NORTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 29, 2014
Broward Health Coral Springs
MOC: First floor Conference Room

MINUTES

The Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital District was held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 in the Medical Office Complex, first floor Conference Room, Broward Health Coral Springs, 3100 Coral Springs Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Notice of this meeting is attached to the official Minutes as EXHIBIT I. The official Agenda for this meeting, as presented for the consideration of the Board, is attached to the official Minutes as EXHIBIT II. Original registration sheets listing attendees, as well as those who wished to address the Board, are attached to the official Minutes on file in the Board of Commissioners’ office.

Chair Di Pietro called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners:
Present:      Commissioner David Di Pietro – Chair
              Commissioner Joel Gustafson – Vice Chair
              Commissioner Debbie Kohl - Treasurer/Secretary
              Commissioner David Nieland- Board Member
              Commissioner Rocky Rodriguez - Board Member
              Commissioner Darryl Wright – Board Member

The invocation was given by Drew Grossman, CEO of BH Coral Springs who also gave led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Goren advised the Board that annually during the month of October, the election of officers is held. There are three positions up for election: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.

Chair Di Pietro commented that he realizes that historically the Chair has usually held that position for 2 years; however, he would be willing to serve as Chair for another year.

Chair Di Pietro then opened nominations for the position of Chair: It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Gustafson that Chair David Di Pietro remains as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Di Pietro thanked the Board for their support and thought that the meetings have been good, productive and cordial. He also said it has been a good experience for him and he hoped that he was making sure that everyone was heard and all of their concerns were addressed.
At this time, Chair Di Pietro then opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair: It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Nieland that Commissioner Gustafson remains as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Di Pietro opened the nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer: It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Gustafson that Commissioner Debbie Kohl remains as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Di Pietro asked that the Board Secretary send out the information regarding which committee(s) the Commissioners would like to serve on. He would like to make those appointments at the November Board meeting.

Mr. Goren stated for the record that there were no other nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer; nominations were opened and closed; motions were adopted for all three and the matter is at an end and completed for the next year.

**Chair Di Pietro introduced Henry Crockett from the Crockett Foundation.**

Mr. Crockett informed the Board that he is the president of the Crockett Foundation. He and his brother started the foundation some 6 years ago and they work with youth, mostly middle school children, because they believe that transition from middle school to high school starts to affect their lives. Mr. Crockett said that they work with the students regarding literacy and math and have also added a health and wellness component.

This year in August, they held their 6th annual health and wellness festival and a different component was added—physicals. They were able to offer free physicals thanks to Dr. El Sanadi and Dr. Ford. They did over 500 physicals for those children who were uninsured.

Mr. Crockett presented Dr. El Sanadi with a plaque in appreciation for his volunteering—it was an unselfish gesture on the part of Dr. El Sanadi and Dr. Ford. Dr. Ford was not present but the board secretary will send him his plaque.

**RECOGNITION OF SHINING STARS:**

The following employees were recognized by the Board of Commissioners as the 1st quarter Shining Stars: Joann Walker, Environmental Tech 1, BHMC; Alison Madej, PT Assistant, BHCS; Melissa Martinez, Ambulatory Business Specialist, CDTC; Ernest Gabriel, LPN, BH Gold Coast Hospice-CHS; Todd Moritz, Coordinator Business Developments and Collections, BHIP and Alaina Walcott-Pharmacist, BHN.

**COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:**

Mr. John de Groot, a community resident, commented that it is a popular assumption and belief from our politicians that we have a healthcare system based on a free market system. Mr. deGroot distributed a handout which suggested that it was not the case. The handout showed the sticker prices for average health care services and outpatient utilization for Broward county hospitals—source American Hospital directory. He feels that the ultimate demise of the American health care system will collapse. He questioned the disparity in the prices and asked
why the mark up. He felt that the Board should be aware of this and the fundamental flaws of healthcare.

Mr. deGroot said that as a resident of the NBHD taxing district, he asked the question of the Board “who do they represent”? They are appointed by the Governor with certain duties even though he was having trouble finding where those duties are spelled out. He asked if they were appointed to represent Governor Scott or the residents of the District and its patients. Mr. deGroot said as a taxpayer he felt that he was entitled to an answer. There was no response from the Commissioners. Mr. deGroot said he would be back next month to ask the same question.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Request approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held September 29, 2014.

