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PLAQUEMINES MEDICAL CENTER REGULAR BOARD MEETING June 21, 2024

Item I. & II. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Call To Order And Roll Call - A Regular meeting of The Board of Commissioners of Plaquemines Medical Center (Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One d/b/a Plaquemines Medical Center) was called to order by Chairman Dale Adams at 6:09 pm on June 21, 2024, at Plaquemines Medical Center, 27136 Hwy 23, Port Sulphur, LA. Tyler Overton conducted the customary roll call of The Board Members and recorded and documented the minutes. The results were as follows:

Rechelle Ragas:	<u>Present 6:13 PM</u>	Stanley Gaudet:	<u>Present</u>
Dot Lundin:	<u>Present</u>	Norma Lafrance:	<u>Present</u>
Brigette Belair:	<u>Present</u>	Jane Tesvich:	<u>Absent</u>
Mena Marinovich:	<u>Present</u>	Bonnie Thomas:	<u>Present</u>
Dale Adams:	<u>Present</u>		

A quorum was declared present.

Also in attendance were: Leslie Prest, Plaquemines Medical Center; Tyler Overton, Plaquemines Medical Center; Monica Martin, Plaquemines Medical Center; Dr. Michael Kotler, Plaquemines Medical Center (via phone); Dr. William Kotler, Plaquemines Medical Center (via phone); Dr. Mohammed Naeem, Plaquemines Medical Center; Trechel Ronquille, Plaquemines Medical Center; LaTonya Hymes, Plaquemines Medical Center; Jennifer Harris, Plaquemines Primary Care; Matthew Zuvich, USI One Advantage.

Item III. Pledge of Allegiance: (Mena Marinovich)

Item IV. Review and Approval of Current Agenda as Amended: (Adams)

Addition (Old Business): FEMA All South Katrina Update

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Belair, to approve the June 2024 Agenda as amended.

Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Item V. Approval of May 2024 Meeting Minutes: (Dale Adams)

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Belair, to approve the May 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Item VI. Financials: (Colleen Fisher)

A. & B Financial Reports and Approval of April and May 2024 Financial Reports

Ms. Fisher provided a copy of the financial reports for April to May of 2024 to the Board via email before the meeting for their review. She read through the April and May 2024 financial reports during the session. She discussed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. the Actual year-to-date comparison, the April and May 2024 Income Graph, Expense Graph, Billing Statistics, and the April and May 2024 Payer Mix. The April and May 2024 Visit Summary and a breakdown of the daily patient flow of each provider/service from the April and May 2024 Encounter Dashboard were provided as well.

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Belair, to approve the April 2023 and May 2024 Financial Report.

Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Item VII. Medical Director/ Assistant Medical Director/Clinical Coordinator: (Dr. Kotler/Dr. Naeem/Monica Martin)

Dr. Kotler provided updates during the meeting on patient admissions, influenced by ongoing COVID-19 trends, including an increase in patients from Texas and Mississippi. New residents have increased due to the plant, and he thinks they will utilize the facility as time goes on. Dr. Kotler and Dr. Naeem expressed confidence in future patient volumes and mentioned the positive feedback received. The use of the CAT scan machine was discussed as well.

During the meeting, Ms. Martin emphasized that everyone should remain cautious due to recent flooding incidents caused by Hurricane Alberto, affecting unexpected areas including East Bank. Urgent preparedness for hurricane season was stressed, advising all to secure necessary paperwork and medications in case of evacuation orders.

Additionally, updates were provided on recent activities and upcoming events. A nutrition education class was held and received positively for its educational content. An upcoming event called "Pretty in Pink" on June 28 was announced, targeting girls aged 8 to 18 to promote self-esteem through activities like painting and games, featuring motivational speakers and dental care education.

Ms. Prest gave information on the Community Health Needs Assessment and said it was crucial for obtaining grants and improving community services. It was noted that efforts were ongoing to gather necessary data to support grant applications, including the Delta region community health grant. There were no questions or comments from the board at this time.

