

SUMMARY MINUTES
Chairman's Meeting
Indian River County Hospital District
Hospital District Conference Room
January 18, 2017
9:00 AM

TRUSTEES: Marybeth Cunningham Dr. Michael Weiss
 Ann Marie McCrystal Omar Hussamy, M.D.
 Karen Deigl Barbara Bodnar

VIA TELEPHONE: Allen Jones

STAFF : Ann Marie Suriano Jennifer Frederick
 Kate Voss Jennifer Peshke, Esq.

OTHER ATTENDEESS: Matt Reiser Michael Hammes
 Mary Blumstein Andrea Berry
 Cecilia Escorbore Kristen Crocker
 Janet Bagely Mary Linn Hamilton
 Bob Savage Lewis Clark
 Vicki Soule Hope Woodhouse
 Rick Van Lith

Convene Meeting – Marybeth Cunningham, Vice Chairwoman

Mrs. Cunningham convened the monthly chairman's meeting of the IRCHD at 9:00 AM by welcoming those in attendance. She also welcomed the new Trustees in attendance. She gave a brief review of the history of the funding structure of the District. She explained that the District typically funds health agencies on a fee-for-service basis, with the exception of a few programs that receive grant funding. After the conclusion of the 2015 Community Health Needs Assessment, the District began to evaluate the needs in the community and discussed changing their efforts to supporting all health needs in the community, with a focus on health care outcomes. The District Trustees approved a Community Health Needs Assessment ("CHNA") fund to be included in the FY 2016-2017 budget, which would be used to fund programs in the community that are providing services to high priority health needs, that were identified through the CHNA. Further, a Request for Proposal ("RFP") was drafted and approved by the Trustees. Since the approval of the RFP, the District RFP committee has received and reviewed three applications, and has so far approved one request, which was submitted by IRMC for an Emergency Room Health Navigator.

RFP review and discussion- Andrea Berry, Executive Director Healthy Start Coalition

Ms. Berry gave a brief review of their request for proposal. Healthy Start in connection with Partners in Women's Health, would provide outreach services in the community to reach women and help them understand the need for general health care and prenatal health. The program also provides immediate or same day Medicaid enrollment and application assistance for mothers who call Partners in Women's Health for an appointment and do not have insurance. Additionally, the program would provide a post-partum care coordinator for medical home visits. The home visit will include a wellness check for the mother and baby, along with education on family planning and healthy lifestyles. They are requesting \$100,000 in funding to facilitate this program. There was further questions and discussion from the Trustees regarding the request. Mrs. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve which was made by Ms. Deigland seconded by Mrs. McCrystal. The motion carried unanimously.

We Care Request- Miranda Hawker, Director of Florida Department of Health

Mrs. Hawker gave a historical review of We Care and the purpose of the clinic and the services they provide to Indian River County. Mrs. Hawker stated that when an indigent qualified patient is referred to a specialist, that patient is referred to the We Care Clinic. The Clinic is made up of approximately 126 volunteer physicians and nurses, and they receive no reimbursement for their services. The District initially provided funding to hire a new medical director to be a conduit for patients and provide initial care to the patient before they see the volunteer specialist.

Mrs. Hawker explained that through the transition to fee-for-service, the We Care clinic inaccurately estimated the amount of patients that would be seen, which caused a decrease in projected revenue by \$72,885.62. Additionally, because of this loss in revenue, the program has been unable to hire a medical assistant to help with program work. The Trustees noted that the shortfall she was referencing actually occurred in FY 15-16 and they asked that she provide the current fiscal year's shortfall amount. Mrs. Hawker stated that for the current fiscal year, the We Care program has a deficit of approximately \$23,000. There was further discussion among the Trustees that fee-for-service may not be the best funding structure for the We Care Program. They felt it may be best for the Health Department to submit an RFP to help supplement the program and still pay them on a fee-for-service basis. Mrs. McCrystal made a motion to fund the programs current shortfall of \$23,000, which was seconded by Dr. Hussamy. The motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Cunningham stated that the RFP process for the next fiscal year will close in June and she encouraged Mrs. Hawker to prepare a request for consideration at that time. Mrs. Hawker also extended an invitation to the Trustees to visit the Health Department and the We Care Clinic to take a tour and see their operations.

District Organizational Matters- Ann Marie Suriano, Executive Director

Mrs. Suriano provided an update on some pending District matters. She stated that she and Mrs. Frederick will be providing a quarterly report next month on the status of the Care Card Program.

She further stated that she met with Mary Linn Hamilton of the VNA to discuss the current lease agreement concerning the Human Services Building, which they occupy and the District owns. Mrs. Suriano explained that the building is quite old and in need of some repairs. She asked that Mrs. Hamilton provide her with a list of items that need immediate attention. It was further discussed that an alternative solution would be to construct a new Human Services Building that could house the District office, along with VNA. She indicated that she would update the Trustees once she received further information from Mrs. Hamilton.

Mrs. Suriano discussed the pending issues of holding a District Town Hall meeting. The Trustees agreed that this is still an important matter and this needs to be thoroughly thought out and executed. In the meantime, Mrs. Suriano suggested that the Trustee hold a retreat with a facilitator to discuss the direction of the District for the upcoming year and to get feedback from the Trustees on the same. She further stated that she met with Mr. Susi and they are reviewing the calendar to hold a joint meeting between the District and the Board of Directors. The District staff will continue to work on these matters and communicate the same to the Trustees.

Other Business-

The Trustees agreed to hold the monthly Chairman's meeting the third Wednesday of each month from 12-2PM.

Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM