

Regular Board Meeting Minutes - August 28, 2023

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman Valdez opened meeting at 12:04pm

ESTABLISHING QUORUM: Quorum Established by Calling Row. Quorum was met.

PRESENT: Aaron Valdez, Chairman; Adolfo Olivares, Secretary Treasurer; Humberto Duran, Trustee.

Gerardo Villalpando, Trustee arrived at 12:19PM

Rebecca Robinson, Vice-Chairwoman arrived at 12:45PM

ABSENT: N/A

OTHER: Alma Martinez, CEO; Nestor Bonilla, CFO; Heriberto Morales Jr, Legal Counsel;

Carolina Sanchez, EAA

VISITORS: Paul Moore, Circle X, LLC; Marcos Trevino, Ryan White Program Director; Susana Torres, Ryan White Office Manager

AGENDA ITEMS:

ITEM 1: Discussion with Possible Action to approve MCHD board minutes for regular board meeting July 31, 2023 and Special board meeting minutes August 16, 2023.

Motion to approve by Mr. Duran, 2nd by Mr. Olivares.

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ALL IN FAVOR; UNANIMOUS

ITEM 2: Presentation of Reports

CEO Report – CEO opened the floor by asking if the board members had any questions regarding the CEO report. Mr. Duran requested for CFO to elaborate on the FQHC look alike. CEO explained that invitation was extended to MCHD to become a member of the Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC). CEO explained that TACHC assists with entities becoming FQHC look alike. CEO explained of the multiple options such FQHC look alike and Public Health Entity. Main obstacle with becoming FQHC look alike is the minimum 9 member board. TACHC assists with researching other options that would provided the same benefits for MCHD as the FQHC look alike would. Initial first meeting with TACHC with CEO and CFO in attendance. CEO explained of the many resources provided through TACHC such as HR, compliance and leadership through the membership.



Item 4: Legislative Update presentation by State Representative, Eddie Morales.

State Representative and Legal Counsel, Eddie Morales was able to review the 88th Texas Legislature update. Highlights included HB 3191 – Governing Boards which included new provision for 3 year terms for district boards, board members terminated after 5 absences in 12 months, and its effective date of September 1, 2023. Ms. Robinson also informed the board of new regulations of board members allowed to participate in the board meeting via phone call only as listening members, not part of the board member quorum or as participating board members in the meeting. Videos calls allowed as board members participation. Legal Counsel recommended for board members to join through video conference via Zoom or Teams. Physical quorum must still be met for board meeting to proceed.

Item 9: Discussion and possible action to authorize the CEO to negotiate and enter into a license agreement with Circles X, LLC as Licensor and Maverick County Hospital District as Licensee and to gather necessary information to document the District's uncompensated property damages, electrical rate up charges and securitization damages arising from Winter Storm Uri and its after effects and any other related information necessary for the prosecution of the damages incurred.

Mr. Moore xplained the process of MCHD licensing Circle X, LLC software, which would allow Circle X, LLC to access MCHD records to review possible damages during winter storm Uri. Mr. Moore explained the Circle X, LLC was focused on assisting health care facilities all over Texas that were impacted by Uri.

Motion to authorize CEO to negotiate and enter into license agreement with Circle X, LLC LLC as Licensor and Maverick County Hospital District as Licensee and to gather necessary information to document the District's uncompensated property damages, electrical rate up charges and securitization damages by Ms. Robinson, 2nd by Mr. Villalpando.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

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<u>CFO Report Review-</u> CFO opened the floor to any questions from the board members regarding the July 2023 financials. Year to Date \$4.3MM and expected to end the year at \$4.5MM.

<u>COM Report</u>- COM reviewed Clinical Operations report with board members. MCHD was able to host a Back to School Fair along side the Tobacco Free Workplace kick off on August 5,



2023. An estimated 500 children in attendance, with distribution of backpacks, notebooks, pencils and a variety of more school supplies. MCHD was able to participate in the Eagle Pass Public Library Back to School event. MCHD was able to distribute back to school supplies and staff members were able to provide information about the services provided at the district. 4th Annual Backpack Giveaway Universal Media Connections was held on August 9th with the participation of MCHD. MCHD was able to distribute back to school supplies along side providing the public with information on the range of services provided at Maverick County Hospital District. MCHD was invited to participate in City of Eagle Pass Employee Health and Wellness expo on August 31, 2023. MCHD will be administering immunizations, including vaccines for influenza, tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis, Pneumonia, Covid 19 and shingles. Blood pressure checks and glucose screenings will be provided as well as the distribution of informational brochures regarding the services offered at Maverick County Hospital District. Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce Community Luncheon – MCHD was honored to serve as host during the luncheon on August 23, 2023. All MCHD Directors were in attendance and were able to present and discuss the services provided at MCHD, including the MFAP, BCCS, The Ryan White Program and the multi-specialty clinic with numerous departments offering specialized services. COM informed board members that MCHD had not yet received the new COVID 19 booster vaccine, COM to keep board members informed and updated on the arrival of COVID 19 vaccine.

