

**AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
MINUTES  
April 20, 1999**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Lilia Escajeda, Chairman	Yes
Mr. Steve Walton, Chairman Pro Tem	Yes
Mr. Rick Jones, Secretary	No
Mrs. Paula Toland	Yes
Mr. John Irwin	Yes
Dr. Ronald Fortner	Yes
Mr. Stan Harrison	Yes

Also Present

Ms. Michelle Bonner	Assistant Director of Finance-City of Amarillo
Ms. Debbie Close	Recording Secretary-City of Amarillo
Mr. Merrill Nunn	City Attorney-City of Amarillo
Mr. David Hilgers	Hilgers & Watkins

**ITEM 1:** Ms. Escajeda called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall, 509 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Third Floor, Commission Chambers, and welcomed those in attendance.

**ITEM 2:** Ms. Escajeda presented the Minutes of March 31, 1999. Mr. Irwin stated that the first sentence in Item 9 of the Minutes should read: Ms. Escajeda presented the Board Members with a letter that will be sent to the potential members for the Community Health Initiatives Committee. Motion was made by Dr. Fortner, seconded by Mr. Irwin and unanimously carried, to approve the Minutes with the above correction.

**ITEM 3:** Approval of Certus Contract for National Initiatives Group Appeal was presented by Ms. Escajeda. The fee for this contract will be a contingent fee of 35% of the reimbursement realized as a result of Certus Corporation's efforts. Mr. Irwin made the motion to approve the contract subject to the City Attorney, Mr. Nunn's review, seconded by Mr. Walton and unanimously carried.

**ITEM 4:** Presentation of Contract with Healthcare Professional Associates (HPA) was made by David Hilgers of Hilgers & Watkins. Mr. Hilgers stated that in determining the cost, the projection reported in the Indigent Care Study completed by Carlson, Price, Fass and Company was compared to actual costs reported by HPA. The contract will be retroactive for the period of October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999 in the amount of \$1,008,000. The contract includes a 60 day termination notice. Mr. Hilgers also stated that AHD will be issuing a new Request for Qualifications in May 1999 for the October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000 fiscal year. Ms. Escajeda stated that approval of the contract is dependant on City Commission approval of the Budget Amendment for the HPA funding. Mr. Irwin asked if there were any provisions in the contract to monitor HPA's

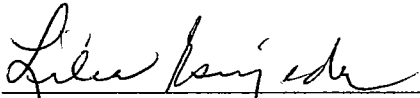
performance. Mr. Hilgers stated that HPA has delivered a written report showing the volume of patients, the revenue generated, and the cost of the services provided. Mr. Hilgers further stated that the report includes the cost and the number of patients by type of service. The contract requires HPA to provide an additional report at the end of the next six months. Ms. Escajeda asked about the proposed funding time line. Mr. Hilgers stated that the contract includes funding the full amount within 30 days of entering into the contract. Mr. Walton asked if it would be appropriate for the City Attorney to review the contract. Mr. Nunn replied that AHD had hired legal counsel to prepare the contract and that he would defer to the counsel hired. Ms. Toland stated that she will review the contract and would like Mr. Irwin to review some of the legal pieces with her. Mr. Irwin made the motion to approve the contract with HPA for the period October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999 in the amount of \$1,008,000, Dr. Fortner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 5:** Report on other AHD legal issues was made by Mr. Hilgers. Mr. Hilgers stated that the issues include what is the role of AHD, what can AHD do, and what is AHD allowed to do under the law. Mr. Hilgers stated that AHD is responsible for a reserve of money as well as the tobacco money settlement. In resolving these issues, Mr. Hilgers stated that it is important to define AHD's responsibilities given that AHD is a funding agency and not a service provider. Mr. Irwin asked when they would be receiving a report from Hilgers and Watkins on these issues. Mr. Hilgers replied that Hilgers and Watkins would try to have a report to the Board within 30 days.

**ITEM 6.** Mr. Nunn said there was no pending litigation that needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

**ITEM 7.** There were no public comments.

**ITEM 8:** There being no further business, Mr. Irwin made the motion for adjournment at 8:00a.m.

  
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Lilia Escajeda, Chairman