   It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Nieland:

   THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2014 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

   Motion carried unanimously.

2. Request approval of the Minutes of the Second and Final Tax Hearing of the Board of Commissioners held on September 29, 2015.

   It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Gustafson:

   THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND AND FINAL TAX HEARING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2014 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

   Motion carried unanimously.

3. Request approval of the Special Meeting/Shade Session of the Board of Commissioners held on October 22, 2014.

   It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Nieland:

   THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/SHADE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2014 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

   Motion carried unanimously.
MEDICAL COUNCIL AGENDA

4. BROWARD HEALTH CORAL SPRINGS

Dr. Sachedina said that he was happy to report that the BHCS hospital expansion project is moving along. It was recently approved by Corporate and the Building Committee and is now going to the Finance Committee. This is a $56 million expansion for a three story south tower to be located on the main lobby side of the hospital. It will house a new labor and delivery—28 private mother / baby beds with NICU and 28 all private med/surg beds.

In 2015, BHCS will be involved in getting bids, architectural work, construction and project management in anticipation for beginning construction. Dr. Sachedina said that everyone at BHCS is excited about the project.

Dr. Azeem Sachedina, Chief of Staff of Broward Health Coral Springs, reported that the Medical Council had reviewed and recommended for approval by the Board of Commissioners all exhibited Medical Staff Appointments; Medical Staff Reappointments; and Allied Health Reappointments.

It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Gustafson:

THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF BROWARD HEALTH CORAL SPRINGS MEDICAL’S MEDICAL COUNCIL OF ITEMS 4 (A-C):

A. Medical Staff Appointments
B. Medical Staff Reappointments
C. Allied Health Reappointments

Motion carried unanimously.

5. BROWARD HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER

Dr. Yogel provided the following update:

- BHMC was notified by the Leap Frog coalition, which is an employer-based coalition that advocates quality and hospital safety, that BHMC has been upgraded to an “A” rated hospital recognizing excellence in quality and patient safety.
- On October 2nd, as part of Mammo-palooza, BHMC had an inflatable breast cancer exhibit in their lobby which was well attended; screened 1135 patients in the month of October; participated in the Glam-0-thon Doll Strut on October 18; November 6th, there will be a check presentation to the Lillian Wells Women’s Center.

Dr. Yogel informed the Board that they had screened two possible Ebola patients but fortunately they did not meet the Department of Health’s travel history guidelines and were released.
Dr. Yogel said that due to a miscommunication error in the reappointment process, BHMC was requesting that the Board rescind a voluntary resignation from July 30, 2014 for Dr. Victor Fernandez who was due for reappointment but was incorrectly processed as resigning. The Board gave final approval for that resignation and Dr. Victor Fernandez was resigned. BHMC is requesting that the Board rescind that voluntary resignation effective July 30, 2014 as a corrective action.

It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Nieland that the Board of Commissioner rescinds the voluntary resignation of Dr. Victor Fernandez effective July 30, 2014 as a corrective action. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Di Pietro inquired on the issue of Ebola: were there any conversations about designating one hospital to handle this in the metropolitan area. Dr. Yogel responded and said no; however, BHMC will be following the CDC’s recommendations and hopefully if a patient does present being positive, BHMC will be able to transfer that patient to a CDC special facility.

Dr. Louis Yogel, Chief of Staff of Broward Health Medical Center, reported that the Medical Council had reviewed and recommended for approval by the Board of Commissioners all exhibited Medical Staff Changes and Additions; Allied Health Changes and Additions; Community Health Services Changes and Additions; Medical Staff Reappointments; Allied Health Reappointments; and Community Health Services and Weston Urgent Care Center Reappointments

It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez; seconded by Commissioner Gustafson:


A. Medical Staff Changes and Additions
B. Allied Health Changes and Additions
C. Community Health Services Changes and Additions
D. Medical Staff Reappointments
E. Allied Health Reappointments
F. Community Health Services and Weston Urgent Care Center Reappointments

Motion carried unanimously.

