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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana (HHC), was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, in the Faegre Drinker Conference Room of the Rapp Family Conference Center located at 720 Eskenazi Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana, 46202.

Board member attendance:

- Present in-person: Robert W. Lazard, Chairperson, Monica Y. Crain, Vice Chairperson, and Thomas Hanify
- Present via Webex: Carl L. Drummer
- Absent: Brenda S. Horn

An opening prayer was provided by Diane Shircliff, Lead Chaplain, Eskenazi Health (EH).

Mr. Lazard called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Anne O'Connor, General Counsel, HHC, stated that under Indiana Code Section 16-22-8-19(a), the Board is authorized to suspend rules of procedure by the unanimous vote of the Board members present at the meeting. Mr. Hanify moved to suspend the rules requiring a majority of Board members to be physically present at this Board meeting as required by Resolution No. 4-2022: Electronic Meetings Policy. Ms. Crain seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Lazard asked if there were any comments or questions on the **Consent Agenda**, which included the following items: Board minutes from June 18, 2024; memoranda of Executive Session from June 18, 2024; Treasurer & CFO Report, including the June 2024 Cash Disbursements; Appointments, Reappointments and Changes to Privileges; Family Medicine Clinical Privilege Form; and the following medical staff policies: No. 700-06 National Practitioner Data Bank; No. 700-21 Admission/Transfer Criteria To and From Nurseries; No. 700-28 Absence of the Chief Medical Officer; No. 700-71 Testing for Detection and Prevention of Hemolytic Disease of the Newborn; No. 700-113 Point of Care Testing – Overview Statement; No. 700-131 Credentialing Fees; No. 700-148 Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation; No. 700-152 Requests for Inpatient Transfer into Eskenazi Health; and No. 700-160 Discharging To Appropriate Level of Care.

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



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Mr. Lazard presented for the first reading General Ordinance No. 5-2024: Minimum Standards for Residential Property & Housing. Dana Reed Wise, Bureau Chief of Environmental Health, Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD), expounded on the ordinance. The ordinance will be presented for the public hearing and adoption at the Board meeting being held on August 27, 2024.

Next, Mr. Lazard presented for the first reading General Ordinance No. 6-2024: Budget Amendment. James Simpson, Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) & Assistant Treasurer, HHC, provided additional information on the ordinance. The ordinance will be presented for the public hearing at the Board meeting being held on August 13, 2024, and the ordinance will be presented for adoption at the Board meeting being held on August 27, 2024.

Mr. Lazard presented for the first reading General Ordinance No. 7-2024: 2025 Budget. Mr. Simpson expounded on the ordinance. The ordinance will be presented for the public hearing at the Board meeting being held on August 13, 2024, and the ordinance will be presented for adoption at the Board meeting being held on August 27, 2024.

Next, Mr. Lazard presented for approval Resolution No. 9-2024: Electronic Meetings Policy. Ms. O'Connor provided additional information on the resolution. Ms. Crain moved to table the resolution and Mr. Hanify seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Lazard presented for approval Resolution No. 10-2024: Attendee Conduct Policy. Ms. O'Connor expounded on the resolution. Ms. Crain moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hanify seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Lazard presented for approval Request for Bid (RFB): Vehicles Purchase & Mobile Clinic (BID #MCPHDV-0724). Tara Parchman, Director of Finance, MCPHD, provided additional information on the RFB. Mr. Drummer moved to approve the RFB and Mr. Hanify seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Paul Babcock, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), presented the **HHC Report**. Mr. Babcock reported that HHC will soon begin Phase 2 of its 5-Year Economic and Strategic Plan for Long-Term Financial Sustainability. Mr. Babcock also provided information on Medicare reimbursements rates that could impact HHC-owned long-term care (LTC) facilities.



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Mr. Simpson presented the June 2024 Budget Basis Revenue and Expenditures.

Mr. Simpson and Peggy Ford, Vice President Corporate Compliance & Chief Compliance Officer, HHC, presented the ***Audit, Finance & Compliance Committee Report***. Mr. Simpson reported that the committee heard a presentation on HHC's 2025 statutory budget by himself, Ms. Parchman; Nicole Harper, CFO, EH, and Mark Dice, CFO, American Senior Communities. Mr. Simpson also stated that HHC received four responses to its request for qualifications to assist HHC in reestablishing the office of internal audit.

Ms. Ford reported that she presented to the committee the 2024 Integrity and Compliance Workplan as well as long-term care updates. Ms. Ford also stated that the committee heard a presentation on employee monitoring by James Ballard, Direct of Compliance Effectiveness, HHC.

Virginia Caine, M.D., Chief Medical Officer & Director, MCPHD, presented the ***MCPHD Report*** and the ***Public Health Committee Report***. Dr. Caine reported that due to the increased amount of rainfall recently, Marion County is experiencing an increase in the mosquito population. Dr. Caine also stated that Marion County is experiencing an increase in its number of COVID-19 cases due to the new KP.3 variant. Last, Dr. Caine provided updates on MCPHD departments, including providing vaccinations and diapers to the community.

Lisa Harris, M.D., CEO, EH, presented the ***EH Report***. Dr. Harris reported that HHC has partnered with a new vendor to provide improved interpreting services. Dr. Harris also stated that the Lown Institute has recognized EH as Indiana's top hospital for health equity, avoiding overuse, and community benefit. Last, Dr. Harris introduced Stacie Jasorka, Community Weaver, EH, who provided testimonies from patients who she has met in her role at EH.

Ashley Overley, M.D., CEO, SEMHC, presented the ***SEMHC Report***. Dr. Overley reported that SEMHC has renamed its 3171 N. Meridian St. location to now be named the Thomas P. Stitt Building. The name change is in appreciation of a generous gift by former Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson and his wife Amy in memory of their nephew, Thomas P. Stitt. Dr. Overley also presented a video which included a recovery story by a SEMHC patient.

Daniel O'Donnell, M.D., Chief, Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services (IEMS), presented the ***IEMS Report***. Dr. O'Donnell provided an update on the IEMS employee who was injured in an accident during the month of June. Dr. O'Donnell also stated that IEMS is working with the



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Marion County Fire Chiefs Association to create a new program on dispatching calls.

Julie White, Vice President of LTC, HHC, presented the *LTC Report*. Ms. White reported that in the month of June the Quality Review Team completed 15 onsite visits at HHC-owned facilities (Facilities). Ms. White also stated that the following three Facilities received deficiency free surveys by the Indiana Department of Health: Bethlehem Woods, Fairway Village, and Todd-Dickey. Last, Ms. White reported that the American Healthcare Association National Quality Award Program recently recognized 10 Facilities with the Silver Award; 32 Facilities have now been recognized in 2024 with either the Silver or Bronze Award.


Ernie Vargo, CEO, Eskenazi Health Foundation (EHF), presented the *EHF Report*. Mr. Vargo reported that since the last Board meeting, EHF received four new gifts to the Beyond Barriers Campaign, bringing the campaign total to over \$64 million. Mr. Vargo also stated that for the IBJ Media's Indiana 250, a list of the state's most influential and impactful leaders, five of those leaders are EHF Board of Directors.

Mr. Lazard asked whether there were any members of the public who wished to speak at today's meeting; there were no commenters.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

Ms. Crain moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hanify seconded the motion. Mr. Lazard adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.


Robert W. Lazard
Board Chairperson


Paul T. Babcock
President, CEO & Board Secretary