

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Public Meeting Agenda

**HARRISHEALTH**  
SYSTEM

**Thursday, April 25, 2024  
9:00 A.M.**

### **BOARD ROOM**

**4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, TX 77401**

The meeting may be viewed online: <http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live>.

**\*Notice: Some Board Members may participate by videoconference.**

### **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**

### **I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance**

### **II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Board Meeting – March 28, 2024

### **MOTION 24.04-45**

Motioned by: INGRID ROBINSON

2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

### **III. Announcements / Special Presentations**

- A. CEO Report** Including Special Announcements – *Dr. Esmaeil Porsa*
- B. Board Member Announcements** Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements

### **IV. Public Comment**

### **V. Executive Session**

- A. Report Regarding Quality of Medical and Healthcare, 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 Reports in Connection with the Evaluation of the Quality of Medical and Healthcare Services, Including Report Regarding Harris Health System Quality Review Councils and Ambulatory Surgical Center at LBJ and Harris Health Dialysis Center at Quentin Mease Health Center Biannual Summary Reports – *Dr. Andrea Caracostis, Dr. Steven Brass and Dr. Yashwant Chathampally*** **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- B. Medical Executive Board Report and Credentialing Discussion, 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 – *Dr. Martha Mims and Dr. Bradford Scott*** **NO ACTION TAKEN**

- C. 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**

**NO ACTION TAKEN****VI. Reconvene to Open Meeting****VII. General Action Item(s)****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**

**MOTION 24.04-46**

Motioned by: CAROL PARET  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

**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**

**MOTION 24.04-47**

Motioned by: DR. CODY PYKE  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

**VIII. New Items for Board Consideration****A. Consideration of Amendment of Appointments to the Dialysis Center at Quentin Mease Governing Body – *Board of Trustees***

- Dr. Cody Pyke
- Sima Ladjevardian

**MOTION 24.04-48**

Motioned by: JENNIFER TIJERINA  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: CAROL PARET

**B. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Committing Support by Harris Health System Board of Trustees and Administration for Level 1 Trauma Services Program at Ben Taub Hospital – *Dr. Glorimar Medina*****MOTION 24.04-49**

Motioned by: INGRID ROBINSON  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

**IX. Strategic Discussion****A. Harris Health System Strategic Plan Initiatives**

1. Presentation Regarding Harris Health's Employee Engagement Update – **Mr. Omar Reid and Mr. Gary Marsh**
- Voices of Harris Health Survey  
[Strategic Pillar 2: People]

**INFORMATION ONLY****B. April Board Committee Meeting Reports:**

- DEI Committee – **Ms. Marcia Johnson**
- Quality Committee – **Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

**INFORMATION ONLY****X. Consent Agenda Items****A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations**

1. Consideration of Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A9) – **Mr. DeWight Dopslauf and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office**

**MOTION 24.04-50**

Motioned by: DR. CODY PYKE  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

(See Attached Expenditure Summary: April 25, 2024)

**B. Consent Committee Recommendations**

1. Consideration of Approval of the Harris Health System 2024 Quality Manual – **Dr. Steven Brass**  
[Quality Committee]

**MOTION 24.04-51**

Motioned by: DR. CODY PYKE  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

**C. Consent Grant Recommendations**

1. Consideration of Approval of Grant Recommendation (Items C1-C3)  
– **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Amineh Kostov**  
(See Attached Expenditure Summary: April 25, 2024)

**MOTION 24.04-51**

Motioned by: DR. CODY PYKE  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

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

1. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health System February 2024 Financial Report Subject to Audit – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
2. Consideration of Approval of Taylor McMillan as Executive Director of the Harris Health Strategic Fund Board – **Dr. Esmaeil Porsa**
3. Consideration of Approval to Amend an Owner Controlled Insurance Program Assistance Agreement between Alliant Insurance Service, Inc. and Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System  
– **Mr. Patrick Casey**

**MOTION 24.04-51**

Motioned by: DR. CODY PYKE  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

**MOTION 24.04-52**

Motioned by: INGRID ROBINSON  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: DR. CODY PYKE

**MOTION 24.04-51**

Motioned by: DR. CODY PYKE  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

**E. 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**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

*{End of Consent Agenda}*

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

- 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, Ms. Tracey Burdine and Dr. Nelson Gonzalez**

**MOTION 24.04-53**

Motioned by: DR. CODY PYKE  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