6. BROWARD HEALTH IMPERIAL POINT

Dr. Lewkowitz provided the following:

- BHIP’s administration and nursing staff have worked together to achieve the designation of “Pathway to Excellence” from the American Nursing Credentialing Center which makes BHIP one of 120 hospitals to achieve that status. Essentially, it is a commitment to providing a positive work environment for the nursing staff.
Dr. Howard Lewkowitz, Chief of Staff of Broward Health Imperial Point, reported that the Medical Council had reviewed and recommended for approval by the Board of Commissioners all exhibited Medical Staff Changes and Additions; Medical Staff Reappointments; Allied Health Changes and Additions; and Allied Health Reappointments.

It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Nieland:

THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF BROWARD HEALTH IMPERIAL POINT’S MEDICAL COUNCIL OF ITEMS 6 (A-D):

A. Medical Staff Changes and Additions
B. Medical Staff Reappointments
C. Allied Health Changes and Additions
D. Allied Health Reappointments

Motion carried unanimously.

7. BROWARD HEALTH NORTH

Dr. Hoffberger provided the following update:

- In celebration of MAMMO-PALOOZA and Breast Cancer Awareness month – two of BHN’s comprehensive cancer center patients were featured in Sun Sentinel’s “Life’s Victories” campaign.
- BHN held their fourth annual Women’s Health Expo in conjunction with the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce. The event was attended by more than 200 community members and proceeds will benefit its comprehensive cancer center.
- BHN held its annual Joint Replacement Reunion Luncheon for former joint replacement surgery patients earlier this month and forty-five attendees enjoyed the event!

Dr. Hoffberger invited the Commissioners to attend Saturday (Nov. 1st) BHN will hold its annual Ranse Jones Classic Volleyball Tournament – proceeds to benefit their comprehensive stroke center, Stroke Awareness Fund. The event will be held at Deerfield Beach, North Ocean Blvd., just north of the pier. There will be a silent auction and raffle baskets at Oceans 234 and lots of family fun for the kids!

Dr. Hoffberger stressed that 35,000 people in the U.S. die from influenza, so he urged everyone to get their flu shot.

Dr. Darren Hoffberger Chief of Staff of Broward Health North, reported that the Medical Council had reviewed and recommended for approval by the Board of Commissioners all exhibited Medical Staff Additions, Changes and Resignations; Medical Staff Reappointments; Allied Health Additions, Changes and Resignations; Allied Health Reappointments and Community Health Reappointments.
It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Gustafson:

 THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF BROWARD HEALTH NORTH’S MEDICAL
COUNCIL OF ITEMS 7 (A-E):

A. Medical Staff Additions, Changes and Resignations
B. Medical Staff Reappointments
C. Allied Health Staff Additions, Changes and Resignations
D. Allied Health Staff Reappointments
E. Community Health Services Resignations

Motion carried unanimously.

CEO REPORT:

Mr. Nask distributed a news article highlighting Dr. Doris Peek BH’s CIO that was picked up on a few national magazines about her career in healthcare. The article is entitled “The Life of a Healthcare CIO”. Mr. Nask said that in reading the article you see that Dr. Peek’s career spans 25 years in healthcare. Mr. Nask informed the Commissioners that he has worked with Doris for about 10 of those years. Mr. Nask said that Dr. Peek has been a big asset to BH in developing its IT program which is at national level.

Mr. Nask informed the Commissioners that Lorraine Thomas has donated $1.5 million towards the matching pledge of the Salah Challenge Grant of $10 million. Mr. Nask said that BH has two years to match the $10 million and it is well on its way. This pledge goes toward the Children’s hospital.

In addition, Mr. Nask informed the Commissioners that BH received an email from the ACGME organization on October 15, 2014 stating that the Institutional Review Committee has accredited BH as an ACGME site. This allows BH to move forward with an ACGME program starting around 2016 for any programs—the first would be for Internal medicine. By July 2015, BH may be able to submit an application for a combined AOA ACGME program which is getting closer to fruition. Mr. Nask stated that within 12 to 24 months, BH could be training at the ACGME level. BH has had several meetings with FIU so that they can send their students to BH for training. He also commented that BH is close to signing one of FIU’s physicians to serve as BH’s internal medicine director.

