate by videoconference as permissible by the Governor's orders and waivers to the Texas Open Meeting Act. 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 the Previous Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Called Board Meeting – July 1, 2021 	<p><u>Motion No. 21.07-69</u> Moved by Mr. Lawrence Finder, seconded by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and unanimously passed that the Board approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.</p>
III. Public Comment		<p>There were no public speakers present.</p>
	<p>Dr. Esmail Porsa, Harris Health System President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), recognized Harris Health's information technology (IT) team for their efforts during the severe weather event. Dr. Bracey expressed his thanks to Ms. Xylia Rosenzweig, Program Director, Board Governance, for her continued support and professionalism.</p>	
IV.	<p>Approval of the Following Reports for the Health Care for the Homeless Program as Required by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Which Provides Funding to the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a/Harris Health System to Provide Health Services to Persons Experiencing Homelessness under Section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act Health Care for the Homeless Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in Scope: Extended Operational Hours at Lord of the Streets <p>Dr. Jennifer Small, Interim Vice President & Associate Administrator, Ambulatory Care Services, presented the Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCHP) operational update including Patient Services, Consumer Advisory Council Report and Change in Scope. She stated that there were 199 new adult patients associated with the program and 155 telehealth visits. HCHP is expected to see approximately 9,775 patients per year as required by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). As of June, HCHP served 4,324 unduplicated patients with 10,348 total visits completed.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 21.07-70</u> Moved by Ms. Anne Clutterbuck, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve Items IV and V. Motion carried.</p>

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	<p>Dr. Small mentioned that the amount of unduplicated patients seen overall has trended upward since the prior month. She also noted an 8% increase in patient visits for the month of June. Dr. Small stated the market drop in February attributed to facility closures during Winter Storm Uri. In effort to expand its services, HCHP has added the four (4) new locations to its mobile medical and dental unit services: 1) Sunrise Homeless Shelter, 2) New Hope Center, 3) Houston Area Women Center and 4) Martha’s Kitchen. The following Consumer Advisory Council Activities were presented for March 2021 through May 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council received updates on COVID-19 testing and vaccination collaborations with the City of Houston, Harris County Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. • The council was updated on staffing changes at the HCHP, including the addition of two (2) RNs and three (3) LVNs. • The council was informed that HCHP is working to expand services through purchasing new mobile units. • The members received updates on the one-year extension of the CARES Act funding and Notice of Award for the American Rescue Act • The council was informed that Jackson Hinds Garden Apartments and clinic will be demolished in order to rebuild a new modern facility. Patient services will continue via the Mobile Health unit. <p>Dr. Small stated that the HCHP clinic at Lord of the Streets will be open forty (40) hours a week to increase services. She also noted that the change in scope will be implemented beginning August 1, 2021. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	
<p>V.</p>	<p>Acceptance of Revisions to Policy 7.38.01, Eligibility for Financial Assistance for the Health Care for the Homeless Program.</p> <p>Ms. Tracey Burdine, Director, Health Care for the Homeless Program, presented the revisions to policy 7.38.01 – Eligibility for Financial Assistance for the Health Care for the Homeless Program. She mentioned that HRSA requires that no patient will be refused medical services due to their inability to pay. Therefore, a policy was created for the waiving of fees. A copy of the policy is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 21.07-70</u> Moved by Ms. Anne Clutterbuck, seconded by Dr. Ewan Johnson, and unanimously passed that the Board approve Items IV and V. Motion carried.</p>
<p>VI. Executive Session</p>	<p>At 9:12 a.m., Dr. Arthur Bracey stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session for Item ‘A’ through “D” as permits by law.</p>	
<p>VII. Reconvene</p>	<p>At 11:05 a.m., Dr. Arthur Bracey reconvened the meeting and stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.</p>	

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	A. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Patient Safety Incident, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002, Report Regarding Quality of Medical and Health Care, 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 in Connection with the Evaluation of the Quality of Medical and Health Care Services, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session.	No Action Taken.
	B. Report by the Senior Vice President, Chief Cyber & Information Security Officer, Regarding Harris Health System's Information Security Program, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §418.183, Tex. Gov't Code §551.089, and Tex. Health & Safety Code §161.032, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session.	No Action Taken.
	C. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Harris County Hospital District Foundation, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session.	No Action Taken.
	D. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Personnel Matters, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session.	No Action Taken.
VIII. Adjournment	Moved by Mr. Lawrence Finder, seconded by Ms. Anne Clutterbuck, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees Special Called Board Meeting held on July 22, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur Bracey

Arthur Bracey, M.D., Chair

Elena Marks

Elena Marks, Secretary