

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 21, 2016
4:30 PM**

ATTENDEES: Eugene Feinour Allen Jones
John Val Zudans, MD. Marybeth Cunningham
Ann Marie McCrystal

EXCUSED Thomas Spackman, MD. Dr. Michael Weiss

OTHER ATTENDEESS: Ann Marie Suriano Jennifer Peshke, Esq.
Jennifer Frederick Kate Voss
Janet Bagley Tom Hardy
Harman Fountain Mary Blumstein
Jason Nance Dr. Malias
Vicki Soule John Romano
Mayur Rao Gerri Smith
Lewis Clark

Convene Meeting – Eugene Feinour, Chairman IRCHD

Mr. Feinour convened the regular monthly meeting of the Indian River County Hospital District (“IRCHD”) at 4:30 p.m., by welcoming the public at home and in the commission chambers. The first order of business was the approval of the regular monthly meeting minutes dated March 17, 2016. Mrs. McCrystal made a motion to approve and Mrs. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Feinour stated that he would defer the approval of the monthly disbursement to Mr. Jones, as he would be discussing a possible change in that amount during his Treasurers report. Additionally, Mr. Feinour stated that the District approved its Strategic Plan last month, and that the Trustees and staff are working on specific areas of that plan from an implementation standpoint. He will provide monthly updates when appropriate.

District Counsel Report, Jennifer Peshke, Esq.

Mrs. Peshke provided a monthly counsel report and stated that the Partners Collaborative Committee has continued its open lines of communication between the hospital and the District, as well as supporting community agencies such as Healthy Start and the Health Department. She informed the Trustees that the next collaborative meeting would take place at the beginning of June. Next, she discussed the proposed hospital Bylaws amendment request and referred to a memorandum on the same, which was sent to the Trustees for their review prior to today’s meeting. She recommended that the Trustees approve the change and asked for a motion on the

same. Dr. Zudans stated that he was unable to attend the Chairman's meeting and had not reviewed the information prior to this meeting. He asked that Mrs. Peshke provide a brief summary of the change before the vote, which she did. Mrs. McCrystal made a motion to accept and Mrs. Cunningham seconded it. The motion passed with four Trustees approving the change and Dr. Zudans abstained from the vote.

Financial Statement Review- Allen Jones, Treasurer IRCHD

Mr. Jones provided a Treasurer's report and stated that the District is in good financial shape and that they continue to operate both in the administrative and program level, at or below the budget. He presented his proposal for reconciling IRMC's indigent care reimbursement and explained that to date the District has overpaid IRMC by \$516,546. As a result, he recommends the District immediately adjust its procedure to reimburse IRMC monthly for the actual amount billed for eligible indigent care costs, per the Indigent Care Agreement. The District would then reduce the actual payment by \$103,635 each month until August, which would result in the hospital fully repaying the District by September 2016. Further, he proposed that nothing above the total sums paid to IRMC, exceed the annual budgeted amount without a separate vote of the Trustees. He asked for a motion approving the same and Mrs. McCrystal seconded the motion. Mr. Feinour asked for Trustee comment. Dr. Zudans stated that he agrees with the repayment methodology, as well as the third initiative of requiring a vote to approving additional payment to IRMC. However, at last month's meeting, Mr. Gardener, IRMC's CFO, stated to him that it would not cause a cash flow issue for the hospital, if the District were to withhold one month of reimbursement. He feels that the District should even up the overpayment immediately. Mr. Jones stated that at the hospitals finance committee meeting last week, they requested that the District allow the repayment to be reduced over the remaining months of the fiscal year. Additionally, Mr. Jones stated that the District is not in immediate need of those funds and that they would only be placed into their reserve account. The motion to approve the reconciliation of IRMC's monthly reimbursement payment passed by a 5 to 1 margin, with Dr. Zudans in opposition. Since the motion approving this payment passed. Mr. Jones stated the monthly disbursement amount will be lower than the number initially reported. he asked for a motion to approve the new monthly disbursement amount of \$1,002,728.16. Mrs. Cunningham made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Feinour. The motion passed by a 5 to 1 margin, with Dr. Zudans in opposition.

