

footnotes to the financial statement with the Trustees. The District's employee benefit plan was further discussed and Mrs. McCrystal stated that she would like to have a discussion with Mrs. Suriano or Mrs. Peshke to review the plans and policies. She feels it needs to be monitored and maintained by a Trustee committee. Mr. Jacoby stated that the District is in sound financial standing and no issues were reported in the Audit. Mr. Jacoby further discussed the report on applying agreed upon procedures which looked at compliance matters with respect to agency funding. The two reports were conducted on Indian River Medical Center and University of Florida Center for Psychiatry & Addiction Medicine. Mr. Jacoby stated that prior to the Amended and Restated Indigent Care Agreement in 2014, the Medicare cost report was used to establish indigent care rates. This resulting in a \$7,975 overstatement of indigent expense, which was adjusted as part of the Audit. Further discussion ensued between the Trustees regarding the qualifying process for the agencies to qualify indigent patients. The Trustees felt it was important to maintain the guidelines that are in place and they agreed that those requirements are justified. It was further discussed that a mainstream system needs to be put into place, such as a qualifying card, which an indigent patient could use at all the agencies in the county. Mr. Jacoby completed his presentation and offered to meet with any Trustees privately to discuss the contents of the Audit in greater detail, should they desire to do so.

Preliminary Budget Review - Ann Marie Suriano, Executive Director

Mrs. Suriano reviewed the preliminary budget and stated that the District will maintain \$1.5 million in their reserve account. She stated that there have been discussions surrounding moving those funds into an account where they could potentially earn additional interest. This change would take place at the beginning of the fiscal year when the District receives the majority of its tax revenues. She further discussed the District's program and administrative budgets with the Trustees and stated that prior to reviewing the final tax roll out numbers, the proposed mileage rate would be 0.9748, which is lower than last year's mileage rate. Additionally, the budget being proposed at this time is the highest amount that would be approved and can be adjusted before the final budget hearing. Mrs. Frederick reviewed the program funding section of the budget and stated that the District would like to begin funding all agencies in the same manner. Currently, some agencies are paid by fee-for-service and some agencies are paid at 1/12th of their annual budget. Additionally, each funded agency has a different cost per service rate, which does not offer consistency in funding practices. Currently the District is working on a set rate for the agencies to follow and this process is in the preliminary stages of collecting data. Mr. Jones further discussed the budget process and stated that it's the objective of the District to present the budget to the public at the regular monthly meeting in July. He reviewed with the Trustees the program budget and discussed each agency request and the proposed amount the District will fund them. It was further discussed that they will decrease the amount being funded to the Partners Program but they will keep the excess monies in the reserves, should Partner's meet the established metric which would entitle them to a bonus. Further discussion ensued regarding the VNA mobile unit. Some trustees expressed that they feel the money spent on funding the bus could be used to support more effective health programs in the county. It was decided that Dr. Weiss would head a board committee that would review the mobile unit's financial and treatment data, to determine if the program is effective. Additionally, as a condition with the District's new funding strategy, the VNA must look at evolving to fee for service for indigent patients on the mobile unit. Additionally, the mobile unit

must collect data supporting that the patient who presents for care, meet the requirements guidelines for indigent status. The Trustees further discussed that the Health Departments budget has increased by 20% and it was proposed that the Health Department switch to being paid by fee-for-service as well. The Trustees agreed that they would budget the full budget request for the Health Department, with the caveat of billing by fee-for-service at the start of the fiscal year in October, 2016. Further discussion ensued regarding TCCH and their budget request, which included a large amount for dental services. Lastly the Trustees discussed Healthy Start's budget request. It was agreed that their request would be constituted as a grant, rather than fee-for-service. However, Healthy Start directly supports the Partners Program and does not provide direct health services to patients. It was decided by the Trustees in attendance that they agree to the proposed budget and transitioning to fee-for service for those funded agencies that provide direct services to indigent qualified patients. They further agreed to change the title of the "Health Care Bill Reserve" budget line item, to the "Heath Needs Assessment Reserve" and will set aside an additional \$550,000 in Program Expenditures, to address additional needs in connection with the Health Needs Assessment. Mrs. Suriano stated that she would prepare a separate summary of this meeting, along with a copy of the updated budget to the Trustees who were not in attendance. The Trustees agreed to increase the budget for Auditing services from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Moving forward they will conduct Audits of all agencies that are being funding by the District, to ensure that tax dollars are being spent responsibility and on the appropriate people, who meet the District's criteria.

Other Business

Mrs. Frederick stated that New Horizons is working in collaboration with the Zero Suicide initiative that is sponsored by Florida LINC ("Linking Individuals Needing Care"). New Horizons is conducting a pilot program in which they are training staff to approach their clients with tools to help uncover any thoughts of suicide and then apply the right therapies to help. This training is available to anyone on the board who would like to participate. Mrs. Frederick explained that as part of the strategic plan, one goal of the District was to provide educational sessions to the Board. At this time the Trustees felt there may be better educational opportunities for the Board but thanked Mrs. Frederick for the information.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM