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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana (HHC) was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 720 Eskenazi Avenue in the Faegre Drinker Conference Room of the Rapp Family Conference Center in Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Members present in-person: Robert W. Lazard, Chairperson, Monica Y. Crain, Vice Chairperson, Carl L. Drummer, Thomas Hanify, and Geeta K. Mantravadi, M.D.

Members present virtually: Beverly Mukes-Gaither.

Members absent: None.

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: July 25, 2023, and August 8, 2023; Memoranda of Executive Session: July 25, 2023; Treasurer & CFO Report: July 2023 Cash Disbursements; Appointments, Reappointments and Changes to Privileges; the following medical staff policies: No. 700-23 *Medical Consultations*; and No. 700-122 *Disclosure Discussions with Patients-Families*; and the following privilege forms: Allied Health Professional (AHP)-Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; and AHP-Physician Assistant.

Dr. Mantravadi moved to approve the **Consent Agenda** and Mr. Hanify seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Lazard presented General Ordinance No. 9-2023: *2024 Budget* for the final reading and adoption. Mr. Drummer requested that the ordinance be received and read by title, and Ms. Crain seconded the motion. Anne O'Connor, General Counsel, HHC, read the ordinance by title. The ordinance was unanimously approved by roll call vote, except for Ms. Mukes-Gaither who attended the meeting virtually and was unable to vote per Indiana Code §5-14-1.5-3.5 and HHC's Resolution No. 4-2022: *Electronic Meetings Policy*.

Mr. Lazard presented General Ordinance No. 10-2023: *Adoption of MCPHD Fee Schedule* and No. 11-2023: *Sewage Disposal Systems*. Ms. Mukes-Gaither requested that the ordinances be received and read by title. Ms. O'Connor read the ordinances by title. Virginia Caine, M.D., Director & Chief Medical Officer, Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD), provided additional information on the ordinances. The ordinances will be presented for the second reading and public



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hearing at the September 19, 2023, Board meeting and presented for the third reading and adoption at the October 16, 2023, Board meeting.

Paul Babcock, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), HHC presented the **HHC Report**. Mr. Babcock thanked the Board for approving the 2024 budget ordinance. Mr. Babcock also provided information on next steps regarding bonds approved earlier this year by the Board. Last, Mr. Babcock stated that the 2022 audit of HHC will be available soon.

James Simpson, Interim Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer (CFO), HHC, presented the **Audit & Finance Committee Update**. Mr. Simpson reported that the committee heard a Grants Department presentation by Jennifer Morehead Farmer, Vice President (VP) of Grants, as well as a consolidated financials presentation by himself, Tara Parchman, Director of Finance, MCPHD, and Nicole Harper, CFO & VP of Revenue Cycle Services, Eskenazi Health (EH).

Mr. Simpson also presented the July 2023 Budget Basis Revenue and Expenditures Report.

Dr. Caine presented the **MCPHD Report**. Dr. Caine reported that Indiana's first human case of the West Nile virus for the season has been reported in Johnson County. Dr. Caine also provided information on new opioid drugs as well as the new COVID-19 vaccine and new Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine. Last, Dr. Caine stated that MCPHD has begun working on its community health assessment which is completed every four years to better understand the health status of those living in Marion County.

Mr. Lazard congratulated Dr. Caine for being selected by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention to be on a 15-member federal committee for infectious diseases.

Lisa Harris, M.D., CEO, EH, presented the **EH Report**. Dr. Harris reported on recent regulatory visits and current in-patient statistics at EH. Dr. Harris also stated that EH was recently honored by the Lown Institute as Indiana's top hospital for community benefit. Last, Dr. Harris stated that EH helped to guide a new dementia care and payment model announced by the Centers for Medicaid Services Innovation Center.

Dr. Harris continued by presenting the **EH Committee Update**. Dr. Harris reported that the committee heard an EH Center presentation by Saura Fortin, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, EH Medical Group, as well as a Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center (SEMHC) presentation by Ashley Overley, M.D., CEO, SEMHC.





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Dr. Overley presented the **SEMCH Report**. Dr. Overley reported that she will be presenting tomorrow to the Public Safety Committee of the Indianapolis City-County Council regarding the four mental-health center providers in Marion County. Dr. Overley also provided information on recent regulatory visits. Last, Dr. Overley invited everyone to attend the SEMCH Recovery & Remembrance Event on September 6.

Daniel O'Donnell, M.D., Chief, Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services (IEMS), presented the **IEMS Report**. Dr. O'Donnell reported that IEMS has concluded its coverage of the Indiana State Fair. Dr. O'Donnell also stated that IEMS broke its record of runs per day with 434 runs on August 11; IEMS is currently averaging 357 runs per day.

Julie White, VP of LTC, HHC, presented the **LTC Report**. Ms. White reported on resident statistics at HHC-owned facilities. Ms. White also stated that employee turnover at HHC-owned facilities has decreased by 7% since July 2022.

Ernie Vargo, CEO, Eskenazi Health Foundation (EHF), presented the **EHF Report**. Mr. Vargo reported that the EHF Board and Committees will meet in September.

Mr. Drummer stated that HHC recently participated in a Habitat for Humanity Build.

Ms. O'Connor asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak at today's meeting. Patricia Session, former MCPHD manager in the Women, Infant and Children Program, expressed her dissatisfaction over her recent termination.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

Ms. Mukes-Gaither moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hanify seconded the motion. Mr. Lazard adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.



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Robert W. Lazard, Chairperson
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Paul T. Babcock
President, CEO & Board Secretary