CFO REPORT

Mr. Martin provided a brief overview of September’s financial performance:

- Overall volume for the month was above budget and well above the prior year's volume. System-wide for September; admissions were down 6% or 340 cases; compensated admissions down 5% or 218 cases. Even though ER volumes were up 900 visits above budget, admissions coming through the ED were down 303—which was driving the decrease: short stay cases up 28% or 400 cases as BH continues to see a flip from inpatient to outpatient—some of the Medicaid HMOs are starting to play games in declaring people outpatient when they clearly should be inpatient admissions. Births up 9%; surgeries up 4%, outpatient visits down 2% mainly at BHN and BHCS; ER visits up
4% or 900 visits but the uncompensated visits were down 1400 visits and compensated visits were up 2300 which is really helping the bottom line.

- **Financially for September**: net operating revenue of $96 million which was $14 million greater than budget; BH continues to see significant increase in health exchange volume as well as reimbursement. BH had a very large variance of plus 2300 visits to the ER which was compensated; charges were $10 million greater than budget in September; several large Medicaid outliers cases. Just through yesterday, October volume and gross charges are remaining very strong almost up $19 million in charges over budget. BH had a great month.

- **Total expenses** were $93 million--$400,000 favorable to budget; net gain from operations was $3 million or $14 million greater than budget; Investments lost $8.1 million which was $9 million unfavorable to budget; excess revenue over expense for the month was a little over $5 million which was $5 million favorable to budget.

- **YTD** for the first 3 months: net operating revenue was $263 million is $16 million favorable to budget; total expenses of $279 million are $2 million favorable to budget; for the first three months, net loss from operations of $16 million is really $18 million favorable to budget and $25 million greater than last year.

For the first three months BH has gotten off to a great start financially and October is also off to a good start.

**GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT**

Mr. Goren reminded the Board that immediately following the public meeting today, the Board will enter into a Shade Session for an Attorney Client Session in accordance with Florida Statute 286.011 to discuss Gloria Johnson on behalf of Relani Taylor, Broward Circuit Court, Case No. 13-016969.

In addition Mr. Goren requested two more shade sessions:

- November 19, 2014 for an Attorney Client Session in accordance with Florida Statute 286.011 to discuss the Frank vs. NBHD in Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County Florida CACE 10-25040 Judge Bowman.

  **It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Gustafson that the Board of Commissioners approve the Shade Session for November 19, 2014.**

- Mr. Goren also asked for a shade session for a pending false claims case to be held in November or early December.

  **It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Nieland that the Board of Commissioners approve the Shade Session relating to the False Claims case for November or early December.**

**PRESENTATION OF CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION** by Dr. Georges Boutin

Dr. Boutin gave a presentation about changes to the Medicare (CMS) Conditions of Participation requiring the governing body to have direct oversight and communication with medical staff.
leadership related to the quality of care. The Board is responsible for the quality of medical care provided to patients by the hospital.

Dr. Boutin stated that these will be formal Board meetings with each Chief separately or all four (4) Chief's at one time. There will be a formal agenda (only to address quality matters) with minutes and if needed an action plan that must be documented in the minutes. There was some discussion as to when these meetings can be held and it was suggested that they could be held following the regular Board of Commissioners monthly meetings. The Board will need to meet with each Chief separately at least twice a year.

Failure to meet pre-established quality standards can result in diminished Medicare reimbursement; and failure to abide by the CoPs can result in a hospital’s loss of it Medicare certification. These changes became effective of July 11, 2014 and the final interpretation was made available on September 26, 2014.

Dr. Boutin will clarify with the Joint Commission with regard to the need for separate meetings and report back at the November 19 Board of Commissioners meetings.

Ebola Update:

Dr. Boutin informed the Commissioners that BH’s policy and procedure is to follow the CDC guidelines. Should a patient present themselves to one of our facilities with symptoms they will be isolated and evaluated and should that person test positive, CDC will be contacted and according to their rules they will take over the care of that patient within 4 hours.

