

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 17, 2017
4:30 PM**

TRUSTEES:	Marybeth Cunningham Ann Marie McCrystal	Allen Jones Dr. Michael Weiss
EXCUSED:	Tracey Lockwood-Zudans Barbara Bodnar	Karen Deigl
STAFF:	Ann Marie Suriano Kate Voss	Jennifer Frederick Jennifer Peshke, Esq.
OTHER ATTENDESS:	Vicki Soule Gerri Smith Linda Walton Mary Linn Hamilton Lundy Fields Paul Nezi	Miranda Hawker Lewis Clark J. Carey Bob Savage George Andreassi Mary Blumstein

Convene Meeting – Marybeth Cunningham, Chairwoman IRCHD

Mrs. Cunningham convened the regular monthly meeting of the Indian River County Hospital District (“IRCHD”) at 4:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda – Marybeth Cunningham, Chairwoman

Mrs. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the Chairman’s Meeting Minutes dated July 13; Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated July and an August disbursement of \$1,096,850.70. Dr. Weiss made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mrs. McCrystal. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cunningham stated that there would be a joint meeting of the District Board of Trustees and IRMC Board of Directors on August 23. At that meeting, Juniper Advisory will address the group and discuss details surrounding the next phase of the process surrounding the finding IRMC a possible partnership. She also explained that one District Trustees and one Board of Director member would work together with a professional communications group during this process, to maintain clear communication with the public and their respective boards.

Mrs. Cunningham nominated Mr. Jones to serve as the representative for the District. Mrs. McCrystal and Dr. Weiss agreed with Mrs. Cunningham's nomination and Mr. Jones accepted the nomination.

District Counsel Report, Jennifer Peshke, Esq.

Mrs. Peshke provided her monthly counsel report and stated that she has participated in the 2017-2018 budget funding request meetings and is working to ensure that all agency funding agreements are in place, and updated to reflect funding that will be awarded for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Additionally, she has prepared a draft Agency funding agreement, which will be used with those agency's that are funded on a program basis. Further, she explained that she continues to work with the District staff to finalize this agreement before bringing it to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

Lastly, Mrs. Peshke explained that she continues to assist with the Collaborative Committee as well as the Trustee board and the District staff as they move forward onto phase two of this collaborative process. The District has begun the work to put together a team of appropriate consultants and transactional counsel to facilitate this process. She explained that this process involving due diligence, on behalf of the taxpayers and residents of Indian River County, is underway and she will continue to monitor the process and assist the Trustees, counsel, and the Consultants as they work.

Financial Statement Review- Allen Jones, Treasurer

Mr. Jones provided the Treasures report and stated that the District has a little less than \$6.6 million in the bank, which is sufficient to satisfy the District obligations for the current fiscal year and to provide adequate funding to carry out the office operations.

He further stated that the Trustees meet yesterday and revised the proposed budget for fiscal year 17-18. As a point of clarification, Mr. Jones explained that the District purchases healthcare services for those individuals in Indian River County, who meet the following qualifications:

1. Must be a resident of Indian River County for 6 months or more;
2. Income must be below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; and
3. Have no health insurance.

Additionally, he explained that the District's annual budget expenditures are almost exclusively for the purchase of healthcare services. The providers of these services cooperate to provide health care at a heavily discount prices to minimize the expense to taxpayers. He further explained that he budget currently being proposed, to fund program expenditures, is \$12,707,297, which is slightly lower than the 16-17 fiscal year budgeted amount of \$13,024,961. Mr. Jones advised that the decline in expenditures is due to lower patients and volumes and providers are only reimbursed for services provided to district qualified patients. Further, the new proposed budget, which included serval extraordinary expenses that are not expected to be

repeated in subsequent years, projects a millage rate of .8893. Mr. Jones explained that without the extraordinary expenses the millage rate would be .8090. The current fiscal year millage rate is .8443. He stated that the final budget hearing, where the Trustees will vote to approve a budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, would take place on September 21. He encouraged the public to attend.

Mr. Jones further addressed an article that was published in TC Palm newspaper today. The article stated that the District proposed cutting funding to the VNA mobile unit. He explained that the District did not cut funding, but instead agreed to fund the mobile unit at the VNA's funding request amount of \$40,000. Mr. Jones had initially recommended funding \$100,000 for the mobile unit as they had been working diligently with the District to transition the mobile unit to fee-for-service reimbursement, however the Trustees agreed to fund the mobile unit at the VNA's requested amount.

Executive Director Report- Ann Marie Suriano, Executive Director

Mrs. Suriano provided her executive director report and stated that she received a Letter of Agreement concerning the Low Income Pool program through the Agency for Health Care Administration ("AHCA"). This agreement concerns additional funding for IRMC to provide medical services for those individuals who fall below 200% of the federal poverty level. She explained that the District will transfer the agreed to funds to AHCA, who then will give those funds to the hospital, along with AHCA's contribution of funds. Once the hospital receives the funds from AHCA, they will deposit the original amount of funding the District sent to AHCA, back into the Districts account.

***IRMC, Inc. Monthly Report- Patient Room Renovation Plan- Linda Walton, RN
VP/Chief Nursing Officer***

Mrs. Walton introduced Matt Dipino, Director of Facilities at the hospital who is assisting in this renovation process. Mrs. Walton gave a historical update of the hospital facilities and the current issues they are facing with outdated patient rooms. She explained that currently the patient room sizes are very small and need updated showers and bathrooms. There are also issues with adequate storage in the rooms. She reviewed the renovation plan with the Trustees, which included reconfiguring the room existing space and removing partial walls. Additionally, they will be completely renovating the shower and toilet areas by modifying them with updated cabinets and sink area.

Mrs. Walton explained that the plan is to renovate 216 rooms. Half of the renovations will take place between September 5 through December 31, 2017 and the remaining renovation will be completed in September 2018 through December. The total cost of the project is approximately \$2.1 million. Mr. Jones offered to tour the patient rooms to review the size of the showers and Mr. Dipino offered Mr. Jones the opportunity to meet with him and discuss those matters further.

There was further trustee discussion concerning the bed capacity of the hospital during season and if there was a possibility to decrease the amount of rooms in the hospital, to add additional space for patient rooms. Mrs. Walton stated that during peak season months, the hospital runs at around 90% occupancy and that they would not be able to decrease the number of patient rooms to add more space for newly renovated rooms. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the leasehold improvement request from IRMC, which was seconded by Mrs. McCrystal. The motion carried unanimously.

Funded Agencies Quarterly Report- IRC Health Department, Miranda Hawker, Health Officer

Mrs. Hawker provided a review of the 2nd and 3rd quarter performance data for the Health Department. She stated that the Vero site serves all adult clients and the majority of these patients are self-pay. She further stated that historically, the percentage of adult patients that are uninsured is high, as they often do not qualify for Medicaid. Additionally, she stated that during the second and third quarter, the Health Departments saw 8,009 unduplicated visits and overall, 83.68% of those patients are 150% or less of the Federal Poverty Level.

Mrs. Hawker provided an update concerning Gifford Health Center, which serves only pediatric patients. She explained that many of the patients are covered by Medicaid managed care or Medicaid but 26.14% are self-pay. Gifford Health Center saw 3,478 unduplicated visits and of these, 659 met District indigent qualification guidelines. She discussed the dental clinic services provided at Gifford Health Center and the Health Department. She stated that she saw 3,331 unduplicated patient visits and 1,390 of those met District indigent qualification guidelines.

Mrs. Hawker gave an update concerning the We Care Program. She explained that a task force has been formed to address the additional needs of the clinic. Currently, the clinic has a backlog of patients waiting to receive services and they are working with the District and the hospital to find the best solution for this issue. Mrs. Hawker further stated that during the 2nd and 3rd quarter, We Care provided services to 857 patients.

Lastly, Mrs. Hawker stated that since the District has authorized the improvements for the Gifford Health Center, they have begun their renovations. She explained that they would be replacing some flooring at the center, along with some other general repairs. She thanked the District for their continued support of the Health Department.

New Business-Approval of Resolution 2017-05

Mrs. Suriano explained the purpose of Resolution 2017-05, which is to update the District Seacoast bank signature card. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. McCrystal. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Discussion

Mrs. McCrystal asked for an update regarding the pilot Care Card program. Mrs. Suriano stated that she and Mrs. Frederick have been discussing this matter over the last few months and are working to prepare a report, which will be presented to the Trustees for their information and input. Mr. Jones recommended that there be a special meeting to discuss this matter and the Trustees agreed.

Public Comment-

Mr. Paul Nezi publicly recognized the hospitals for their efforts regarding the patient room renovations project and thanked the District for approving the expenditure. He discussed the issues he encountered over his last two hospital stays and stated that the condition of the rooms he was assigned to was poor. He explained that he has been working with Mrs. Cunningham and Dr. Hockmeyer on this matter, but would like the hospital to have a better protocol in place regarding patient complaints and follow up to the patients.

Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Ann Marie McCrystal
Secretary