

North Broward Hospital District Board Of Commissioners  
1700 Northwest 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #150, Ft. Lauderdale, 33309

**LEGAL AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Immediately following the Pension and Investment Committee Meeting**  
**February 19, 2020**

1. **NOTICE**

Official notice and agenda of this meeting is attached to the Minutes, as EXHIBIT I and EXHIBIT II, as presented for consideration of the Committee.

2. **CALL TO ORDER** 10:07 a.m.

3. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Present:* Commissioner Nancy W. Gregoire, Chair  
Commissioner Stacy L. Angier, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Ray T. Berry

*Not Present:* Commissioner Christopher T. Ure  
Commissioner Marie C. Waugh

*Senior Leadership*

*Additionally Present:* Gino Santorio/Chief Executive Officer/President, Alan Goldsmith/Chief Administrative Officer, Alex Fernandez/Chief Financial Officer, Linda Epstein/Corporate General Counsel, Jerry Del Amo/ Deputy, General Counsel

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** NONE

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee meeting minutes dated December 11, 2019 were approved without dissent.

6. **TOPIC OF DISCUSSION**

6.1. General Legal Department Updates- Linda Epstein

Ms. Linda Epstein, General Counsel, updated the committee on Legal Department's activities as listed below.

- Staff Updates
  - Claims and insurance department will be reporting through the legal department under Ms. Epstein.
- New legal engagement

North Broward Hospital District Board Of Commissioners  
1700 Northwest 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #150, Ft. Lauderdale, 33309

- Lewis Brisbios, National Firm with local office engaged for compensation plan review.
- Legal budget
  - Approved budget of \$6 million for fiscal year was currently at \$2,215,042.73.
  - (21) outside law firms currently working on Broward Health matters.
  - (54) active matters with outside firms.
  - (36) matters closed since July.
  - (4) inactive related to Sunshine criminal matters.
- Plans to include educational budget for in-house attorneys to FY 2021.

Ms. Epstein confirmed that both the Regulatory budget and Fair Market Value budget were the bulk of the spend. It was noted that the discontinuation of producing documentation, due to the obligation being fulfilled, should reflect a decrease in spend.

Mr. Gerald Del Amo, Deputy, General Counsel, updated the committee on the Fair Market Value (FMV) spend, which is currently trending to be over budget. Steps being taken to improve the spend are listed below.

- Negotiating lower rates.
- Implementing alternative fee structure with one vendor to flat monthly rate.
- Consolidating reports.

Mr. Del Amo clarified that these were typically consulting firms who specialized on appraisals in the healthcare industry.

In regard to beating the budget, Mr. Del Amo noted that the changes may not happen quickly enough to decrease spend for current fiscal year, however the consensus was that there were long term opportunities to bring the spend down.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Commissioner Stacy L. Angier, Secretary/Treasurer