Dr. Boutin also informed the Commissioners that there was a meeting of the Epidemiologists and ER Preparedness staff and all have unanimously agreed that the putting on and taking off of the equipment that is going to be used will be standard across the system. The danger is not in putting on the equipment but the taking off of the equipment and everyone is being trained and re-trained according to the CDC guidelines. Dr. Boutin also informed the Board that there is no transfer agreement within this area and if a person shows up at one of BH’s facilities that patient stays at that facility until a diagnosis is made whether that person is positive or negative for Ebola.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Special Audit Committee Meeting October 8, 2014 – Commissioner Darryl Wright reported that the meeting was held in order to move forward following the resignation of one of outside members of the committee; also in the process of having the outside member replaced; moving forward with the RFP for External Auditors. There being no corrections,

It was moved by Commissioner Gustafson, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez:

That the minutes of the Special Audit Committee meeting held on October 8, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Building Committee --October 9, 2014- Commissioner Joel Gustafson stated that the items discussed were: CDTA project presentation and BHCS expansion. The BHCS expansion is on the Discussion Agenda for final approval. There being no corrections,

It was moved by Commissioner Gustafson, seconded by Commissioner Nicland:
That the minutes of the Building Committee meeting held on October 9, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee --October 22, 2014 -- Commissioner Debbie Kohl commented that the minutes were sent out prior to the Board meeting and all items have been placed on the Discussion and Consent Agendas for final approval. There being no corrections,

It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Nieland:

That the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on October 22, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Legal Affairs Committee --October 22, 2014 -- Commissioner Joel Gustafson stated that the Minutes were sent out prior to the meeting. There being no corrections,

It was moved by Commissioner Gustafson, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez:

That the minutes of the Legal Affairs Committee meeting held on October 22, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA CHANGES—There were none

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Di Pietro entertained a motion to approve items 8 and 9 as listed on the Consent Agenda,


9. Conflict Waiver from Holland & Knight

It was moved by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Nieland that the Board of Commissioners approve Items 8 and 9 as listed on the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Chair Di Pietro reminded the Commissioners that Items 10-11 and 12 were previously reviewed and recommended for approval at the Finance Committee meeting.

10. Approval by the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital District in accordance with Section 24 (1)(d) of the Charter, to waive the bidding requirement due to sole source and authorize the President/CEO to contract with Bio-Fire Corporation at a commitment amount of $769,046, for the purchase of Filmarray PCR Ragent Packs for Viral and Bacterial Diagnosis and Identification in accordance with Resolution No. 14-10-29-1.

Following the reading of Resolution No. 14-10-29-1 by Chair Di Pietro,
It was moved by Commissioner Gustafson, seconded by Commissioner Nieland:

THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24 (1)(D) OF THE CHARTER, TO WAIVE THE BIDDING REQUIREMENT DUE TO SOLE SOURCE AND AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO CONTRACT WITH BIO-FIRE CORPORATION AT A COMMITMENT AMOUNT OF $769,046, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FILMARRAY PCR RAGENT PACKS FOR VIRAL AND BACTERIAL DIAGNOSIS AND IDENTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 14-10-29-1.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Approval by the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital District to authorize the President/CEO to waive the bidding requirement and purchase Covidien’s “Navigational Bronchoscopy”, a sole source vendor, in accordance with Section 24(1)(d) of the North Broward Hospital District Charter, for the Endoscopy Suite/Cancer Center Administration at Broward Health Medical Center at a cost of $186,122 in accordance with Resolution No. 14-10-29-2.

Following the reading of Resolution No. 14-10-29-2 by Chair Di Pietro,

It was moved by Commissioner Nieland, seconded by Commissioner Gustafson:


] Motion carried unanimously.

12. Approval by the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital District to waive the bidding requirement due to sole source and in accordance with Section 24 (1)(d) of the Charter and to authorize the President/CEO to purchase a Tomosynthesis Contrast Enhanced Spectral Mammography, and Sensory Suite Package technology from General Electric, a sole source vendor, for The Lillian S. Wells Women’s Center at Broward Health Medical Center at a cost of $625,000 in accordance with Resolution No. 14-10-29-03.

