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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana (“HHC”) was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the Fifth Third Bank Building, 640 Eskenazi Avenue, Lower Level Room FL-503, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Members present (in-person): Robert W. Lazard, Monica Y. Crain, Carl L. Drummer, Thomas Hanify and Beverly Mukes-Gaither.

Members present (virtual): Geeta K. Mantravadi, M.D.

Members not present: Gregory S. Fehribach.

Mr. Lazard called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Mr. Lazard asked if there were any comments or questions on the **Consent Agenda**, which included the following items: Board Minutes: March 15, 2022; Resolution 4-2022: *Electronic Meetings Policy*; Treasurer & CFO Report: March 2022 Cash Disbursements; Appointments, Reappointments and Changes to Privileges; Eskenazi Health (EH) RFP: *Grounds Keeping & Snow Removal*; the following Medical Staff Policies: 700-65: *Testing for Newborn Metabolic Disorders*; 700-99: *Determination of Death*; 700-144: *Moderate & Deep Sedation Privileges*; and the following privilege forms: *Advanced Practice Registered Nurse*; *Physician Assistant*.

Ms. Mukes-Gaither moved to approve the **Consent Agenda** and Mr. Hanify seconded the motion. Mr. Drummer requested additional information on the EH RFP; information was provided by Lee Anne Blue, CNO & Executive VP Patient Care Services. The motion was approved by majority roll call vote.

Mr. Drummer requested that General Ordinance No. 1-2022: *Sewage Disposal Systems* be read and presented for passage; Ms. Crain seconded the motion. Virginia Caine, M.D., Director & Chief Medical Officer, Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD), provided additional information on the ordinance. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Paul Babcock, President & CEO, HHC, presented the **HHC Report**. Mr. Babcock reported that HHC plans to construct a new public health lab in 2023 that will cost approximately \$30 million. Mr. Babcock also thanked Shelia Guenin, Senior Vice President of LTC, HHC, for her service to HHC as she will be retiring this month.



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Brooke Dunn, CFO & Treasurer, HHC, presented the March 2022 Budget Basis Revenue and Expenditures Report and Good Standing Certificate.

Peggy Ford, Vice President Corporate Compliance & Chief Compliance Officer, HHC, provided the **Compliance Committee Update**. Ms. Ford reported that the committee heard a presentation on the seven elements of a successful compliance program and how HHC is implementing those elements.

Dr. Caine presented the **MCPHD Report** and the **Public Health Committee Report**. Dr. Caine reported that Marion County has experienced a substantial decrease in hepatitis C cases since MCPHD launched its safe syringe program. The program is up for renewal this year. Dr. Caine also announced that MCPHD plans to apply this year for accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Mr. Drummer motioned to approve MCPHD's accreditation application and Ms. Crain seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Lisa Harris, M.D., CEO, EH, presented the **EH Report** and the **EH Committee Report**. Dr. Harris announced that EH is providing free cancer screenings during the month of May for National Melanoma Month. Dr. Harris also announced that EH totals 9% of the hospital beds in Marion County but provided care in 2021 for 23% of the COVID-19 hospitalized patients in Marion County.

David Crabb, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, EH, provided the **Quality Committee Report**. Dr. Crabb announced that the committee heard presentations on diversity and mortality rates.

Ashley Overley, M.D., CEO, Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center (SEMHC) presented the **SEMHC Report**. Ms. Overley provided information on new funding available via state and potentially federal legislation.

Dan O'Donnell, M.D., Chief, Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services (IEMS) presented the **IEMS Report**. He reported that IEMS run volumes are averaging approximately 320 runs per day. Dr. O'Donnell also provided information on several programs geared to address staffing shortages.



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Ms. Guenin presented the *LTC Report*. Ms. Guenin announced that HHC-owned facilities currently have a total of only 13 residents and four employees with COVID-19. Ms. Guenin recognized a few of her employees and provided plans on her transition.

Ernie Vargo, CEO, Eskenazi Health Foundation (EHF), presented the *EHF Report*. Mr. Vargo announced that Crowe has begun an audit of EHF for the year 2021. Mr. Vargo also announced that EHF concluded 2021 with over \$100 million in assets.

Mr. Lazard discussed initiatives that he would like the Board to explore to improve Board processes and priorities. He also stated that he would be working with Tavonna Harris Askew, Chief of Staff & General Counsel, HHC, and any interested Board member to explore the hiring of independent Board counsel.

Ms. Askew provided information to the public on how to submit comments, questions and public record requests. No public comments were received.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Ms. Crain motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Mukes-Gaither seconded the motion.

Mr. Lazard adjourned the meeting.



Paul T. Babcock
President & CEO



Robert W. Lazard, Chairman
Board of Trustees