Compliance Report – Compliance Officer was able to review the compliance report with the board members. New licensed LPC credentialing process update provided. LPC was credentialed through the Texas Medicaid as of August 1, 2023. CO explained of the current process to have LCP credentialed with different insurances. HR Director – CO update the board members on the progress of hiring for an HR Director. 8 initial interview conducted with 3 second interviews. Pending job offer to be made by MCHD. TIPP Application – on boarding had been completed for the TIPP application. Mr. Duran would requested an update regarding if the indigent patients would be eligible to receive services at the MCHD Urgent Care facility. CEO confirmed that as per legal counsel, MFAP clients would be eligible for MCHD Urgent Care services. Methodist Healthcare Ministries update – MCHD was accepted in December 2023. Initial meetings on March 2023 staring with Learning Collaborative with 2 projects selected for possible implementation: Youth Mental Health and Public Mental Health. Notification of implementation of projects on November 2023.

<u>The Ryan White Program Review</u> – Ryan White Director gave a brief overview for the month of July 2023. Corrective action plans (CAPs) for the University Health Systems for the Part D grant audit had been submitted and were implemented. CAPs were created to address any of the deficiencies for the medical and non-medical case management from the Part D grant. Follow up for the CAPs scheduled for September 2023. Ryan White Director explained the process of patients joining the program such as checking for eligibility, being referred to medical case manager which will ask the appropriate questions such as living situations, mental issues or



dental issues. Medical case manager is able to help provide resources to all clients. Initial medical appointment, dental appointment and mental health counseling were all scheduled.

Item 3: Discussion and possible action on Tax Rate for FY 2023-2024.

Motion by Ms. Robinson to approve \$.12100 Tax Rate, 2nd by Mr. Olivares.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

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Item 5: Presentation by Square One on the economic development, engineering, and funding for the proposed cancer center project.

Kevin Fleming, president of Square One, was able to give an overview of the services provided by Square One including assisting clients with the estimate cost, estimate build time and possible challenges that would assist clients with making the best decisions with building and developing site. Master plan on 10 acer land development of site, phase planning of building site and what to prioritize for building. Cost estimate would then be developed after phase 1 and 2 have been developed, cost estimate would then be provided with furniture, light fixtures and medical equipment. Master schedule would be provided.

No questions by board members.

Item 6: Discussion and possible action regarding the Maverick County Hospital District Intergovernmental Agreement with Maverick County related to the establishment of a public health department.

CEO Intergovernmental Agreement addressed to Chairman from Mr. Cantu, Maverick County Judge, in support for the Public Health Department was presented to the board. Legal Counsel explained the process of collaboration between Maverick County Hospital District and the Maverick County for a public health department.

Motion to approve Maverick County Hospital District Intergovernmental Agreement with Maverick County related to the establishment of a public health department by Ms. Robinson, 2nd by Mr. Villalpando

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0



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Item 7: Discussion and possible action in selecting an engineering firm for the Ryan White Program Modular Expansion Project.

2 RFQ submitted for the engineering for the Ryan White Program Modular Expansion Project: TerraTech and AG3. CEO and CFO recommendation for the selection of TerraTech.

Motion to authorize CEO to negotiate into agreement with TerraTech by Ms. Robinson, 2nd by Mr. Olivares.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

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Item 8: Discussion with possible action to approve uncompensated care Intergovernmental Transfer to Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center for Demonstration Year 12.

CFO informed the board members of the requested \$1.4MM by Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center for Demonstration Year 12. CFO recommendation to give the available \$852K.

Motion to approve \$852,815.60 by Ms. Robinson, 2nd by Mr. Villalpando.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

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Motion to Adjourn at 2:31PM.

Chairman – Aaron Valdez

Vice Chairperson Rebecca Robinson