

**AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS
MINUTES
August 22, 2000**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Steve Walton, Chairman	Yes
Mr. Rick Jones, Chairman Pro Tem	Yes
Mr. Stan Harrison, Secretary	Yes
Mr. John Irwin	Yes
Dr. Ronald Fortner	Yes
Ms. Karen O'Hara	Yes
Mr. Ernie Boyd	Yes

Also Present

Mr. Marcus Norris	City Attorney-City of Amarillo
Mr. Dean Frigo	Director of Finance-City of Amarillo
Ms. Debbie Close	Recording Secretary-City of Amarillo
Mr. Keith Anderson	Amarillo Globe News
Ms. Claudia Blackburn	Public Health Director-City of Amarillo
Dr. Howard Cassada	Catholic Family Services
Dr. Nathan Goldstein	Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Sister Mary Virginia Clark	Downtown Women's Center
Mr. Joe Kirkwood	Cornerstone Outreach Ministries
Dr. Tom Gerald	Practicing Dentist
Dr. Ed Sauer	Practicing Dentist
Mr. Mike Abdo	Catholic Family Services Board of Directors
Mr. Max Owens	Northwest Texas Healthcare System

ITEM I: Mr. Walton called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall, 509 East 7th Street, Third Floor, Commission Chambers, and welcomed those in attendance.

ITEM II: Mr. Walton presented the Minutes of July 25, 2000. Motion for approval was made by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. O'Hara, and unanimously carried.

ITEM III: Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation. Mr. Norris said there was no pending litigation that needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

ITEM IV: Presentation of Indigent Care Report by Universal Health Services was made by Mr. Max Owens of Northwest Texas Healthcare System. Mr. Owens reported that as previously

agreed Nwth will be reporting on a calendar year basis for 1999. The comparative totals are on a fiscal year basis. Mr. Owens reported that the average number of qualified indigents for the 1999 reporting period is 6,961 compared to 7,417 for previous period. Mr. Owens also reported that total 1999 hospital costs for the indigent care program are \$11,594,418 compared to \$10,965,783 for the prior reporting period. Total 1999 costs includes \$3,859,566 for inpatient costs and \$7,734,852 for outpatient costs.

ITEM V: Consideration of Dental Services Agreement. Mr. Jones, Chair of Funding Priorities Committee, presented the proposal for dental services along with a draft contract. Mr. Jones stated that the Funding Priorities Committee received one proposal for Access to Dental Care submitted by Catholic Family Services which included a request in the amount of \$549,615 for operating funds. Also included in the proposal is a request in the amount of \$340,000 for the purchase of dental equipment which is addressed in Item VI below. Sister Mary Virginia Clark, Downtown Women's Center, stated that access to dental care will be of great benefit to indigents. Mr. Joe Kirkwood, Cornerstone Outreach Ministries, stated that the access to proper dental care is one of the greatest needs in the Amarillo community. Dr. Nathan Goldstein, Nwth, said that the current dental clinic offered to indigents is limited to the treatment and relief of pain. Dr. Tom Gerald, Dentist, stated that indigent dental care has been a need in this area since 1947. Dr. Ed. Sauer, Dentist, stated that he is in favor of the agreement and that there is a need to provide needed services to the population that are falling through the cracks. Mr. Mike Abdoo, Catholic Family Services Board, expressed concern on the methods of communicating the new availability of the dental care services available to the indigent population. Motion for approval was made by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Dr. Fortner and unanimously carried to authorize the Chairman to finalize a contract for dental services with Catholic Family Services.

ITEM VI: Consideration of Dental Equipment Purchases. Mr. Jones, stated that the Committee has a list of vendors that provide this equipment and would like to go forward with the Request for Proposals. Motion for approval was made by Ms. O'Hara, seconded by Mr. Boyd, and unanimously carried to proceed in issuing a RFP for dental equipment and instruments.

ITEM VII: Review and Approval of Summary Plan Description (SPD). Mr. Frigo presented the Summary Plan Description to the Board. Mr. Frigo said that the SPD is a summary of the major provisions of the District's Pension Plan. Mr. Frigo stated once the plan is approved, the summary plan description would be distributed to all the participants. Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Fortner, and unanimously carried, to approve the distribution of the SPD. Attain

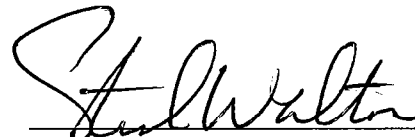
ITEM VIII: Committee Reports. Mr. Walton appointed Mr. Harrison on the Nominating Committee to obtain names of willing officers for Fiscal Year 2000/2001.

ITEM IX: Approval of High Bidders on tax Sale Properties for Randall County. Mr. Frigo said that there was nothing that needed to be approved at this time.

ITEM X: Presentation by City Attorney on Texas Open Meetings Act. Mr. Norris presented to the Board the legal requirements of a Texas Open Meetings Act.


ITEM XI: Public Comments. There were no public comments.

ITEM XII: There being no further business, Mr. Jones made the motion for adjournment at 9:00 a.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file in the City Finance Department.



Steve Walton, Chairman

ATTEST:



Stan Harrison, Secretary