

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 OCTOBER 24, 2024, 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, October 24, 2024, beginning at 5:30 P.M. with the following Directors present:

Andy Legg, Chairperson
Annette Abernathy, Vice Chairperson
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; Ellisa Lofgren, CCHC Executive Director; LaDuska James, Director of QA/PI; Gilford Boullion, CCHC Board Director; Bobby Hall, Chambers County Engineer; Natalyn Royer.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairperson Legg gave the invocation.

Director Turner led the pledges.

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

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Carbon Dioxide Underground Storage Lease Agreement.

Bobby Hall, Chambers County Engineer, addressed the Board of Directors regarding land that Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 owns an interest in that OLCV Land Holdings LLC is wanting to lease for the underground storage of carbon dioxide. If approved, the district would receive 1/6 of the lease amount (approximately \$4400.00).

After discussion, the Board tentatively approved the signing of the lease contingent on the decision from the Anahuac Independent School District attorney.

Vice Chairperson Abernathy made a motion to do the same as AISD regarding the lease. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Turner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: Called Meeting Minutes September 26, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes September 26, 2024, Administrators Report, HR Report, Marketing Report, CCHC Executive Director Report. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Quality Incentive Payment Program (QIPP)

Kimberly Cooper, CFO, presented QIPP highlights for the month of September 2024. Kimberly Cooper informed the directors that all nursing homes are now able to bill Medicaid. Kimberly Cooper stated that CCPHD#1 will begin receiving 100% of Medicaid dollars, QIPP funds plus 3.5% interest until paid in full and is estimating it will take 6 months. Kimberly Cooper stated that she has started gathering information for the new IGT loan and is negotiating a lower interest rate for the new loan and has asked for a reduced interest rate on the current loan.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Kimberly Cooper presented an overview of district financials.

Kimberly Cooper stated that the year end entries are on hold until the FY2023 audit is completed. The FY2023 audit should be completed by the end of the month and ready to be presented to the Board in November. Kimberly Cooper gave the Board the option of having the auditing firm present the audit onsite or virtual and the Board decided to have the results presented virtually.

Vice Chairperson Abernathy questioned the reason for the drop in the balance in the foundation account. Kimberly Cooper stated it was because there was grant money that belonged to the clinics that was transferred.

Vice Chairperson Abernathy also requested that a statement on the QIPP/IGT loan be added to the Board packet.

Chairperson Legg noted that salaries/benefits were under budget, but it was because of positions that were budgeted for in FY2024 that were never filled.

Kimberly Cooper presented an overview of the statistical report.

Vice Chairperson Abernathy stated that the district needed to start marketing the swing bed program.

Chairperson Legg asked if the behavioral health services offered by UHC that will be coming into the schools would affect the services already offered by the FQHC. Elissa Lofgren stated that she didn't think it would affect our services. The service offered by UHC is virtual and our licensed professional counselors conduct visits onsite. Elissa Lofgren also stated that they have started tracking med pod visits by school.

Director Humphrey made a motion to approve the District Financial Report and Statistical Reports as presented. Director Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, rescheduling Board of Directors Meeting dates in November 2024 and December 2024

Ann Newton suggested that the meeting date for November 2024 be changed from November 28, 2024 (Thanksgiving Day) to November 21, 2024.

Ann Newton suggested that the meeting for December 2024 be cancelled. She also stated that if an urgent matter arose that a special meeting could be called.

Director Turner made the motion to approve the rescheduled meeting date for November 2024 and cancelled meeting date for December 2024. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Ann Newton stated that she was working on strategic planning choices for both the CCPHD#1 and CCHC Board of Directors. There was discussion about if the boards would want to do strategic planning on their own or if they would prefer to hire a company. Ann Newton stated that her coach recommended that they hire a company. Ann Newton stated that THT is an option, but she has also requested quotes from several other companies. Chairperson Legg stated the need for a formal written plan. Ann Newton stated that she would present the quotes at the meeting scheduled for November 2024 and tentatively schedule a January 2025 date for strategic planning.

The agenda item has been tabled and no action taken at this time.

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, appointing Andy Legg and Leslie Turner as liaison with Chambers County Commissioners Court

Chairperson Legg stated that a meeting needed to take place between CCPHD#1 and Chambers County representatives concerning the support the district provides Chambers County that it is not reimbursed for (i.e., indigent care, meals on wheels, congregate meals).

Chairperson Legg appointed himself and Director Turner to serve as liaisons between Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 and Chambers County Commissioners Court.

Director Humphrey made a motion to approve the appointments of Chairperson Legg and Director Turner as liaisons between Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 and Chambers County Commissioners Court. Vice Chairperson Abernathy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Legg requested we go into Executive Session under Section 161.032.

Vice Chairperson Abernathy made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Abernathy made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. Director Eric Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, QAPI and Compliance.

Vice Chairperson Abernathy made a motion to accept the QAPI and Compliance report as presented. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

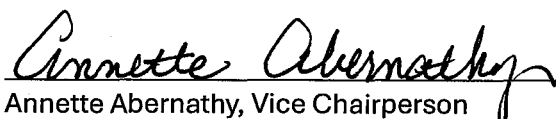


Andy Legg, Chairperson
Board of Directors

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S CERTIFICATE

I, Annette Abernathy, do here by certify that: I am the Vice Chairperson 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 21st day of NOV., 2024.



Annette Abernathy, Vice Chairperson
Board of Directors