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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County, Indiana, (HHC) was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, in the Faegre Drinker Conference Room of the Rapp Family Conference Center located at 720 Eskenazi Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana, 46202.

Board members' attendance:

- Present in-person: Robert W. Lazard, Chairperson, Brenda S. Horn, and Thomas Hanify
- Present via Webex: Carl L. Drummer, Vice Chairperson
- Absent: None

An opening prayer was provided by Bishop Robert Lyons, Spiritual Care Manager, Eskenazi Health (EH).

Mr. Lazard called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m.

Mr. Lazard 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 in-person at the meeting. Ms. Horn moved to suspend the rules requiring a majority of the Board members to be physically present at this Board meeting as required by Resolution No. 4-2022: Electronic Meetings Policy. Mr. Hanify 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 October 15, 2024; Memoranda of Executive Session from October 15, 2024; Treasurer & CFO Report, including the October 2024 Cash Disbursements; Appointments, Reappointments & Changes to Privileges; and Medical Staff Policy No. 700-162: Infectious Diseases Consultation for Staphylococcus aureus bacteremia.

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

Mr. Lazard presented for approval Resolution No. 12-2024: Annual Review of Investment Policy. James Simpson, Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) & Assistant Treasurer, HHC, provided additional information on the resolution. Mr. Hanify moved to approve the resolution and Ms. Horn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Lazard presented for approval Resolution No. 13-2024: Termination of Long Term Care Lease Agreement. Paul Babcock, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), HHC, explained that the lease for certain LTC facilities expires in mid-2025 and that the owner of the facilities requested to move all those facilities under one master lease, which HHC determined was not in its best interest. Ms. Horn 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 the Patient Engagement Portal request for proposal (RFP), which was tabled at the Board meeting on October 15. Karen Holly, Director of Operations, Marion County Public Health Department (MCPHD), expounded on the RFP. Mr. Drummer moved to approve the RFP, and Mr. Hanify seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Paul Babcock, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), HHC, presented the **HHC Report**. Mr. Babcock reported that HHC continues to work on Phase 2 of its 5-Year Economic and Strategic Plan for Long-Term Financial Sustainability. Mr. Babcock also stated that HHC has begun preparing for the upcoming Indiana General Assembly session. Last, Mr. Babcock reported that construction for the new Public Health Laboratory is going well and is on schedule.

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

Mr. Simpson continued by presenting the **Audit, Finance & Compliance (AF&C) Report**. Mr. Simpson reported that the committee heard a consolidated financial presentation by himself; Tara Parchman, Director of Finance, MCPHD; Nicole Harper, CFO, Eskenazi Health (EH); and Mark Dice, CFO, American Senior Communities. Mr. Simpson also stated that he presented to the committee both Resolution 12-2024 and a report on the received proposals for reestablishing HHC's internal audit committee.

James Ballard, Director of Compliance Effectiveness, HHC, concluded the **AF&C Report**. Mr. Ballard reported on Integrity & Compliance Hotline calls received in November 2024. Mr. Ballard also stated that the committee heard the following two presentations: first, a Compliance Long-Term Care (LTC) Report presented by Ashley Collins, Director of Compliance LTC, HHC; and second, an HHC/MCPHD Privacy Program Report presented by Jillean Battle, Privacy Officer, HHC.

Kimberly McElroy-Jones, PhD, Vice President (VP) of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DE&I), HHC, presented the **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility (DEI&A) Committee Report**. Dr. McElroy-Jones reported that HHC will be changing the name of the DE&I Department to now be the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility Department. Felicia Roseburgh, Supplier Diversity Director, HHC, provided supplier diversity statistics.

Virginia Caine, M.D., Chief Medical Officer & Director, MCPHD, presented the **MCPHD Report**. Dr. Caine reported that the Safe Syringe Access & Support Program can now identify substances found in the received needles. Dr. Caine also stated that MCPHD received over 200 applications from community organizations seeking to obtain grants as part of the Health First Indiana funding. Last, Dr. Caine was presented an award from Rupal Thanawala on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Asian American Alliance Inc.

Ashley Overley, M.D., CEO, Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center (SEMHC), presented the SEMHC Report. Dr. Overley reported that SEMHC held a ribbon cutting last week for its new facility located at 3419 English Avenue in Indianapolis. Last, Dr. Overley reported that as of January 1, 2025, SEMHC will become a Certified Community Behavior Health Clinic.

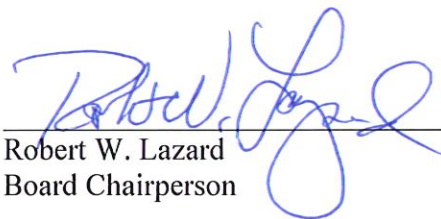
Daniel O'Donnell, M.D., Chief of Administration & Finance, Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services (IEMS), presented the *IEMS Report*. Dr. O'Donnell reported that IEMS has responded to 123,000 patients in 2024 which is an increase of 9% since last year; and IEMS has transported 84,000 patients in 2024 which is an increase of 10.5% since last year. Dr. O'Donnell also reported that Steve Ross, District Lieutenant, IEMS, is retiring after 42 years of service. Last, Dr. O'Donnell recognized two staff members who provided emergency support to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer who was injured last week.


Julie White, VP of LTC, HHC, presented the *LTC Report*. Ms. White reported that HHC has completed the annual clinical/administrative and environmental audits for all 74 HHC-owned facilities (Facilities). Ms. White also stated that the census at Facilities remains unchanged at 75%. Last, Ms. White provided new COVID-19 and Pneumonia vaccine guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

Ernie Vargo, President & CEO, Eskenazi Health Foundation (EHF), presented the *EHF Report*. Mr. Vargo reported that EHF anticipates receiving \$20 million for the year 2024 which would be the second-best fundraising year for EHF. Mr. Vargo also stated that EHF has received \$77 million for the social determinants of health campaign, despite the campaign goal being \$60 million.

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

Ms. Horn moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hanify seconded the motion. Mr. Lazard adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.


Robert W. Lazard
Board Chairperson


Paul T. Babcock
President, CEO & Board Secretary