

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 19, 2017
4:30 PM**

TRUSTEES:	Marybeth Cunningham Ann Marie McCrystal Karen Deigl	Dr. Michael Weiss Omar Hussamy, MD Barbara Bodnar
VIA TELEPHONE:	Allen Jones	
STAFF:	Ann Marie Suriano Kate Voss	Jennifer Frederick Jennifer Peshke, Esq.
OTHER ATTENDEESS:	Mary Blumstein Thomas Hardy Gerri Smith Matt Reiser Deb Hawkins Bob Savage Cary Stowe	Lewis Clark Val Zudans, M.D. Mary Linn Hamilton Miranda Hawker Vicki Soule Jeff Susi Carol Kanerak

Convene Meeting – Marybeth Cunningham, Vice Chairwoman IRCHD

Mrs. Cunningham convened the regular monthly meeting of the Indian River County Hospital District (“IRCHD”) at 4:30 p.m. She indicated that Mr. Jones was participating in today’s meeting via telephone. Mrs. Cunningham welcomed Omar Hussamy, M.D., Karen Deigl, and Barbara Bodnar, who are the three newly elected Trustees. By way of introduction, Dr. Hussamy stated that he has been a resident and an orthopedic surgeon in Indian River County since 1994. Ms. Deigl stated that she has been a resident of Indian River County since 1987 and currently is the CEO of the Senior Resource Association of Indian River County. Prior to her position at the Senior Resource Association, she served as the Hospital District’s External Affairs Director. Mrs. Bodnar stated that she has been a lifelong resident of Indian River County and has worked as a Physical Therapist in Vero Beach for over 30 years.

Mrs. Cunningham stated that the first order of business was the election of officers. Mrs. Peshke explained that the Hospital District bylaws require that the District reorganize at the first meeting of each year and elect five officers. Any board member may make a nomination for the five offices, which include Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Peshke called for a nomination for Chairman. Ms. Deigl made a motion to nominate Mrs. Cunningham as Chairwoman, which was seconded by Mrs. McCrystal. Dr. Weiss made a motion

to nominate himself as Chairman, which was seconded by Dr. Hussamy. Mrs. Peshke instructed the Board that the first motion must be voted on, before proceeding to the second. If the first motion passes, the action is concluded. If the motion does not carry, the board must then vote on the second motion. The first motion carried 4 to 3 and Mrs. Cunningham was elected Chairwoman.

Mrs. Peshke called for a nomination for Vice Chair. Mrs. McCrystal made a motion to nominate Dr. Weiss as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Dr. Hussamy. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Peshke called for a nomination for Secretary. Dr. Weiss made a motion to elect Mrs. McCrystal as Secretary, which was seconded by Ms. Deigl. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Peshke called for a nomination for Assistant Secretary. Mrs. McCrystal made a motion to nominate Ms. Deigl as Assistant Secretary, which was seconded by Dr. Hussamy. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Peshke called for a nomination for Treasurer. Mrs. Cunningham made a motion to nominate Mr. Jones as Treasurer, which was seconded by Mrs. McCrystal. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Marybeth Cunningham, Chairwoman

Mrs. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve of the Chairman Meeting Minutes dated December 14, Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated December 15, and a December disbursement of \$978,682.83. Mrs. McCrystal made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Deigl. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cunningham reported that she and Mrs. Suriano would meet next week to review the District Trustee preferences for appointment to the IRMC Committees for 2017.

Mrs. Suriano instructed the Board to formally vote on the 2017 meeting schedule. Mrs. Cunningham explained that at yesterday's Chairman's meeting, the board agreed to hold a Chairman's meeting the third Wednesday of each month from 12:00 PM- 2:00 PM. The regular monthly meeting will be held the third Thursday of each month, at 4:30 PM. Mrs. McCrystal made a motion to approve the meeting schedule, which was seconded by Ms. Deigl. The motion carried unanimously.

District Counsel Report, Jennifer Peshke, Esq.

Mrs. Peshke provided the District Counsel report and stated that the District has completed the task of collecting all funded agency agreements and have archived them into their records. The District has also completed and obtained the Amended and Restated lease for the Gifford Health Center with the Department of Health. Further, Mrs. Peshke has finalized and circulated to hospital counsel, the Partners Agreement, which includes the amended metrics, agreed to at the last meeting.

She continues to review the Trustee bonds and has been given confirmation from the insurance company that all Trustees no longer sitting on the Board, have had their bonds cancelled and the three new Trustees are now bonded. She is currently waiting for receipt of these originals bonds for filing.

Mrs. Peshke explained that she has met with all three of the new Trustees along with Mrs. Suriano to provide them with information pertaining to the District Board. This information discussed included all legal documents in place between the District and the funded agencies and IRMC. Additionally, she offered to discuss and to review the District's governing legislation, and answer questions with regard to the Sunshine Law.

Further, Mrs. Peshke stated that she has reviewed the matter for consideration regarding moving from a Hospital District to a Healthcare District. She explained that this matter is still under general review with the Board of Trustees.

She continues to work on memorializing a memo of understanding regarding recommendations made by Mr. Jones in his Asset Valuation report and will report on this in more detail next month.

Lastly, she continues to monitor monthly the active House and Senate Bills related to Special Districts and their authority to levy taxes. To date, she has no further updates to report.

Financial Statement Review- Ann Marie Suriano, Executive Director

Mrs. Suriano provided the financial statement review on behalf of Mr. Jones. She stated that the District just completed its 1st quarter of the fiscal year and have already received most of their tax revenues. The District's total current assets are \$11,191,249. Program expenses are tracking slightly under budget by approximately \$40,000 for the month and \$322,000 year to date. She explained that this decrease could be attributed to the District converting all of its funding to fee-for-service. Additionally, administrative expenses are under budget by \$26,589 for the month and \$106,582.36 for the year. Mrs. Suriano asked for a motion to approve the financial statement. Mrs. McCrystal made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mrs. Bodnar. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report- Ann Marie Suriano, Executive Director

Mrs. Suriano provided her executive director report. She explained that the District Trustees approved to hold an organizational retreat to orient the new Trustees with regard to the strategic plan. She recommended to the board that Michael Felix facilitate the retreat, since he has pervious knowledge and understanding of the District and its operations. Mr. Felix fee would cost approximately \$2,500, which includes travel expense.

IRMC Monthly Report- 10 Year Anniversary of Welsh Heart Center Update- Carey Stowe, M.D.

Dr. Stowe provided a 10-year anniversary update of the Welsh Heart Program. He explained that the Heart Center performed its first open heart operation on November 6, 2006. In 2013 the Sheridan ICU and Waxlax recovery room were opened, which helped modernize the center. Additionally, in 2016 the center opened up the electrophysiology lab, which is for the treatment of cardiac arrhythmias. Prior to the lab being opened, patients would have to receive this treatment outside of Indian River County.

Over the last ten years of the program, the following occurred:

- 2000 open heart operations
- 4500 thoracic cardiovascular and related cases
- 13,000 cardiac catheterizations
- 4000 PTCA and stent procedures

Dr. Stowe reviewed the programs results against data from the national database. He explained that center collects over 900 points of data for each patient. The heart centers results were all above national average and have been recognized by Duke University. He further reviewed the programs infection rate data and explained that IRMC's infection rate is less than half the national average. In ten years, there have been only four deep sternal wound infections, out of 1,924 patients. In January, 2017, the center performed it first transaortic valve replacement procedure ("TAVR") which is a less invasive method, and requires no incisions to be made into the chest. The Trustees agreed that the program has been an asset to the community and thanked Dr. Stowe for his efforts.

Funded Agencies Quarterly Report- Visiting Nurse Association of the Treasure Coast- Mary Linn Hamilton, CEO

Ms. Hamilton provided a report of the 4th and 1st quarter results for VNA District funded programs. Healthcare on Wheels, also known as the mobile unit, was over budget for both quarters. Mrs. Hamilton attributed that to a funding decrease from the District. She explained that the mobile unit continues to serve patients while the Care Card program goes into effect. She further reviewed data concerning the Hospice House and stated that no indigent qualified patients were served for the 1st quarter of the fiscal year and remain on track with the budget. Mrs. Hamilton discussed the VNA's hospice quality scores, which were above Florida and national average. Additionally, home health service and quality score data were discussed. The VNA provides 8 to 10 home health visits to each patient, per month and they average around 10-15 patients per month.

There was further discussion concerning the mobile unit and Mrs. Hamilton reviewed data concerning total visits. She stated that the mobile unit staff have distributed over 250 District qualification packets to patients presenting at mobile unit. To date, only 10 packets have been returned. Mrs. Hamilton explained that the mobile unit now has the capability to charge patients for visits and have received payment for some. Additionally, they are in the process of obtaining Medicaid and Medicare id's for the nurses on the unit, so that they may bill those

providers. In the future, they hope to begin to bill insurance companies as well. The mobile unit continues to treat all patients who present, regardless of their status or ability to pay. There was concern from the Trustees that the VNA has only received 10 District qualification packets back and Mrs. McCrystal inquired whether the VNA was losing money during the transition to fee-for-service. Mrs. Hamilton stated for the first quarter they are approximately \$18,000 short of covering their cost and she indicated that the VNA would be requesting additional funding to cover that loss.

Other Business

Dr. Weiss stated that he was at the emergency room last week with his daughter and there were some issues during her stay. He thanked Mr. Rick Van Lith for providing follow up to those issues and stated that he felt it showed improvement with communication from the hospital

Public Comment

Dr. Zudans asked for an update with regard to the Care Card program. He explained that he was told that District staff was duplicating the qualification process by re-reviewing each application for indigent care. He feels that this will create a large backlog of applications and encouraged that the District let each agency handle the qualification process and not have District staff additionally review the applications. Mrs. Suriano responded to Dr. Zudans comments and stated that a formal report on this matter will be given at next month's Chairman's meeting.

Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Ann Marie McCrystal
Secretary