Following the reading of Resolution No. 14-10-29-03 by Chair Di Pietro,

It was moved by Commissioner Gustafson, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez:
THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE NORTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO WAIVE THE BIDDING REQUIREMENT DUE TO SOLE SOURCE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24 (1) (D) OF THE CHARTER AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO PURCHASE A TOMOSYNTHESIS CONTRAST ENHANCED SPECTRAL MAMMOGRAPHY, AND SENSORY SUITE PACKAGE TECHNOLOGY FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC, A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, FOR THE LILLIAN S. WELLS WOMEN’S CENTER AT BROWARD HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER AT A COST OF $625,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 14-10-29-03.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Approval by the Board of Commissioners to approve all five (5) of the above-listed required actions, in order to ensure ongoing compliance of the Healthcare for the Homeless Program with HRSA/BPHC’s 19 Program Expectations.

Ms. Jasmin Shirley, VP of CHS informed the Commissioners that the Healthcare for Homeless program was coming to the Board for approval of their 90-day Grant Condition Submission back to HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration). This particular grant, which is federally funded in the amount of $1,751,833, was previously approved by the Board. Ms. Shirley stated that BH has been providing services to the homeless since 1993.

In April 2014, a 3-day operational site visit was done by HRSA/Bureau of Primary Care of BH’s Healthcare for the Homeless program (HCH). Upon completion of the site visit by the consultant team, a report was provided to HRSA which described the HCH Program’s status of compliance with Health Center Program requirements. The site visit report listed actions recommended by the consultant team to demonstrate compliance with any unmet program requirements.

Ms. Shirley stated that a description of each of the unmet requirements that require Board action is provided below. Ms. Shirley read the description for each of the requirements as well as explaining in detail each item prior to the Commissioners’ voting. Individual motions were required.

1. #2---Required and Additional Services (Substance Abuse Services).

Chair Di Pietro entertained a motion to approve the HCH program to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Broward County BARC services for the provision of substance abuse services for its homeless patients at no cost based upon FPG sliding fee scale.

Commissioner Rodriguez informed the Board that he serves on the BARC Advisory Board as president and asked Mr. Goren if he should recuse himself from voting. Mr. Goren stated that the Advisory Board is not BARC itself; it is simply an advisory group to Broward County. Mr. Goren asked Commissioner Rodriguez if a lawyer from the County’s office attended those meetings and Commissioner Rodriguez replied yes. Mr. Goren then said that he would recommend as an abundance of caution that Commissioner Rodriguez recuse
himself from voting. Mr. Goren stated that there is sufficient membership to approve to allow the vote to occur.

Mr. Goren said that for the record, and one could argue, that the physical quorum today are those sitting at the dais and the two members on the phone represent the balance who can vote if the physical quorum is present. The legal challenge today is that since Commissioner Rodriguez recused himself does BH lose physical quorum for the purpose of voting. Mr. Goren said that he suggested that Commissioner Rodriguez recuse himself and let the vote occur. However, in the event that legal finds that there was not a quorum present; the Board could then ratify their actions of today at the full board meeting on November 19th.

Commissioner Rodriguez said for the record, he is not compensated; it is a voluntary position.

It was moved by Commissioner Nieland, seconded by Commissioner Wright that the Board of Commissioners approve Item 2 as stated. Motion carried. Commissioner Rodriguez did not vote.

2. Item 10- Contractual/Affiliation Agreement.

Chair Di Pietro entertained a motion to provide Board approval that compliance with this requirement is met through the Internal Audit Department, which has confirmed that the annual audit of SBHD—MHS will include monitoring of compliance with all 19 Program Requirements.

It was moved by Commissioner Nieland, seconded by Commissioner Wright that the Board of Commissioners approve Item 10 as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

3. #14—Budget (Revised Budget)

Chair Di Pietro entertained a motion to provide a revised, Board approved budget consisting of a revised SF424A budget, budget narrative, Form 2 Staffing profile and Form 3 Income Analysis that appropriately reflects the approved level of Federal Support.