- HCHP April 2024 Operational Update

- B. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Change in Scope  
– **Dr. Jennifer Small, Ms. Tracey Burdine and Dr. Nelson Gonzalez**

**MOTION 24.04-54**

Motioned by: INGRID ROBINSON  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

- C. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP 2023 Annual Progress Report  
– **Dr. Jennifer Small, Ms. Tracey Burdine and Dr. Nelson Gonzalez**

**MOTION 24.04-55**

Motioned by: DR. CODY PYKE  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

- D. Consideration of Approval of the Revised HCHP 2024 Shelter-based Clinics List – **Dr. Jennifer Small, Ms. Tracey Burdine and Dr. Nelson Gonzalez**

**MOTION 24.04-56**

Motioned by: CAROL PARET  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA

- E. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Uniform Data System (UDS) Comparison Report – **Dr. Jennifer Small, Ms. Tracey Burdine and Dr. Nelson Gonzalez** **MOTION 24.04-57**  
Moted by: INGRID ROBINSON  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: DR. CODY PYKE
- F. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Consumer Advisory Council Report – **Dr. Jennifer Small, Ms. Tracey Burdine and Dr. Nelson Gonzalez** **MOTION 24.04-58**  
Moted by: JENNIFER TIJERINA  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: DR. CODY PYKE
- G. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP 2023 Risk Management Report – **Dr. Jennifer Small, Ms. Tracey Burdine and Dr. Nelson Gonzalez** **MOTION 24.04-59**  
Moted by: JENNIFER TIJERINA  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: CAROL PARET
- H. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP 2023 Service Area Analysis Report – **Dr. Jennifer Small, Ms. Tracey Burdine and Dr. Nelson Gonzalez** **MOTION 24.04-60**  
Moted by: JENNIFER TIJERINA  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: DR. CODY PYKE
- I. Consideration of Approval of a Grant Agreement Between Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and the Texas Department of State Health Services to Expand Services or Access to Care – **Dr. Jennifer Small, Ms. Tracey Burdine and Dr. Nelson Gonzalez** **MOTION 24.04-61**  
Moted by: JENNIFER TIJERINA  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: DR. CODY PYKE
- J. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP 2024 Carryover Budget – **Dr. Jennifer Small, Ms. Tracey Burdine and Dr. Nelson Gonzalez** **MOTION 24.04-62**  
Moted by: JENNIFER TIJERINA  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: CAROL PARET

## XII. Executive Session

- D. Review of the Community Health Choice Financial Performance for the Two Months Ending February 29, 2024, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085 – **Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO and Ms. Anna Mateja, CFO, Community Health Choice** **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- E. Consultation with Attorney, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, Regarding Litigation and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session, Including Approval of a Settlement in Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-00406 in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas – **Mr. Michael Fritz** **MOTION 24.04-63**  
Moted by: DR. CODY PYKE  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: JENNIFER TIJERINA
- F. 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 – **Ms.Carolynn Jones** **NO ACTION TAKEN**

## XIII. Reconvene

## XIV. Board Education

- A. High Reliability Organizations (HRO) Training – **Dr. Steven Brass and Dr. Yashwant Chathampally** **INFORMATION ONLY**

## XV. Adjournment

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

Expenditure Summary: April 25, 2024 (Approvals)

