

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Board Meeting

Thursday, July 25, 2024

9:00 A.M.

#### – NOTICE –

TO: HARRIS COUNTY RESIDENTS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DATE: JULY 19, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Harris Health System (Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System) will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024 in the Board Room of 4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, Texas 77401. The meeting may be viewed online at: <http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live>. Note: Some Board Members may participate by videoconference.

The Board of Trustees will consider the following matters:

#### Mission

Harris Health is a community-focused academic healthcare system dedicated to improving the health of those most in need in Harris County through quality care delivery, coordination of care and education.

## AGENDA

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| <b>I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance</b>  | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> |
| <b>II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> |
| • Board Meeting – June 27, 2024   |                              |
| <b>III. Announcements / Special Presentations</b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> |
| <b>A. CEO Report</b> Including Special Announcements – <i>Dr. Esmaeil Porsa</i>   |                              |
| • Hurricane Beryl Response  |                              |
| <b>B. Board Member Announcements</b> Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements  |                              |
| <b>IV. Public Comment</b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> |
| <b>V. Executive Session</b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> |
| <b>A. Medical Executive Board Report and Credentialing Discussion</b> , Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007 and Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032 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 – <i>Dr. Martha Mims and Dr. Bradford Scott</i> |                              |

- B.** Report Regarding Harris Health System Correctional Health Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Including Credentialing Discussion and Operational Updates, Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032 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 – **Dr. Otis Ekins**

**VI. Reconvene to Open Meeting**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

**VII. General Action Item(s)**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

**A.** General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Medical Staff

1. Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff – **Dr. Martha Mims**
2. Consideration of Approval of Changes to the Community Dentistry Service Clinical Privileges – **Dr. Martha Mims**
3. Consideration of Approval of Changes to the Advanced Practice Professional (APP) Sponsoring Physician Agreement – **Dr. Martha Mims**

**B.** General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Correctional Health Medical Staff

1. Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Correctional Health Medical Staff – **Dr. Otis Ekins**

**VIII. New Items for Board Consideration**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

- A.** Consideration of Approval of the Appointment of Ms. Ingrid Robinson as Chair of the Board of Trustees Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee **Dr. Andrea Caracostis**
- B.** Consideration to Approve Extension of JPMorgan Chase Direct Pay Letter of Credit and the Amended and Restated Fee Letter and Amended and Restated Reimbursement Agreement related to the Series 2010 Bonds – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**

**IX. Strategic Discussion**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

- A.** Discussion Regarding the Harris Health Tax Rate – **Mr. Daniel Ramos, Executive Director, Harris County Office of Management and Budget**

**X. Consent Agenda Items**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

**A.** Consent Purchasing Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A12) – **Mr. DeWight Dopslauf and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office**

**(See Attached Expenditure Summary: July 25, 2024)**

**B. Consent Governing Body Recommendations**

1. Consideration of Approval of the Amended Governing Body Bylaws for the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) at LBJ  
– **Dr. Scott Perry and Mr. Matthew Reeder**  
[ASC at LBJ Governing Body]

**C. New Consent Items for Board Approval**

1. Consideration of Approval to Enter into an Agreement with CenterPoint Energy Resource Corporation to Provide Natural Gas Services for the LBJ Hospital Expansion Project – **Mr. Patrick Casey**
2. Consideration of Approval to Amend the Lease Agreement between Harris County and Harris Health Regarding the Thomas Street Health Center, Located at 2015 Thomas St., Houston, TX 77009 – **Mr. Patrick Casey**
3. Consideration of Approval of an Increase to Payment for the Total Compensation Amount Not-to-Exceed \$5,386,123.62 for the Fifth Contract Year of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Services Agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston – **Dr. Jennifer Small**
4. Consideration of Approval to Amend an Agreement between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Regarding Inpatient Behavioral Health Services  
– **Dr. Amy Smith**

**D. Consent Reports and Updates to the Board**

1. Updates Regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health System – **Mr. R. King Hillier**

*{End of Consent Agenda}*

**XI. Item(s) Related to the Health Care for the Homeless Program**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

- A.** Review and Acceptance of the Following Reports 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  
– **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**
  - HCHP July 2024 Operational Update
- B.** Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Consumer Advisory Report  
– **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**
- C.** Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Budget Narrative for the Fiscal Year 2024 Quality Improvement Award (QIA): Uniform Data System (UDS+)  
– **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

**XII. Executive Session****Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

- C.** Review of the Community Health Choice, Inc. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. STAR+Plus, Accreditation and the Financial Performance for the Year-to-Date Ending May 31, 2024, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085  
– ***Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO and Ms. Anna Mateja, CFO, Community Health Choice***
- D.** Discussion Regarding Community Health Choice, Inc. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. Financial Matters, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session Related to Internal and External Lines of Credit  
– ***Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO and Ms. Anna Mateja, CFO, Community Health Choice***
- E.** 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 Status of Fraud and Abuse Investigations, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – ***Mr. Anthony Williams***
- F.** Consultation with Attorney Related to Human Resources Policies, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071  
– ***Ms. Sara Thomas, Ms. Katie Rutherford and Mr. Omar Reid***
- G.** Consultation with Attorney Regarding Amended Resolution Naming Victoria Nikitin, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, the Authority to Act on Behalf of the Hospital District in all Matters Related to the Monies Distributed by the Texas Opioid Abatement Council, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session, Including Approval of the Amended Resolution, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071  
– ***Ms. Sara Thomas***

**XIII. Reconvene****Dr. Andrea Caracostis****XIV. Adjournment****Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

Budget and Finance Agenda Items for the Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health System - Board of Trustees Report

Expenditure Summary: July 25, 2024 (Approvals)

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A1	McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.  MWBE Goal: 26%	<b>Construction Manager at Risk for the Construction of the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital Replacement Project for Harris Health System</b> - To provide construction services for the Lyndon B. Johnson replacement project. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the construction project.  <i>Job No. 230368, Board Motion 24.02-23</i>	Award	Babak Zare		\$ 397,129,708
A2	Tellepsen Builders, L.P.  MWBE Goal: 35%	<b>Construction Manager at Risk for the Construction of Central Utility Plant at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital for Harris Health System</b> - To provide construction services for the expansion of the new central utility plant at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the construction project.  <i>Job No. 230419, Board Motion 24.02-24</i>	Award	Babak Zare		\$ 71,052,061
A3	SafeGuard Health Plans, Inc. a part of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (GA-06400)  MWBE Goal: 5%	<b>Dental Health Maintenance Organization (DHMO) and Dental Preferred Provider Organization (DPPO) Insurance for Harris Health</b> - To provide for continued CHMO and DPPO insurance coverage for employees and retirees of Harris Health.  <i>Job No. 150099, Board Motion 24.01-10</i>	Renewal  October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2025	Amy Salinas	\$ 9,265,000	\$ 9,265,000
A4	Marsh USA, Inc. (GA-07436)  MWBE Goal: N/A Contract was procured prior to MWBE program	<b>All Risk Property Insurance and Boiler and Machinery Coverage for Harris Health</b> - Additional funds are required for payment of premiums for property all risk and auto physical damage policies.  <i>Job No. 180048</i>	Ratify Additional Funds  May 01, 2023 through April 30, 2024	James Camp	\$ 5,872,000	\$ 7,269,856
A5	Teladoc Health, Inc. (HCHD-1336)  MWBE Goal: 0% Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature	<b>Chronic Conditions Management Program for Harris Health</b> - To improve the chronic conditions management program offered by Harris Health to employees through the wellness benefit package.  <i>Job No. 240093</i>	Award Best proposal meeting requirements  One (1) year initial term with six (6) one-year renewal options	Michele Hunnicutt		*
A6	Texas Medical Center Police Department (HCHD-964)  MWBE Goal: Exempt Public Health or Safety	<b>Law Enforcement Assistance Services for the Harris Health System</b> - Additional funds are required to cover additional services to provide law enforcement assistance at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital.  <i>Public Health or Safety Exemption, Board Motion 23.04-58</i>	Additional Funds Public Health or Safety Exemption  July 24, 2023 through July 23, 2024	Jon Hallaway	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 2,545,825
A7	Hall, Render, Killian, Heath, & Lyman, P.C. (HCHD-1330)  MWBE Goal: 0% Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature	<b>Legal Representation Services for Harris Health System</b> - To provide legal representation for group appeal initiative challenging exclusion of Texas District Hospitals' 1115 waiver for uncompensated care days from Medicaid Fraction of Medicare DSH payments.  <i>HCHD-1330</i>	Approval Professional Services Exemptoin	Victoria Nikitin		\$ 1,000,000

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A8	<b>Terumo Medical HCHD-1260</b>  MWBE Goal: Exempt Public Health or Safety	<b>Diagnostic Interventional Radiology (DIR) products</b> - Radiology is requesting to continue utilizing physician-preferred Terumo diagnostic interventional radiology (DIR) products at Ben Taub and Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital. Terumo sheaths specifically are unique with no similar sizes currently in the market.  <b>Public Health or Safety Exemption</b>	Award Public Health or Safety Exemption  One (1) year initial term with four (4) one-year renewal options	Charles Motley		\$ 935,000
A9	<b>The Brandt Companies, LLC</b>  MWBE Goal: 6%	<b>Job Order Contracting for Small and Large Plumbing and/or Plumbing Related Projects for Harris Health System</b> - The additional funds are required for forecasted projects to cover the remainder of the term.  <b>Job No. 200138, Board Motion 23.09.146</b>	Additional Funds	Terry Elliot	\$ 1,950,268	\$ 625,000
A10	<b>McCoy Rockford, Inc.</b>  MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	<b>Storage of furniture for Harris Health</b> - To provide storage of furniture received for the Harris Health Refresh Project 24-EFN00124.  <b>Sole Source Exemption</b>	Purchase Sole Source Exemption	Teong Chai		\$ 424,320
A11	<b>MLN Fire Protection Company (HCHD- 1234)</b>  MWBE Goal: 5%	<b>Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of the Fire and Life Safety Systems Equipment and Related Items for Harris Health</b> - Additional funds are needed due to the initial Agreement amount being underestimated.  <b>Job No. 190239, Board Motion 24.03-38</b>	Additional Funds  July 01, 2024 through June 30, 2025	Terry Elliott	\$ 625,000	\$ 372,156
A12	<b>Innovations Associates, Inc. (HCHD-204)</b>  MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	<b>Maintenance and Support for the Central Fill Pharmacy System for Harris Health System</b> - Additional funds are needed to continue maintenance and support for legacy Central Fill equipment.  <b>Sole Source Exemption, Board Motion 23.06- 95</b>	Ratify Additional Funds Extension Sole Source Exemption  July 01, 2024 through June 30, 2025	Michael Nnadi	\$ 305,711	\$ 340,845
					Total Expenditures	\$ 494,959,771
					Total Revenue	\$ (0)