It was moved by Commissioner Nieland, seconded by Commissioner Kohl that the Board of Commissioners approve Item 14 as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

4. #16 – Scope of Project:

Chair Di Pietro entertained a motion to provide Board approval to revise Form 5A in the UDS Report regarding how substance abuse services are provided; provide Board authorization to enter into a MOU with Broward County BARC Services to provision of substance abuse services for its homeless patients; provide Board approval to complete the appropriate change in scope (CIS) request/action necessary to correct the scope of
project. The center must correct Form 5B by removing the following sites from Form 5B in the UDS Report as noted in the exhibit.

Commissioner Gustafson informed the Board that he serves on the Board of Henderson Behavioral Health and is also an officer. He said that as an abundance of caution he will be recusing himself from voting on this matter. Commissioner Rodriguez also recused himself from voting since he serves on the BARC Advisory Board and he is also an officer of the BBHC Board (Broward Behavioral Health Coalition).

It was moved by Commissioner Kohl, seconded by Commissioner Nieland that the Board of Commissioners approve the Item 16 as stated. Motion carries noting the two recusals.

5. #17 – Board Authority:

Chair Di Pietro entertained a motion to provide documentation that all policies governing NBHD’s HCH Program must be reviewed and approved by the governing Board as a whole. These policies can be developed at the VP level and closely reviewed by a subcommittee of the Board, but the NBHD Board must accomplish final approval, and these actions recorded in the minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Gustafson, seconded by Commissioner Nieland that the Board of Commissioners approve the Item 17 as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Shirley said that every month they will bring an update to the Board so it becomes a part of the minutes so that when they have operational reviews of any kind, they will be able to see how the governing board is indeed keeping abreast of the operations as well as the governance of the healthcare operations.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Di Pietro thanked and congratulated Mr. Nask on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the District and wished him farewell. However, Chair Di Pietro commented that Mr. Nask will be staying with the District for an extended period of time between now and the search process and as well as time thereafter to help with a smooth transition. Chair Di Pietro said he appreciates everything he has done and wished him the best with his retirement.

Chair Di Pietro also commented that the Board will be going through a selection process which they hope to have completed by the end of the year. There will be meetings with the Chiefs of Staff and CEOs and there is a process in place. Chair Di Pietro said this will be a smooth transition and again thanked Mr. Nask for his leadership and also for assisting them in this transition process which will make it smooth for the employees and patients and the system as a whole.

Commissioner Rodriguez echoed the Chair’s sentiments. Commissioner Rodriguez also commented that this year the District had the lowest millage in the history of the District. It was
a concerted effort on the part of the Board and Mr. Nask’s leadership. He is a firm believer that with creative ways, the District will one day be a tax free system.

Commissioner Nieland thanked Mr. Nask for all of his services.

Commissioner Gustafson thanked Mr. Nask for his services.

Commissioner Wright asked when the Board was going to get an update from Mr. Benz on the SFCCN. He would like to have it in November or December would also be fine. Mr. Nask said that they can do it in November. Mr. Martin said that he hopes he can come in December; however, the financial statements are still a work in progress trying to put them together by service line but they are not there yet. He stated that right now everything is just lumped together so it hard to tell the different service lines. Mr. Martin said that if the Board gets an update, he would prefer that they get it by service lines. There was some discussion as to when to ask Mr. Benz to provide the update. It was decided that December would be the best time. Mr. Nask will ask Mr. Benz to attend the December 17th Board meeting.

Commissioner Kohl thanked everyone for accommodating her absence today. She appreciated it.

PUBLIC MEETING RECEESSES:

At 5:45 p.m., the Public Meeting recessed to enter into a Shade Session an Attorney Client Session in accordance with Florida Statute 286.011 to discuss Gloria Johnson on behalf of Relani Taylor, Broward Circuit Court, Case No. 13-016969.

Mr. Goren announced that Public Meeting has reconvened at 6:35 p.m. and present were: Commissioners’ Di Pietro, Gustafson, Rodriguez, and Nieland and by phone Commissioners’ Kohl and Wright. Also in attendance: Ms. Wing and Sandra Suarez, Court Reporter.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners’ meeting will be held on November 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the auditoriums at Broward Health Medical Center, 1600 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie I. Kohl, Secretary/Treasurer

BY: Maryanne Wing

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