

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

TRUSTEES:	Marybeth Cunningham Ann Marie McCrystal Tracey Lockwood-Zudans Barbara Bodnar	Allen Jones Dr. Michael Weiss Karen Deigl
STAFF:	Ann Marie Suriano Kate Voss	Jennifer Frederick Jennifer Peshke, Esq.
OTHER ATTENDESS:	Gerri Smith Warren Fuller Matt Reiser Myra Weiss Ana Bischoff Vicki Soule	Rusty Carter Brett Hall Miranda Hawker George Andrassi George Eimghy Janet Begley

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 Approval of the First Public Budget Hearing dated September 14; Chairman Meeting Minutes dated September 20; Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes dated September 21; Final Public Budget Hearing September 21; and the Special Meeting Minutes dated September 29. Dr. Weiss made a motion to approve which was seconded by Ms. Deigl. The motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Cunningham concluded her report by informing the public that the District began their new fiscal year on October 1.

District Counsel Report, Jennifer Peshke, Esq.

Mrs. Peshke provided her monthly district counsel report and stated that the District has completed their budget process for fiscal year 2017-2018. Additionally, District staff is working with the funded agencies to update their agency agreements for the new fiscal year. She further stated that she is working with District staff to address some issues with water intrusion that occurred from hurricane Irma, at the District offices. They are working with the landlord to make the necessary repairs to the building and office to maintain a healthy working environment for the staff.

Financial Statement Review- Allen Jones, Treasurer

Mr. Jones provided the District's financial statement review and stated that the District continues to be in sound financial condition. The District accounts reflect approximately \$4.4 million and anticipate around \$1.5 million in additional operating expenses for October and November. Adjusting for these expenditures, it is projected the District's bank balance will reflect in the aggregate, approximately \$2.2 million in reserves.

Mr. Jones stated that total program spending is expected to be \$1.3 million below budget and much of this reduction has been anticipated. However, he explained that IRMC has submitted charges reflecting increased volumes that in total exceed the budget by a net of \$574,638. He, Mrs. Suriano and Ken Connor, the Districts accounting expert, worked with the IRMC Finance Department and extensively reviewed the charges for the year. They concluded that there was \$135,727 in charges which exceeded the total budget of \$574,638. He further stated that the balance of the submitted charges is \$438,911 and the District will continue to review this data to determine how much is appropriate for the District to reimburse IRMC for the remaining sum. Therefore, Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the October disbursement of \$708,996.94 which is inclusive of the \$135,727 payment to IRMC.

Executive Director Report- Ann Marie Suriano, Executive Director

Mrs. Suriano provided her Executive Director report and stated that she visited the Gifford Health Center to see the recent improvements made to the facility. As previously approved by the Trustees at a regular monthly meeting, the District provided funding to update the flooring and paint some of the interior walls. The renovation has been a positive improvement to the center.

Additionally, she explained that she with spoke with a representative from Barth construction, regarding the needed repairs for the human services building. The representative explained that rather than using a general contractor, the repairs can be done by the maintenance department at the VNA or a licensed carpenter, however there are a few items that will need to be handled by an electrician and an architect, which may require permits.

She further addressed the pending issues with the District office space and the water intrusion that happened from hurricane Irma. The building owners have been working with her to remediate the issues and she hopes that everything will be resolved by next month.

IRMC, Inc. Monthly Report- Year End Recap of Indigent Care- Warren Fuller, VP Finance

Mr. Fuller provided a year end recap of services provided to indigent patients at IRMC. He reviewed total patient volumes for the current fiscal year against last fiscal year. He explained that total inpatient days rose by 14% in the current fiscal year. He further reviewed the inpatient and outpatient services by service line, in detail. He explained that many of the services provided, were to patients who were referred by the We Care Clinic. There was further Trustees discussion concerning the backlog of patients who have yet to be schedule for services. Mrs. McCrystal indicated that the next We Care Task Force meeting would take place in the next few months and they would be discussing this matter and develop a plan of action to address this issue. Mr. Fuller indicated that the hospital is working with We Care on the backlog of patients and have reduced the number significantly.

Funded Agencies Quarterly Report- Mental Health Collaborative- Brett Hall, Executive Director

Mr. Hall gave an update on the MaCabe Connections Center. He explained that this month, the center is celebrating their one year anniversary and to date, they have served approximately 900 community members. The Center provides individuals with assistance in connecting them to psychiatric and therapy services, along with housing, employment and substance abuse counseling. He explained that a recent psychiatrist shortage in the county caused a task force to be formed with local community leaders, to address the issues. Additionally, another issue affecting the community is a lack of affordable housing. Mr. Hall stated that all of the assistance the Connections Center has been able to provide would not be possible without the help of other organizations in the community and he publicly thanked them for their support.

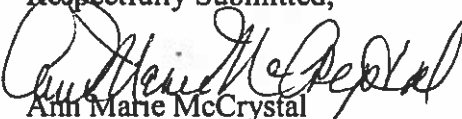
New Business-Approval of Policy & Procedure Manual-

Mrs. Deigl explained that over the last few months, she has been working with Mrs. Frederick to update the District's Policy and Procedure manual concerning indigent care qualification. She stated that there are a few items in the manual that will require further review and research, but that the District staff is working to address those matters and the document up for approval tonight has been reviewed and discussed with the Board of Trustees. She made a motion to approve the adoption of the updated manual which was seconded by Mrs. McCrystal. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment- There was no public comment.

Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,


Ann Marie McCrystal
Secretary