

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 16, 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 ATTENDEESS:	George Andreassi Val Zudans Janet Begley Time Stewart Kathy Hendrix Linda Walton John Romano	Deborah Hawkins Zaq Sander Matt Reiser David Green Miranda Hawker Gerri Smith George Eighmy

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 meeting minutes dated October 18; regular monthly meeting minutes dated October 19; and a November disbursement of \$1,089,915.10. Mrs. Deigl made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. McCrystal. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cunningham stated that Mrs. McCrystal was recognized as outstanding alumni at the College of Nursing at the University of Miami. Additionally, she also recognized that Mrs. Zudans will be participating in Vero Dancing with the Stars which supports Healthy Start.

Further, she addressed the Trustees and asked if the regular monthly meeting held in December, could be moved up a week to December 14th, instead of the 21st to accommodate

Christmas travel schedules. There was further Trustee discussion concerning the same and the board agreed to move the regular monthly meeting to the 14th.

District Counsel Report, Jennifer Peshke, Esq.

Mrs. Peshke provided her District counsel report and stated that she is assisting the District in completing the budget agreements with the funded agencies, reflective of fiscal year 2017-2018. She is also working with District staff to complete remaining issues concerning the District's office relating to the water intrusion following hurricane Irma. Lastly, she explained that she continues to work with the District outside transactional counsel Gray Robinson as the District enters phase two of the partnership process concerning IRMC.

Financial Statement Review- Allen Jones, Treasurer

Mr. Jones provided the District's financial statement review and stated that the District remains in sound financial condition. Currently the District accounts hold approximately \$3.8 million, less tonight's approved disbursement.

He stated that because of rising volumes at IRMC, they exceeded the budgeted amount for fiscal year 2016-2017. IRMC has requested that the District reimburse them for the exceeded cost and Mrs. Suriano is reconciling those expenses and working with the hospital finance department to determine the total amount owed. Mr. Jones stated that the Trustees could expect to have a recommendation in the upcoming month for review and consideration. Further since outpatient volumes at the hospital in October continued to be well above last year level, the current fiscal year budgeted amount may prove to be inadequate again. He reminded the public that the funds paid by the District are only utilized to support indigent healthcare for the residents of Indian River County and do not supplement the hospitals operations.

Additionally, Mr. Jones explained that the Partners in Women's Health Program also experienced a surge in volumes during August and September, which resulted in an increase in revenues without a corresponding increase in cost. Therefore, since the District reimburses IRMC to operate the program only to the extent there is a loss, the District has over paid IRMC. He further addressed the potential for a bonus payment to the program, which is yet to be determined and calculated. He will bring both matters back before the board for their review and consideration once the final numbers have been submitted.

Executive Director Report- Ann Marie Suriano, Executive Director

Mrs. Suriano provided her Executive Director report and stated that she continues to work with the VNA regarding the repairs to the human services building which the Trustees approved a few months ago. Further, she stated that she continues to work with the IRMC Finance Department concerning the items just discussed by Mr. Jones and she hopes to have that information by next month.

Additionally, she stated that District staff will begin to work with Kip Jacoby, the District's CPA, on the District's annual audit and the individual audits of all funded agencies, from last fiscal year. Lastly, District staff is working with Jarrard on updating the District's website to provide more information to the public and the site is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Funded Agencies Quarterly Report - New Horizons- John Romano, CEO

Mr. Romano provided an update concerning New Horizons. He stated during the first half of the fiscal year, New Horizons saw an increase in the number of new clients and the total number of services provided to residents increased in the second half of the fiscal year. He explained that Indian River County has become one of the busiest counties that they provide services to. He further stated that in Indian River County, New Horizons has been able to increase medical services due to a new full time ARNP. Additionally, they have introduced tele-psychiatry and are providing an additional 15 hours of available psychiatry appointments per week. Currently they are able to provide 88 hours of psychiatry services and he discussed the difficulties of recruiting psychiatrist to the area.

Mr. Romano further reviewed the service outcomes and financial results concerning District qualified patients. He explained that there is a continued challenge in the cost of services to indigent patients, specifically the cost of psychiatric services, where at times New Horizons will pay more for an hour of services, than what is reimbursed by the funders. There was further Trustee discussion concerning the continued need for psychiatric services in Indian River County and the Trustees thanked Mr. Romano for his continued efforts brought to the community from New Horizons.

-Treasure Coast Community Health- Vicki Soule, CEO

Mrs. Soule provided an update concerning TCCH. She stated that TCCH has again been accredited as a Patient Center Medical Home and as a Patient Centered Dental Home. She further stated that TCCH passed their Federal HRSA site inspection in July with no major deficiencies and even though they are expanding, they still maintain their high quality of care. She further explained that through this expansion process, they are adding services based on their patient's needs. TCCH has added a coumadin monitoring clinic and retinal eye scans for diabetics. They have also dispensed approximately 22,500 prescriptions to patients at a reduced cost through the 340b pharmaceutical program. Further, they have added a pharmacy home delivery service. Mrs. Soule stated that over the last year they have provided 30 GYN surgeries to low an income patient which is a separate service from the Partners Program. Additionally, TCCH has seen 63% or 622 referral visits in the first six months of the ED Navigator program at the hospital.

Mrs. Soule reviewed TCCH patient volumes concerning medical, behavioral health and dental services. All areas saw an increase from the previous year and she anticipates those volumes to keep rising. She further reviewed the patient satisfaction data results. Two areas worth mentioning included appointment scheduling which 92% of patients' rates excellent or good, along with the professionalism, timeliness and communication with the provider, which 98% of patients rated excellent or good.

***IRMC, Inc. Monthly Report- Year End Recap of Indigent Care- Warren Fuller, VP Finance
- IRMC FY 2017-2018 Budget Review- George Eighmy, CFO***

Mr. Eighmy provided a reviewed of data concerning indigent care provided at IRMC, along with a review of the preliminary FY 2017-2018 budget. Mr. Eighmy explained that there were three significant events that took place over the last fiscal year which affected the hospital and caused an estimated \$4.4 million in losses. In total, the hospital lost \$1.2 million due to hurricane Matthew, \$2.4 million due to hurricane Irma, and \$650,000 in state take back funds. He further reviewed in detail the service areas line items. Lastly, Mr. Eighmy provided a review of the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. This budget is made up of hospital and physicians services, along with Vero Radiology.

- Patient Room Renovations Update- Linda Walton, RN VP/Chief Nursing Officer

Ms. Walton provided an update concerning the IRMC patient room renovation plan. She provided a review of the plan and stated that the hospital would be renovating 200 beds total. To date, they have completed 16, with a goal of completing 8-16 room a week. However, due to hurricane Irma, there have been many delays with their contractors. She explained that they will continue to work until then end of December, permitting that they hospital can do so without disrupting patient flow. They will then resume renovations in the fall of 2018, with hopes in completing the project by the end of 2018. Additionally, she shared before and after photos of some of the updated rooms which included additional storage and sinks, along with an updated shower area. Further, there will be rooms equipped with blue line to indicate an area that needs additional infectious disease control measures, which is an initiatives being taken by many institutions around the nation.

New Business-

Mr. Jones stated that Dr. Richard Moore who is a cardiologist at IRMC and he met a few weeks ago. Dr. Moore indicated that IRMC has received Gold Plus rating from the American Heart Association for their treatment of stroke and heart failure at the Welsh Heart Center. Mr. Jones shared this information with the trustees as he felt this was a high achievement and something to be recognized publicly.

Public Comment-

Mrs. Cunningham indicated that public comment at tonight's meeting will be limited to agenda items only and that if a member of the public had any comments concerning the IRMC Partnership Process, they should make them tomorrows' joint meeting scheduled for 1:00 PM at the hospital.

Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie McCrystal
Secretary