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A1	General Datatech, L.P. (DIR-TSO-4167)  MWBE Goal: 0% Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature	<b>Annual Maintenance for the Cisco Network Hardware and Software</b> - To provide hardware and software maintenance, as well as support services for the data and communication network on all existing services for Harris Health System.  <b>State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Contract</b>	Ratify Purchase Best quote meeting specifications  April 01, 2024 through March 31, 2025	Mohammad Manekia		\$ 3,791,267
A2	SHI Government Solutions Inc.  MWBE Goal: 100%	<b>Microsoft 365 enterprise software licenses for Harris Health System</b> - To provide Microsoft 365 enterprise software throughout Harris Health System.  <b>State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Contract</b>	Award Only quote  One-year initial term with two (2) one-year renewal options	Michael Magera		\$ 2,742,828
A3	Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc.  MWBE Goal: 24%	<b>Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for Various Projects for Harris Health System</b> - To provide architectural and engineering services for projects of various size and scope for Harris Health System.  <b>Job No. 220099, Board Motion 23.12-176</b>	Additional Funds  December 09, 2023 through December 08, 2024	Patrick Casey	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,500,000
A4	Siemens Industry, Inc. (GA-06735)  MWBE Goal: N/A Contract was procured prior to MWBE program	<b>Repair, Maintenance, and Testing of the Integrated Security System for Harris Health System</b> - Additional funds are required due to the extended term to continue support and repair services for the security systems at Harris Health until the competitive procurement process is completed and a new agreement is in place.  <b>Public Health or Safety Exemption, Board Motion 23.01-08</b>	Ratify Additional Funds Extension Public Health or Safety Exemption  March 01, 2024 through February 28, 2025	Jon Hallaway	\$ 1,145,000	\$ 1,145,000
A5	Gowan - Garrett, Inc.  MWBE Goal: 16%	<b>Water Booster Pump Installation at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital for Harris Health System</b> - Installation of this new booster pump will ensure that the hospital maintains constant and acceptable water pressure.  <b>Choice Partners, a division of Harris County Department of Education Cooperative Program</b>	Purchase Low quote	Patrick Casey		\$ 680,924
A6	Livongo Health, Inc. (GA-06816)  MWBE Goal: 0% Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature	<b>Diabetes Management Program for Harris Health System</b> - The extension and additional funds are required to provide for continued comprehensive diabetes and hypertension management programs that will increase member engagement and improve overall health and well-being at Harris Health System until the competitive procurement process is complete.  <b>Job No. 160182, Board Motion 23.02-24</b>	Additional Funds Extension Best proposal meeting requirements  May 19, 2024 through September 30, 2024	Michele Hunnicutt	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 675,000
A7	Stryker Neurovascular (HCHD-001176)  MWBE Goal: Exempt Public Health or Safety	<b>Neurointerventional Microcoil Embolics Products for the Harris Health System</b> - To provide Harris Health System with Neurointerventional microcoil embolics products used for the treatment of neurovascular aneurysms.  <b>Public Health or Safety Exemption</b>	Award Public Health or Safety Exemption  One (1) year initial term with one (1) one-year renewal options	Charles Motley		\$ 653,000

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A8	DT Construction LP  MWBE Goal: 25%	<b>Renovation and Buildout of a Food Pharmacy and Kitchen at the Settegast Health Center for Harris Health System</b> - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals for the renovation and buildout of a food pharmacy at the Settegast Health Center. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the construction project  <b>Job No. 240032</b>	Best proposal meeting requirements	Babak Zare		\$ 553,000
A9	A/W Mechanical Services, LP  MWBE Goal: N/A Contract was procured prior to MWBE program	<b>Job Order Contracting for HVAC and/or HVAC Related Projects for Harris Health System</b> - The additional funds are required to continue provide heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) repair, renovation, or alteration services at various hospitals and clinics for Harris Health System until the competitive procurement process is completed and a new agreement is in place  <b>Job No. 180068, Board Motion 23.12-176</b>	Additional Funds Extension  May 13, 2024 through September 30, 2024	Kia Scales	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 460,000
					Total Expenditures	\$ 12,201,019
					Total Revenue	\$ (0)

**Grant Agenda Items for the Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health System, Board of Trustees Report**  
**Grant Agreement Summary: April 25, 2024**

No.	Grantor	Description/Justification	Action, Basis of Recommendation	Term	Project Owner	Award Amount
C1	Harris County Public Health (Funded by Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 Part A)	Consideration of Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between the 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  • The initial award amount is considered a partial award	<b>Interlocal Agreement</b>	March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025	Dr. Jennifer Small	\$ 2,459,254.77
C2	United States Department of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)	Consideration of Approval to Ratify a Grant Award Increase 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.  • Initial award amount: \$256,567 • <u>Increased award amount: \$342,088</u> • <b>Total award amount: \$598,655</b>	<b>Ratification of a Grant Agreement</b>	January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024	Dr. Jennifer Small	\$ 598,655.00
C3	Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)	Consideration of Approval to Ratify a Grant Agreement between the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health System and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to fund colorectal cancer treatment services under the Texas Colorectal Cancer Program.  • State Fiscal Year 2024 (September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024 Award Allocation: \$5,000.00 • State Fiscal Year 2025 (September 1, 2024-August 31, 2025 Award Allocation: \$5,000.00	<b>Ratification of a Grant Agreement</b>	September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025	Amineh Kostov	\$ 10,000.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b>						<b>\$ 3,067,909.77</b>