

# MINUTES OF THE HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES Board Meeting Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:00 am

|          | AGENDA ITEM                                       | DISCUSSION  | ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS   |
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| * -      | Call to Order & Record of Attendance              | The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Arthur Bracey, MD, Chair. It was noted that a quorum was present and the attendance was recorded. Dr. Bracey 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> .   | A copy of the attendance is appended to the archived minutes.  |
| <b>=</b> | Approval of the<br>Minutes of<br>Previous Meeting | <ul> <li>Board Meeting – December 2, 2021</li> <li>Special Called Board Meeting and Budget Workshop – December 9, 2021</li> <li>Special Called Board Meeting – January 6, 2022</li> </ul>   | Motion No. 22.01-02 Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Finder, and unanimously passed that the Board approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried. |
| ≡        | Announcements/ Special                            | A. CEO Report Including Updates on COVID-19, Special Announcements and Employee Recognition   | As presented.  |
|          |   | Dr. Esmaeil Porsa, Harris Health System President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), recognized Ms. Tracy Huerta, Social Worker/Case Manager, Ben Taub Hospital and Ms. Tiffany Purnell, Social Worker/Case Manager, Ben Taub Hospital, as the recipients of the Harris Health Hero Award. This award recognized these two individuals for their unwavering patience, compassion and professionalism shown to our patients and families.  |  |
| = 8      |   | Dr. Porsa also recognized Ms. Jamie Hons, as Vice President of Operations, BT Hospital. Dr. Porsa announced that El Franco Lee Health Center would resume full medical operations on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.   |  |
|          |   | Dr. Porsa delivered an update regarding COVID-19, stating that Harris Health System (HHS) continues to see steady decline in the positivity rate and overall number of average daily COVID-19 cases in our region. He stated that HHS is seeing a downward trend in the number of daily hospitalizations but still at a higher level than previously seen during the pandemic. He also reported that HHS is seeing a dramatic drop in the number of COVID patients at our hospitals; however, Harris Health is still at numbers near the peak of its last winter COVID surge. Dr. Porsa emphasized the effectiveness of the vaccine and stated that |  |

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|   | Executive Session  | Public Comment   |  |  |  |   |   |  |
| 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 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, Including | At 8:17 a.m., Dr. Arthur Bracey stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session as permitted by law under Texas Health and Safety Code Ann §161.032, Texas Occupations Code Ann. §151.002 and Texas Occupations Code Ann. §160.007. | Ms. Cynthia Cole, Executive Director, Local #1550 – AFSCME, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, addressed the Board regarding dissatisfied employees related to their work environment, poor remuneration and low employee retention. Ms. Cole also expressed concerns related to County Employee pensions as the Employees transition to Harris Health employment. | Dr. Arthur Bracey recognized Dr. Ewan Johnson for being featured in Texas Standard as an Emergency Room (ER) physician and frontline worker treating patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Bracey also recognized Dr. Andrea Caracostis for advocacy and service to those in need of Medicaid coverage. | B. Board Member Announcements Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements. | Dr. Porsa announced that the Harris County Hospital District (HCHD) Foundation's 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Med Run is being held on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Proceeds from this event support HHS Food Farmacy Program, including the prescription fresh fruit/vegetable purchases at Strawberry Health Center, Acres Health Center, and LBJ Hospital Campus, to other Harris Health facilities. A copy of the CEO report is available in the permanent record. | <ul> <li>The deadline for full vaccination is Monday, February 28, 2022.</li> <li>This applies to all HHS employees and our medical staff and learners from Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and University of Texas Health (UTH).</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Important COVID Vaccination Information:</li> <li>More than 98% of Harris Health staff are vaccinated against COVID.</li> <li>The grace period for the first dose of vaccinations is today, Thursday, January 27, 2022.</li> </ul> | individuals who are fully vaccinated and boosted are less likely to become hospitalized with COVID-19. |
|   | No Action Taken. Dr. Arthur Bracey recused from discussions related to Baylor College of Medicine  |  |  | As presented.  |  |   |   |  |

| approve agenda items VII.A.1. through VII.B.2. Motion carried. Ms. Elena Marks recused on this matter related to Episcopal Health Foundation.   |   |                              |          |
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| Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Roard  | 1. Approval of Grant Agreement (Item C1).   |                              |          |
| Motion No. 22.01-05   | A. Consent Grant Agreement  |                              |          |
|   | Dr. Bracey stated that the following consent agenda items were discussed at length during the October Committee meetings.   | Consent Agenda<br>Items      | <b>≦</b> |
| by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VI.A.2. Motion carried. Dr. Arthur Bracey recused on this matter related to Baylor College of Medicine. | Dr. Foringer presented the credentialing changes for members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff. He reported that there were five (5) temporary privileges, thirteen (13) initial appointments; thirty-eight (38) reappointments, eighteen (18) resignations, and one (1) change/add privileges. A copy of the report is available in the permanent record.        |                              |          |
| Motion No. 22.01-04 Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded   | <ol><li>Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical<br/>Staff.</li></ol>  |                              |          |
| Board approve agenda item VI.A.1. Motion carried.   | Dr. John Foringer, Chair, Medical Executive Board, highlighted the success of a new lung cancer-screening program. In collaboration with pulmonary, radiology and oncology, the program aims to bring patients in to get low dose screening computerized tomographys (CTs) and have them rapidly biopsied. A copy of the MEB report is available in the permanent record. |                              |          |
| Moved by Mr. Lawrence Finder, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the  | <ol> <li>Acceptance of the Medical Executive Board Report to Include Notice of Appointments<br/>and Selection of New Service Chiefs.</li> </ol>   |                              |          |
| Motion No. 22.01-03   | A. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality  |                              |          |
|   | At 8:38 a.m., Dr. Arthur Bracey reconvened the meeting in open session; he noted that a quorum was present and that no action was taken in Executive Session.   | Reconvene to<br>Open Meeting | ≤        |
|   | Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff.   |                              |          |

#### Β. **New Consent Items for Approval**

- Approval of a Resolution Setting the Rate of Mandatory Payment for the Harris County Hospital District Local Provider Participation Fund in February 2022 as Up to 0.63 Percent.
- ? Directors. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. (CHCT), collectively "Community", Board of Approval of the Reappointment of Members to the Community Health Choice, Inc. (CHC) Motion No. 22.01-05
- Vicki Green Keiser
- Anne Clutterbuck
- Stephen Leo McKernan

## Ç **Consent Purchasing Recommendations**

Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A78) Dr. Arthur Bracey recused on this matter related to BCM (Item A14, A55, A61 and

collaborate on these efforts. A copy of the purchasing recommendations are available and Inclusion initiatives and policies. Ms. Sara Thomas, Vice President Legal commented on the Harris County Disparity Study as well as the Harris Health Diversity in the permanent record. Inclusion. Ms. Mia Mends, Ms. Elena Marks, and Professor Johnson have agreed to measures and assist in the development of a Board Policy Statement on Diversity & Affairs/Managing Attorney, Harris County Attorney's Office, will review neutral A2 and A69, which involves the transporting of psychiatric patients. Professor Johnson been pulled. Mr. Finder requested additional information regarding purchasing items He also noted that Purchasing Item A44 related to Integra Lifescience Sales, LLC has Dr. Bracey stated that Purchasing's Transmittals (B1 through B23) are not for approval

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seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items VII.A.1. through VII.B.2. Motion carried. Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis,

Moved by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, VII.B.2. Motion carried. approve agenda items VII.A.1. through unanimously passed that the Board seconded by Ms. Jennifer Tijerina, and

### Motion No. 22.01-06

and Ms. Jennifer Tijerina abstained opposed this motion. Ms. Mia Mends from the vote. Johnson and Dr. Ewan Johnson Motion carried. Professor Marcia A1 through A43 and A45 through A78). purchasing recommendations (Items passed that the Board approve by Ms. Alicia Reyes, and majority Moved by Ms. Elena Marks, seconded