Public Comments: None

Item VIII. New Business: (Dale Adams)

A. USI Property Insurance Quotes (Matthew Zuvich)

The meeting discussed updates on property insurance renewals, and exploring options from current and new carriers. A new carrier proposed consolidating coverage for all buildings with a lower deductible, resulting in reduced premiums despite increased coverage needs. Negotiations for cyber insurance are ongoing with expected stability. Other insurance adjustments were noted, including slight increases in automobile and workers' compensation premiums due to expanded operations, while general liability premiums decreased despite increased exposures. Changes in Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance were highlighted for improved coverage and cost savings through policy consolidation. Authorization for insurance renewals expiring on July 15 was sought, pending board approval, with confirmation of stable liability insurance rates. The board decided to allow Ms. Prest and Mr. Adams to further negotiate policies and come to a decision. There were no further questions or comments from the board.

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Belair, to give the authority to Ms. Prest and Mr. Adams continue to negotiate and choose the best insurance policies.

Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Item IX. Old Business: (Dale Adams)

A. Update on Belle Chasse Facility (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest announced updates on the Belle Chasse facility and highlighted renovations and preparations at the White House, including floor refinishing and pending painting quotes. Plans for a generator to ensure uninterrupted power were discussed, crucial for safeguarding equipment like refrigerators storing medications and vaccines. Property boundary markings were also noted. Architectural firms provided competing bids for future projects, with considerations for cost and past experiences with firms. Issues with sewage backups were detailed, with proposals discussed for repairs including a potential lift station to alleviate recurring problems. A motion was passed to address

immediate sewage repairs pending detailed cost estimates. Another motion was made to have Mathes Brierre be the architect for the White House. There were no further questions or comments from the board.

Motioned by Ms. LaFrance, seconded by Ms. Belair, to address immediate sewage repairs to give Leslie Prest and Dale Adams the authority to decide on the sewage repairs.

Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Lundin, to have Mathes Brierre be the architect for the parking lot project in front of the white house.

Public Comments: None

Motioned passed: 7 Yeas 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

B. Community Health Needs Assessment (Leslie Prest)

The Community Health Needs Assessment was discussed in the section: VII

C. Rural Emergency Hospital Update (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest provided an update on the Rural Emergency Hospital Update status which included contact with Mr. Parker from Senator Cassidy's office, who indicated Congress is working on eligibility changes. The board had no questions or comments at this time.

Public Comments: None

D. Ethics Training (Trechel Ronquille)

Ms. Ronquille explained to the board that she needed to have all Ethics trainings from the board by June 30. The board had no questions or comments.

Public Comments: None

E. Primary Care Update: (Jennifer Harris)

Jennifer reported progress on finalizing the MOU for school-based health services, expecting it to be completed by next week in preparation for the fall school year. Regarding the Community Health Needs Assessment, she participated in a food drive

where 30 surveys were completed onsite and additional responses were submitted online. She anticipates more survey completions through outreach at local churches. Dr. Cartagena has seen an influx of new patients, prompting consideration of expanding appointment availability. The board was pleased and had no further questions.

Public Comments: None

F. FEMA All South Katrina Update

Ms. Prest discussed FEMA's notification to close out a Hurricane Katrina-related project due to issues with documentation for paper purchases and a digital X-ray machine upgrade.

Options considered included appealing FEMA's decision, contingent upon providing receipts to substantiate expenses recorded in QuickBooks. The board raised concerns about FEMA's consistency in decision-making amid changes in leadership and previous agreements being overturned.

The board proposed seeking guidance from the Secretary of State and other parties to clarify the legality of FEMA's actions and explore potential next steps. Mr. Adams stated he would contact GOHSEP and follow up with Mrs. Prest and the other board members. There were no further questions or comments at this time.

Public Comments: None

Item X. Adjournment:


Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Mr. Gaudet, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM.

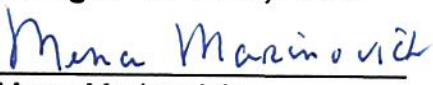
Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Attestation

The above and foregoing is an accurate summary of the actions taken by the members of The Board of Commissioners of Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One d/b/a Plaquemines Medical Center, State of Louisiana, at its Regular Meeting on June 21, 2024.


Dale Adams
Chairman of the Board


Mena Marinovich
Secretary/Treasurer