

**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**Chairman's Meeting**  
**Indian River County Hospital District**  
**Hospital District Conference Room**  
**April 19, 2017**  
**12:00 PM**

TRUSTEES:                   Marybeth Cunningham           Allen Jones  
                                  Ann Marie McCrystal           Dr. Michael Weiss  
                                  Karen Deigl                     Barbara Bodnar

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

OTHER ATTENDEESS:       Janet Begley                     Lewis Clark  
                                  Hope Woodhouse                Andrea Berry  
                                  Kathleen Sloan                 Matt Reiser  
                                  Mary Blumstein

***Convene Meeting – Marybeth Cunningham, Chairwoman***

Mrs. Cunningham convened the monthly chairman's meeting of the IRCHD at 12:00 PM by welcoming those in attendance.

***District Office Update- Ann Marie Suriano***

Mrs. Suriano provided an update to the Trustees regarding the District office space and the plan to renovate the current conference room, along with swapping the current back office space for the large conference suite next door. She has met with a few contractors and is awaiting their proposals. Further, she spoke with the building owners and they have agreed to the office space exchange and the rent will only increase by \$25.00. There will be some additional expense with moving and IT work, but she does not anticipate it to cost more than \$2,000 and there is room in the administrative budget for the expense. Mrs. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the expenditure, which was made by Mrs. McCrystal and seconded by Allen Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Suriano stated that five individuals have applied for the vacant Trustee position. Those individual are Tom Segura, Lundy Fields, Tracey Zudans, Bob Savage, and Gene Feinour. The Governor has 45 days to appoint a trustee or may leave the seat vacant until the next elections. The 45 day time period ends May 6, 2017.

***Florida Legislation Update- Jennifer Peshke, Esq.***

Mrs. Peshke provided an update regarding the pending Senate Bill 740, and pending House Bill 843. Both bills are still in legislation and she has no other new information at this time. She explained that House Bill 843 would narrow the Sunshine Law and provide exemptions for two board members to meet with limited or no public notice. She further discussed that pending Senate Bill 740 would prohibit hospital districts from levying property taxes without the consent of the electors residing in the county. The last action taken on this bill was on March 7. Additionally, she discussed House Bill 7021 that would require local government ethic reform and require members of a government board to complete ethics training. This bill is currently with the Government Accountability Committee. There was further discussion among the Trustees concerning House HB 7 which would repeal the Florida's Certificate of Need. The Bill is still active but many parts of the bill which would affect nursing homes and hospice care have been stricken.

***Funding Application Update & RFP Discussion- Jennifer Frederick***

Mrs. Frederick stated that all funding applications are due today and a few new agencies are expected to submit requests. Those agencies are Indian River County Public Guardian Program, Sebastian River Medical Center, Whole Family Health, and the Veterans Council. There was further Trustee discussion regarding the application process and there was a request for clarification regarding the application vetting process. The Trustees requested that Mrs. Frederick prepare a cover sheet with pertinent information from the application. They will also receive the complete application from each agency who applied to review prior to their presentation.

She further discussed the Request for Proposal Process, which the Trustees placed on hold at the beginning of the year. She explained that three proposals were approved from the process with a total of \$401,759 to be paid out over a two year period. To date, \$76,759 has been paid to the recipients. Those agencies who received funding will provide a quarterly update in July.

There was further Trustees discussion concerning the District funding structure which is now made up mostly of fee-for-service funding, with a few agencies still being paid on a grant basis. There will be more discussion on this during the upcoming budget workshop and budget hearing meetings.

***Children's Health Issues & Funding- Hope Woodhouse***

Ms. Hope Woodhouse addressed the Trustees and provided some data concerning community funding for children and young adult services. She feels that there are many duplicate programs in the county and that there is opportunity to have a full service, one stop shop facility to provide those services. Additionally there are many funding agencies in the community who share the same mission of healthy moms, healthy kids. She further discussed current gaps in care for children such as speech therapy. There was a discussion among the

Trustees regarding a possible expansion of We Care, to provide those services, with Physical Therapists volunteering their time to treat the children. Ms. Woodhouse provided examples of other agencies that could be expanded in the community to provide further care to children and young adults. The Trustees agreed that this is a need in the community, but there would need to be further research before the District can commit to funding these expansions. Additionally, Mr. Jones stated that the District is beginning to have conversations with TCCH regarding primary care and diverting patients from the emergency room, who are seeking non-emergent care, to a primary clinic that treats only indigent. The Trustees agreed that they need to begin to monitor this matter for further consideration.

***Public Comment-*** There was no public comment.

***Adjourn-*** The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM