MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 HELD AT THE BAYSIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL CONFERENCE ROOM ON MAY 22, 2025, ANAHUAC, CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 was held at Bayside Community Hospital Conference Room in Anahuac, Texas on Thursday, May 22, 2025, beginning at 5:30 P.M. with the following Directors present:

Andy Legg, Chairperson (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Annette Abernathy, Vice Chairperson
Linda Tinnerman, Secretary
Leslie Turner, Director
Eric Humphrey, Director

Pursuant to a Notice under the Open Meetings Act duly filed and posted a full (72) hours prior to the opening of said meeting.

Also present were Ann Newton, CEO; Kimberly Cooper, CFO; Elissa Lofgren, CCHC Executive Director; Stacey Brown, Director of Business Development and Marketing; Celeste Denova, Anahuac Progress; LaDuska James, Director of QA/PI; Natalyn Royer, Administrative Assistant.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Abernathy and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Secretary Tinnerman gave the invocation.

Director Turner led the pledges.

Introduction of Guests, which are included in the list above.

There was no public comment.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice Chairperson Abernathy requested to go into Executive Session under Section 551.072 and Section 551.085 and Section 551.071 and Section 551.074.

Director Turner made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:33 p.m. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to exit Executive Session at 6:18 p.m. Vice Chairperson Abernathy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following: Regular Meeting Minutes April 24, 2025, Administrators Report, HR Report, Marketing Report, CCHC Executive Director Report and Finance Committee Report. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ann Newton, CEO, informed the Board of Directors that they have interviewed several candidates for the hospital Director of Nursing position. Ann Newton, CEO, is hoping to have the position filled by the end of June 2025.

Ann Newton, CEO, also asked the Board of Directors if any would like to attend the THT Conference in Arlington from June 12-14, 2025. The Board of Directors will not be attending the THT Conference and have decided to find other options for training.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, QIPP

Kimberly Cooper, CFO, presented the highlights from the QIPP. Kimberly Cooper also stated that she is still waiting for information regarding the IGT for July 30, 2025.

No action taken.

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Strategic Planning

Stacey Brown, Director of Business Development and Marketing, updated the Board of Directors regarding Strategic Planning. Stacey Brown stated that the Hammes group will be conducting a meeting with Department Directors on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Stacey Brown will also conduct an internal SWOT (Strengths – Weaknesses – Opportunities – Threats) with Department Directors where they will create 2-3 goals. Stacey Brown also stated that Hammes is creating a long-term plan which includes property evaluation, feasibility study and goals that are measurable and can be tracked.

No action taken.

Stacey Brown stated that she and several employees had met with representatives from the Texas Department of Agriculture regarding free services they provide. Some examples are training, grant opportunities and feasibility studies. A memorandum of understanding is being reviewed by legal.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, District Financial Report and Statistical Report

Secretary Tinnerman stated that the District Financial Report had been reviewed at the Finance Committee Meeting. The Finance Committee has requested that Kimberly Cooper, CFO, break out the swing bed income from inpatient income.

Kimberly Cooper, CFO, said she is going to begin the process of renegotiating health insurance contracts. Kimberly Cooper will run a report to show what the District is currently paid and what the District should be paid.

Vice Chairperson Abernathy asked if Materials Management and Department Directors look for vendors that provide the supplies needed at a cheaper price. Chairperson Legg asked if the tariffs had made any impact on the supplies ordered.

Kimberly Cooper, CFO, stated that the Department Directors have received budgets for their departments to start the FY2026 budget process. Kimberly Cooper also stated that personnel will be receiving training on Multiview and Paylocity.

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to accept the District Financial Report and Statistical Report as presented. Director Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Board Evaluation

Ann Newton, CEO, presented several options for Board Self-Evaluations. Ann Newton recommended using the first form because it is the form that has been used by the District in the past. Ann Newton stated that this is a requirement in the Bylaws. Ann Newton requested that the Board of Directors complete and return the form no later than June 18, 2025, so that it can be included in the packet for the June 26, 2025, regular meeting.

Director Humphrey made the motion to use the recommended form for the Board Self-Evaluation. Secretary Tinnerman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Amend District Board Bylaws, Final Posting

Ann Newton, CEO, stated that the District Board Bylaws had been reviewed by legal. Legal made changes highlighted in red and recommended approving.

Director Humphrey made a motion to approve the District Board Bylaws as presented. Vice Chairperson Abernathy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Removal/Appointment of Bayside Healthcare Foundation Executive Director.

Ann Newton, CEO, requested that Terri Billiot, Director of Human Resources, be removed as the Bayside Healthcare Foundation Executive Director and replace with Stacey Brown, Director of Business Development and Marketing.

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to remove Terri Billiot as Bayside Healthcare Foundation Executive Director and appoint Stacey Brown as Bayside Healthcare Foundation Executive Director. Director Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, CIHQ Accreditation

LaDuska James, Director of QA/PI/Compliance, presented information regarding CIHQ Accreditation. LaDuska James stated that CIHQ Accreditation conducts surveys on behalf of CMS. The advantages of CIHQ Accreditation are that the organization will have a time of when the survey will take place and a binder will be provided outlining what the survey will consist of networking at conferences and discounted training. LaDuska James stated that the cost would be \$5950/year plus travel costs and the contract can be terminated at any time.

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to secure CIHQ Accreditation. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Policies and Procedures

LaDuska James, Director of QA/PI, presented the following policies and procedures:

Employee Travel Expenses
Tobacco Free Policy
Disaster Plan
Emergency Operations Program and Operating Manual

Vice Chairperson Abernathy made a motion to approve the above policies as presented. Secretary Tinnerman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairperson Legg requested to go into Executive Session under Section 551.074 and Section 551.071.

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:51 p.m. Vice Chairperson Abernathy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

# **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 and Baywood Crossing Rehab and Healthcare Center as presented. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Turner made a motion to ratify and approve the Coral Forbearance Agreement as discussed. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Humphrey made a motion to approve the Compliance report as presented. Director Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Humphrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Secretary Tinnerman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Andy Legg, Chairperson

**Board of Directors** 

### **SECRETARY CERTIFICATE**

I, Linda Tinnerman, do here by certify that: I am the Secretary of Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 d/b/a Chambers Health (hereinafter the "District") that these are true and correct minutes reflecting the discussion and actions of the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting held on the date shown above and entered in the permanent records of the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this the 26th day of June 2025.

Linda Tinnerman, Secretary

**Board of Directors**