

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 15, 2016  
5:45 PM**

TRUSTEES: Eugene Feinour Marybeth Cunningham  
Thomas J. Spackman, MD. John Val Zudans, MD.  
Michael Weiss

EXCUSED: Ann Marie McCrystal

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

OTHER ATTENDEESS: Joseph Saul Lewis Clark  
Karen Deigl Kathy Hendrix  
Mary Linn Hamilton Donna Spackman  
Vicki Soule Gregory Gardner  
John Romano

***Convene Meeting – Eugene Feinour, Chairman IRCHD***

Mr. Feinour convened the regular monthly meeting of the Indian River County Hospital District (“IRCHD”) at 5:45 p.m. The first order of business was the Approval of the Chairman’s Meeting Minutes dated August 17, Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated August 18, and a September disbursement of \$960,252.07. Mr. Feinour made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and the September disbursement, which was seconded by Mrs. Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Feinour stated that the District is beginning to develop and plan their first town hall meeting. He explained that the purpose of these meetings is to give the public a better idea of what the District does for the community. They plan to hold the first meeting in November. Mr. Feinour stated he would provide monthly updates regarding the same.

***District Counsel Report, Jennifer Peshke, Esq.***

Mrs. Peshke provided her monthly counsel report and stated that she has been working with District staff and Trustees to finalize the governance and office documents in relation to the District Strategic Plan. Those office documents are up for approval at tonight’s meeting.

Additionally, she discussed the upcoming election and encouraged Trustees who are running for reelection, to contact her with any questions concerning permissible behavior and communications. She further advised that as the Trustees begin to campaign, they should

be aware and abide by all rules and regulations of the Supervisor of Election's Office and Florida Statutes.

***Financial Statement Review-Allen Jones, Treasurer***

Mr. Jones provided the Treasurer's report and stated the District will not utilize all funds that are currently in the operating account, which has attributed to the lower millage rate for the upcoming year. He asked for public comment and there was none.

***Executive Director Report-Ann Marie Suriano, Executive Director***

Mrs. Suriano stated that she continues to work with the Mental Health Collaborative and they have hired the new executive director who began work on September 12. The MHC has leased a space to house the Collaborative offices, along with the Connections Program, located on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. in downtown Vero Beach.

***IRMC FY 2016-2017 Operating Budget- Gregory Gardner, IRMC CFO***

Mr. Gardner reviewed the revised IRMC 2016 Annual Operating and Capital Budget. He began by reviewing data concerning District qualified indigent care services provided in FY 2015-2016. He explained that IRMC is reimbursed for services provided to indigent patients pursuant to a cost formula reflected in the Indigent Care Agreement. Additionally he reviewed data regarding the hospitals operating volumes and their projected volumes for the upcoming year. He further reviewed the hospitals revenues and expenses. Lastly, Mr. Gardner reviewed IRMC's statement of cash flow, which showed that the hospital currently has 70 days cash on hand. \* A full copy of Mr. Gardner's report is available at the District Office, per request.

Mr. Gardner presented the findings from the IRMC Managed Care Payment Comparison. This report compares IRMC to multiple pay schedules to show the contrast in insurance company's reimbursement rates for surrounding hospitals and overall Florida hospital averages. He reviewed the data, which shows IRMC is reimbursed at a much lower rate than surrounding hospitals, for the same services rendered. There was concern from the Trustees with these findings and several Trustees inquired how they could assist the hospital with this issue. Mr. Gardner explained that hospital executives have met with members of the school board and county commission concerning this matter, because it negatively affects them in regards to increased rates they are paying for their employees. Representative from the school board and county commission have pledged to help IRMC in their efforts to renegotiate better rates with Blue Cross Blue Shield, the largest insurance carrier accepted in Indian River County. Mr. Jones stated that the District supports the efforts of the hospital and asked that he provide the Trustees with an update on the negotiations, when available.

***New Business- Approval of District HR Office Documents- Ann Marie Suriano, Executive Director***

Mrs. Suriano asked for a motion to approve the following District office documents:

1. Hospital District Employee Manual;
2. Job Descriptions; and
3. Employee performance evaluation forms.

Dr. Spackman made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mrs. Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

***Approval of Request for Proposal- Marybeth Cunningham, Vice Chairman***

Mrs. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the Request for Proposal. Dr. Spackman made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

***Approval of IRCHD Care Card Process- Jennifer Frederick, Program Liaison***

Mrs. Frederick asked for a motion to approve the District Care Card program. Mrs. Cunningham made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

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

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Michael Weiss  
Assistant Secretary