|   | Mr. R. King Hillier, Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations, provided an update regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health System. He noted that Congress has since recessed and returned to work earlier this month. The legislative impasse in the Senate preventing the Build Back Better (BBB) Act from moving forward under the reconciliation process continues as Senator Manchin announced his opposition to the bill in its current form.  Mr. Hillier stated that the Harris County Commissioners Court Budget Hearing was held on January 13, 2022 and that the hearing was very smooth and successful. A copy of the legislative report is available in the permanent record. |                            |
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| As Presented.   | <ul> <li>A. Harris Health System Legislative Initiatives</li> <li>1. Update, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health System</li> </ul>  | IX. Strategic Discussion   |
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| by Mr. Lawrence Finder, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.B.1. Motion carried. |  |                            |
| Motion No. 22.01-07  Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded  | n B. Items Related to Community Health Choice  | VIII. General Action Items |
|   | {End of Consent Agenda}  |                            |
|   | <ol> <li>Notice to the Harris Health System Board of Trustees of the Transfer of \$20,000,000.00 from Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. to Community Health Choice, Inc. to Ensure the Sufficiency of Community Health Choice, Inc.'s Risk Based Capital.</li> </ol>   |                            |
|   | <ul> <li>October 11, 2021</li> <li>November 8, 2022</li> </ul>   |                            |
| action required.  | 1. Harris Health System Council-At-Large Meeting Minutes   |                            |
| For informational purposes only - No  | D. Consent Item for Notice   |                            |

| 1. One Harris Health – Update on Clinical Service Lines and Clinical Pathways  Mr. Louis Smith, Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, delivered a presentation regarding One Harris Health - Update on Clinical Service Lines and Clinical Pathways. He noted that Harris Health's goals are:  Increase cross-system medical leadership collaboration with key stakeholders  Develop clinical service lines in FY22 and create a foundation for future service line development  Implement at least three (3) clinical pathways in FY22 shared by both medical schools  Mr. Smith shared the clinical pathway roadmap, which outlines the implementation process, tracks performance and identifies improvement opportunities and necessary modifications. Discussion ensued regarding next steps towards becoming One Harris Health System. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record. | C. Harris Health System Strategic Plan Initiatives | 1. Presentation Regarding Harris County Auditor/Third-Party Protiviti Report on Harris Health System Human Resources Process Review and Audit.  Mr. Marcus Delouche, Managing Director, Protiviti, delivered a presentation regarding Harris County Auditor/Third-Party Protiviti Report on Harris Health System Human Resources (HR) Process Review and Audit. The objective of the audit is to assess current HR processes through interviews, walkthroughs, and select control testing and develop recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of in-scope processes. Mr. Delouche stated that the audit did not include processes outside of HR's control such as payroll. Based on the procedures performed, the audit team identified areas within the HR processes that can be strengthened, some of which the HR team continued to enhance during this internal audit. Ms. Lisa Anderson, Managing Director, Protiviti, stated that the strengths identified include: 1) HR Strategic Planning, 2) Use and Leverage of Technology, 3) Focus and Development, 4) Willingness to Change/Implementation of HR Projects and Programs, and 5) Compensation Management. Additionally, Ms. Anderson provided a brief summary of the audit findings including gap and process improvement areas. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record. | B. Harris Health System Strategic Initiatives |
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|  | As Presented.                                      |   | As Presented.                                 |

|   | At 9:41 a.m., Dr. Arthur Bracey stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session as permitted by law under Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.074, Texas Gov't Code Ann. §551.085 and Texas Health and Safety Code Ann. §161.032.  | Executive<br>Session                          | × |
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|   | A copy of the operational update is available in the permanent record.   |   |   |
|   | <ul> <li>The council was informed of a new HRSA health center infrastructure grant for \$613,179.</li> <li>The council was updated on the repairs to medical and dental mobile units and on the process of purchasing new mobile units and the delays caused by the supply chain crisis.</li> </ul>  |   |   |
|   | access, quality health equity and health information technology for 2021 UDS reporting period. The badges included Health Center Quality Leaders, Advancing Health Information Technology for Quality, COVID-19 Data Reporter, and Patient Centered Medical Home   |   |   |
|   | <ul> <li>The council was informed that the program received recognition from HRSA with four<br/>Community Health Center Quality Recognition badges that recognize achievements in</li> </ul>   |   |   |
|   | <ul> <li>The council was informed about changes to the eligibility services locations and days of<br/>operations at the sites</li> </ul>   |   |   |
|   | <ul> <li>The council was updated on the change in scope to have operations at Lord of the Streets<br/>increase from 32 hours per week to 40 hours per week.</li> </ul>   |   |   |
|   | year total of completed visits from 2,473 to 2,671. Highlights of the Consumer Advisory Council Activities from September to November 2021 is listed as follows:   |   |   |
|   | closures. For the month of December, HCHP served 1,910 unduplicated patients, which was an increase from the previous year total. Ms. Burdine also reported an increase in the previous  |   |   |
|   | Ms. Burdine stated that the reduction in unduplicated patients were a result of two (2) clinic   |   |   |
|   | patients per year as required by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). At the close of 2021. HCHP served 7.491 unduplicated patients with 17.372 total visits completed   |   |   |
|   | for the Homeless Program (HCHP) operational update including Patient Services and Consumer Advisory Council Report. Ms. Burdine noted that HCHP is expected to see approximately 9,775   |   |   |
|   | <ul> <li>September 2021 – November 2021 Consumer Advisory Council Report</li> <li>Ms. Tracev Burdine, Director, Health Care for the Homeless Program, presented Health Care</li> </ul>   |   |   |
| Motion carried.   | <ul> <li>HCHP January 2022 Operational Update</li> </ul>   |   |   |
| Moved by Mr. Lawrence Finder, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.A. | 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 Health Care for the Homeless Program. | to Health Care<br>for the Homeless<br>Program | : |

| Motion No. 22.01-12  Moved by Ms. Alicia Reyes, seconded by Ms. Elena Marks, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda                                  | J. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Opioid Litigation, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Consideration of Approval of Harris Health's Participation the Statewide Settlement Agreement Reached with Endo Health Solutions, Inc. et al. as set forth in the Endo/Par Texas State-Wide Opioid Settlement Agreement and Settlement Term Sheet, Executed on December 22, 2021.   |  |
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| No Action Taken.   | I. Discussion Regarding the Slate of Officers for the Harris Health Board of Trustees, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session.  |  |
| No Action Taken.   | <ul> <li>H. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Board of Trustees Participation in Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings via Videoconference Call Policy, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session.</li> </ul>   |  |
|  | Harris Health, by and through the Board of Trustees, hereby approves of the Service Area Expansion of Community Health Choice, Inc. to Include STAR+PLUS, STAR, CHIP, and D-SNP in the 20 Texas Counties Community Health Choice, Inc. Currently Serves and the Transfer of the STAR, CHIP, and D-SNP Lines of Business from Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. to Community Health Choice, Inc.   |  |
| Motion No. 22.01-11  Moved by Dr. Ewan Johnson, seconded by Dr. Andrea Caracostis, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.G. Motion carried. | G. Discussion of Community Health Choice Matters, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085 and Consideration of Approval of the Service Area Expansion of Community Health Choice, Inc. to Include STAR+PLUS, STAR, CHIP, and D-SNP in the 20 Texas Counties Community Health Choice, Inc. Currently Serves and the Transfer of the STAR, CHIP, and D-SNP Lines of Business from Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. to Community Health Choice, Inc. Upon Return to Open Session. |  |
| No Action Taken.   | F. 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, Including Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session.   |  |
| No Action Taken.   | E. Discussion Regarding Harris County Auditor's Protiviti Report on Harris Health System Human Resources Process Review and Audit, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071 and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074.  |  |
| No Action Taken.   | D. Consultation with Attorney Regarding the 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.   |  |

| K. Discussion Regarding the Evaluation of Chief Executive Officer, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code<br>Ann. §551.074, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session. | Harris Health, by and through the Board of Trustees, hereby authorizes approval for Harris Health to Participate in the Statewide Settlement Agreement Reached with Endo Health Solutions, Inc. et al. as set forth in the Endo/Par Texas State-Wide Opioid Settlement Agreement and Settlement Term Sheet, Executed on December 22, 2021. |      |
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| No Action Taken.  | item XI.J. Motion carried.   |      |
|   | <ul> <li>K. Discussion Regarding the Evaluation of Chief Executive Officer, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code</li> <li>Ann. §551.074, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session.</li> </ul>  | nent |

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees Meeting held on January 27, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur Bracey, M.D., Chair

Elena Marks, Secretary

Minutes transcribed by Cherry Pierson