

MINUTES OF THE HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HRSA Special Called Board Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2024
8:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION
I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance	<p>The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Ms. Carol Paret, Presiding Officer. It was noted that a quorum was present and the attendance was recorded. Ms. Paret 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. Only participants scheduled to speak have been provided dial in information for the meeting. All others who wish to view the meeting may access the meeting online through the Harris Health website: http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live.</p>	<p>A copy of the attendance is appended to the archived minutes.</p>
II. Public Comment	<p>There were no public speakers registered to appear before the Board.</p>	<p>As Presented.</p>
III. Announcements/ Special Presentations	<p>A. Board Member Announcements Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Member of the Harris Health Board of Trustees <p>Ms. Paret warmly welcomed Mr. Paul Puente as a new member of the Board. Mr. Puente was appointed by the Commissioner of Precinct 2 and Harris County Commissioners' Court in October 2024. Mr. Puente serves as the Executive Secretary of the Houston Gulf Coast Building and Construction Trades Council, and represents construction unions across a 20-county jurisdiction. Elected in January 2013, Mr. Puente oversees 18 unions, 15 crafts, and 13 apprenticeship programs, each with a Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC). A journeyman wireman electrician and member of The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 716, Mr. Puente began his electrical career in 1990, earning a degree in Electrical Technology from San Jacinto College. He's also an organizer and assistant business manager for his local union. Mr. Puente is a proud family man with his wife, Janie, their six children, and two grandchildren. He is active in numerous organizations, including the Harris County AFL-CIO, Houston Business Roundtable, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), the Maritime Trades Department, and serves as Labor Liaison for Congressman Al Green. He also holds leadership roles in the Building Trades MC3, Port of Houston Small Business Advisory Board, and other key local initiatives.</p>	<p>As Presented.</p>

XI. Item(s) Related to the Health Care for the Homeless Program		
	<p>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 to Provide Health Services to Persons Experiencing Homelessness under Section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCHP November 2024 Operational Update, Including a Presentation Regarding the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Annual Compliance Training HCHP Consumer Advisory Report <p>Dr. Nelson Gonzalez, Grants Project Manager for the Health Care for the Homeless Program, presented the November 2024 Operational Update, which covered the HCHP Bylaws Annual Review and the HRSA Compliance Annual Training. He reported that the HCHP Bylaws are reviewed annually and updated as needed, and currently, no changes are recommended. Dr. Gonzalez provided an overview of Health Care for the Homeless services and the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), highlighting the nineteen (19) Key Health Center Requirements. Discussion ensued regarding the needs assessment and its findings, collaborative relationships with other organizations that serve the homeless population, and the HCHP budget, specifically in relation to funding from HRSA versus patient income. Dr. Andrea Caracostis inquired about the Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate for the homeless program. Ms. Tracy Burdine, Director, Health Care for the Homeless Program, stated that that the program is collaborating with their Accreditation and Compliance team to assign a PPS rate to its FQHCs. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 24.11-161</u> Moved by Ms. Ingrid Robinson, seconded by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.A. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>B. Approval of HCHP Bylaws</p>	<p><u>Motion No. 24.11-162</u> Moved by Ms. Libby Viera - Bland, seconded by Ms. Carol Paret, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.B. Motion carried.</p>
<p>XII. Adjournment</p>	<p>There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.</p>	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees HRSA Special Called Meeting held on November 14, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Caracostis, MD, MPH, Chair



Carol Paret, BS, Secretary

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