Executive Report- Ann Marie Suriano, Executive Director IRCHD

Mrs. Suriano provided an Executive Director report and discussed matters concerning the upcoming election in November. She explained that there will be four seats up for reelection, and she stated that all the Trustees up for reelection have filed to run, with the exception of Dr. Spackman. She further discussed her involvement as the Chair of the Mental Health Collaborative ("MHC") and its rollout of the Connections Program. MHC presented their business plan and RFP for an executive director at yesterday's Chairman's meeting. She is currently heading the site selection committee with Mr. Tom Segura, to find a location to house the Connections Program. Additionally, she stated that MHC has received ten resumes for the position of Executive Director of the Collaborative and they are very pleased at the interest they have seen thus far. Additionally, she also serves on the selection committee, who will review the

applications and interview the possible candidates. Lastly, she discussed the Districts strategic planning efforts and thanked the Trustees for their input with the process. She explained that although the process is mostly staff work driven, the Trustees have been very involved as well.

Funded Agencies Quarterly Report-

Dr. Saver, President of We Care, discussed the growth and development of the We Care Clinic and stated that there has been exceptional growth that has happened over the past year. He stated that We Care received a \$100,000 grant from Impact 100, which enabled them to renovate an office space at the Gifford Health Center, that was donated by the Health Department. Additionally, they were able to hire a full time physician, who will be the only paid employee in the volunteer network. Currently, the physician's salary is being paid by District funding and he thanked the Trustees for facilitating that. Dr. Saver explained that the aim of this new service is to have a place for indigent patients, who have been discharged from the hospital, to receive follow up care. The full time physician will provide that care and prevent those individuals from becoming repeat patients. He introduced Dr. Herman Fountain, who will serve as the full time physician for We Care. Dr. Fountain has previously worked for TCCH and is familiar with the population in Indian River County. By May, they hope to have the clinic open five days a week. Further discussion ensued regarding We Care's financial position and volunteer statistics. The Trustees thanked Dr. Saver for his efforts and the informative presentation.

Mr. Romano, CEO of New Horizons, presented the agency's quarterly reports and financial outcomes for the center. He stated the clinic located in Indian River County continues to be the busiest out of the four counties they currently serve. Since the start of the fiscal year, they have served over 5000 clients. Mr. Romano explained that New Horizons would be reducing their funding request from \$70,000 to \$50,000. Over the last two years, New Horizons has been unable to spend the full budget amount that they had requested. This is due in part to the lack of psychiatric physicians available. He stated that New Horizons is currently looking to hire a full time psychiatrist but are having trouble recruiting one due to various issues including cost and location. He said that there is a shortage of psychiatrist in the state and across the county. It was discussed by the Trustees about how the lack of psychiatric care is becoming a crisis and the District must continue to support programs that offer those services to the community.

Mrs. Soule, CEO of Treasure Coast Community Health, Inc. ("TCCH") gave a brief history of TCCH's creation and presented the quarterly reports and financial outcomes for their multiple clinics. In connection with the District request for the health agencies to include data concerning their measurable outcomes, Mrs. Soule stated a few of the 50 different outcome measures that TCCH currently uses. Additionally, she discussed the multiple services that are offered at TCCH, which include medical, dental, behavioral health, and pediatrics. She stated that the amount of funding they have requested from the District is slightly less, due to indigent patients becoming insured through the Affordable Care Act. However, they have seen large growth in dental care needs, and will be requesting additional funding for that program. She further stated that they are currently in negotiations to lease an office, which will specifically

house a new dental program, since the central location is without that service. Mrs. Cunningham encouraged the other Trustees to visit the dental clinic on Oslo road and that she was very impressed with the operation.

IRMC, Inc. Monthly Report- Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement Program- Jason Nance, Asst. Vice President of Patient Care Services

Mr. Nance, the Associate Vice President of patient care services at IRMC, gave an overview of a new program that the hospital is developing called Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (“TAVR”). Mr. Nance discussed the changes in cardiovascular medicine since the creation of the program in 2006 and stated that the number of bypass and PCI surgeries have diminished. The hospital is currently focusing on peripheral vascular intervention, electro physiology, and valve therapy, as the demand for these services will be growing over the next few years. He explained that over half of the heart surgeries performed at IRMC involve a valve, which is unique in comparison to most hospitals that operate using a bypass function. Mr. Nance further discussed that the delivery of care will be changing, to focus more on building centers of excellence for specific types of heart disease. Recently, IRMC was cited as an outstanding hospital for heart failure care by US News & World Report. Currently IRMC is the only hospital who will offers TAVR on the Treasure Coast. Dr. Malias presented short video showing a TAVR procedure, and he discussed the same with the Trustees. He stated that by the year 2020, 60% of valves will be replaced using this procedure. In closing, Mr. Nance stated that this program would be extremely beneficial to the hospital because more patients will be requesting this procedure and if the hospital does not offer it, they could stand to lose patients to other hospitals that provide that service. The Trustees thanked Mr. Nance and Dr. Malias for their presentation and agreed that this service is much needed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie McCrystal
Secretary