

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2017  
5:30 PM**

TRUSTEES:	Marybeth Cunningham Ann Marie McCrystal Karen Deigl	Allen Jones Dr. Michael Weiss
EXCUSED:	Tracey Lockwood-Zudans	Barbara Bodnar
STAFF :	Ann Marie Suriano Kate Voss	Jennifer Frederick Jennifer Peshke, Esq.
OTHER ATTENDEESS:	Vicki Soule Miranda Hawker Tara Beard Lewis Clark	Shannon Bowman Myra Weiss Tracey Griffis

***Convene Meeting – Marybeth Cunningham, Chairwoman IRCHD***

Mrs. Cunningham convened the regular monthly meeting of the IRCHD at 5:30 PM by welcoming those in attendance.

***Consent Agenda- Marybeth Cunningham, Chairwoman IRCHD***

Mrs. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the Joint Meeting minutes dated March 28; Chairman Meeting minutes dated August 16; Regular Monthly Meeting minutes dated August 17, and a September disbursement of \$1,247,837.82. Mrs. McCrystal made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Deigl. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cunningham explained that the District Trustees voted to approved the hiring of the professional communications firm Jarrad, who is based out of Nashville, Tennessee. The hospital has also engaged Jarrad and will be working with the District and IRMC to present a unified and consistent message to the community, during the affiliation process.

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

Mrs. Peshke provided her monthly report and stated that she has been working on many of the same items for the last few months which include the District’s fiscal year 2017-2018 budget, the affiliation process concerning IRMC, and matters concerning the District owned Human Services building, which is currently being rented by the VNA.

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

Mr. Jones provided the Districts financial statement review and stated that the District has approximately \$5.4 million in the bank account and after August disbursement expense, the remaining funds will total approximately \$4.3 million. He believes this amount is sufficient to support the District financial obligations through the remainder of the fiscal year and the first two months of the upcoming fiscal year.

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

Mrs. Suriano provided her monthly report and stated that the District Trustees approved the hiring of Jarrad and the District office sent the signed agreement to their office today. She explained that Jarrad will be holding individual Trustee meetings at the District offices next week. At that time, the Trustees will have an opportunity to discuss any further questions or concerns they may have regarding the process, with Jarrad.

Mrs. Suriano further explained that the District office has had water intrusion from hurricane Irma. She has been working with the landlord to address the issue and replacing the items that were damaged. She will keep the Trustees updated on this pending matter.

***Funded Agency Quarterly Report- Shannon Bowman, Executive Director***

Mrs. Bowman provided an update concerning the Wellness Program that was created from a grant fund the District provided to Childcare Resources. The grant awarded was part of the District participation in the Community Health Needs Assessment process. Mrs. Bowman introduced Tracey Griffis and Tara Beard who oversee the Wellness Program.

Mrs. Bowman stated that Childcare resources provides childcare and advanced therapy for children from six-weeks to five years old, at a subsidized cost for working families living in Indian River County. From 2016-2017, the program has served 111 children. Mrs. Bowman explained that the grant the District provided to Childcare Resources specifically funded a Wellness Program case manager, who is also a register nurse and has experience in case management. The implementation of Mrs. Griffis has been beyond expectation and the families who were once hesitant to participate, have been complaint and grateful for her efforts.

***IRMC, Inc. Monthly Report- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Review- Mr. Eighmy, VP/CFO***

Mr. Eighmy provided a review of IRMC 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financials. He explained that for the month of July, IRMC made \$364,000, which is brings the year to date deficit over revenue to \$1.1 million. He further reviewed data concerning inpatient admissions and observation admissions. The total amount of patient days was 4,728 and they had budgeted for 4,396. Additionally, there were 4,842 emergency room visits in July, which was 137 less than budgeted. However, for the year, the hospital is trending with budget concerning patient volume. He further reviewed data concerning the hospitals full time employees and physician expenses, which are both over budget for the year by approximately \$4 million.

Mr. Eighmy further discussed IRMC's total net revenue for July, which was approximately \$25 million. Year to date the hospital has made approximately \$236 million with is around a \$30 million increase over last year for year to date revenues in July. He further reviewed data concerning the personnel cost and supplies which are over budget for the year by approximately \$10 million. He explained that the hospital is taking steps to reduce expense in this area, specifically with supplies.

Mrs. Cunningham questioned the reimbursement rate increases that the hospital implemented in April and stated that it does not appear that the additional funds are following through operations yet. Mr. Eighmy stated that revenues are up but expenses are currently higher than revenues.

Ms. Deigl asked Mr. Eighmy to provide the Trustees with the amount of predicted losses from Hurricane Irma. Mr. Eighmy stated that there was a significant impact to volumes as many residents evacuated. However, until he has reviewed all the data concerning collections, he does not have a specific number at this time.

Mr. Jones addressed the decrease in patient days and asked how the public was reacting to the new rules concerning observation period for patients, instead of being admitted. Mr. Eighmy stated that patients are now responsible for more expenses associated with their visit if they are placed into observation. Mr. Jones further discussed the increase in personnel and supply costs and asked if the hospital is looking for opportunities to make further cuts. Mr. Eighmy stated that IRMC is working to implement new procedures concerning supply usage which has caused a large increase in cost. Mr. Eighmy further pointed out that the hospital has 1,381 full time employees and 300 full time physicians, which is around a 2% increase over last year, which attributes to the increase in expense.

#### ***New Business- Approval of Repairs and Maintenance to Human Services Building***

Mrs. Suriano stated that she provided a list of items that are the District responsibility to repair at the Human Services building, which is currently being lease to the VNA. She asked for a motion to approval to begin the work which would not exceed a cost of \$230,000. Dr. Weiss made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ***Public Comment-***

Mr. Paul Nezi of Vero Beach stated that Mr. Eighmy has done a great job but as the new CFO at IRMC, however he does not understand why the hospital still has a revenue problem. He recommended that the hospital be careful in cutting cost, which could potentially effect the patient care in a negative way.

***Adjourn-*** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM