

**AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS
MINUTES
June 12, 2001**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Steve Walton, Chairman	Yes
Mr. Rick Jones, Chairman Pro Tem	No
Ms. Karen O'Hara, Secretary	Yes
Mr. John Irwin	Yes
Dr. Ronald Fortner	Yes
Mr. Stan Harrison	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
Ms. Claudia Blackburn	Public Health Director-City of Amarillo
Ms. Robin Herskowitz	MGT of America
Ms. Camile Miller	Texas Institute for Health Policy Research
Dr. Steven Berk	Texas Tech
Dr. Rolf Habersang	Amarillo Area Healthcare Specialists
Ms. Jennifer Lutz	Amarillo Globe News

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 May 22, 2001. Mr. Boyd stated that he had a change in Item XI of the May 22, 2001 Minutes. This included changing the last sentence of item XI from Mr. Frigo stated that at \$5.4 (\$15.4) million, total revenue figure included an unrealized investment gain of \$8.4 million, without the unrealized loss (*gain*), the District has net income of approximately \$2.6 million. Motion for approval was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Dr. Fortner, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes with the above italicized corrections.

ITEM III: Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation. The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:32 a.m. in which no actions were taken, and the Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:42 a.m.

ITEM IV: Presentation and Discussion of Evaluation of Healthcare Services for Children With Special Healthcare Needs. Mr. Walton asked Ms. Robin Herskowitz to give the Board an executive summary of the report on the evaluation of children with special needs. Ms. Herskowitz said the packets that the board members received included a report with a summary of the recommendations and findings. Ms. Herskowitz said the first finding and recommendation is that loss of services for children with special healthcare needs will cost the Amarillo economy and will take a toll on families who have children with special healthcare needs. The second finding is that AHD should continue to fund children services for special healthcare needs kids. Ms. Herskowitz stated that the review showed that there are few alternatives

in this community for those families with children with special healthcare needs. Also included is the recommendation is that AHD should pursue financial support for a pediatric neurologist. The Amarillo Area Healthcare Specialists currently employs a part-time pediatric neurologist but he is only here a few days a month and the appointments tend to be filled up weeks in advance. Families are still having to go out of town to get some of those neurological services. Ms. Herskowitz said there were some funding possibilities through the children's health insurance program or other state and federal initiatives. The review showed that the current level of funding seems appropriate. Ms. Herskowitz recommended that AHD require the Amarillo Area Healthcare Specialists and Texas Tech to maintain data to measure outcomes and that Texas Tech should develop a protocol to ensure chart review prior to children with special healthcare needs patient visit. Also included in the report is that AHD should develop seminars for healthcare providers, social service agency staff, and the public schools. The review also showed that AAHS' charges are below the national average. AHD should use AAHS' relative value unit analysis to help ensure appropriate children with special healthcare needs funding. Last, AHD should develop collaborative plan to meet community's medical needs including children with special healthcare needs.

ITEM V: Review and Consider Consultant Recommendations Regarding Healthcare Services for Children With Special Healthcare Needs. Mr. Harrison stated that the Indigent Care Committee recommends the Board make a motion to accept the consultant report, disposing of the recommendations as outlined in the June 8, 2001 Indigent Care Committee meeting minutes. The Indigent Care Committee makes the following recommendations:

- 1) AHD continue to operate under the existing contract for CSHN and the issue of additional funding for a pediatric neurologist be addressed during the funding renewal process.
- 2) MGT'S recommendation regarding the development of seminars is out of the realm of the AHD and more appropriate for agencies currently engaged in health education such as Amarillo College. A letter and copy of the report should be sent to Amarillo College Continuing Healthcare Education Division, Child Protective Services, and other organizations that may be interested in responding to the recommendation.
- 3) AHD consider comparing AAHS' and Texas Tech's charges to a national standard as a future contract issue.
- 4) AHD enter into contract negotiation with Texas Tech and AAHS, for the continuation of specialty pediatric services, with and without full time pediatric neurology services, and that the contract be finalized at the July 31, 2001 AHD Board Meeting.

Motion to approve the Indigent Care Committee recommendation was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Dr. Fortner and unanimously carried.

ITEM VI: Review and consider Catholic Family Service, Inc. (CFS), Inc. Policy on Co-pay for Community Dental Clinic Clients. Mr. Harrison reported that Dr. Cassada would like the Board to allow the requirement of a co-pay up to \$10 for individuals who qualify and for that amount to be paid in advance. Mr. Walton clarified the payment in advance would be required for the second office visit. Motion for approval of the recommended requirement was made by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. O'Hara, and unanimously carried.

ITEM VII: Review and Consider Policy Requiring Payment for Prosthetic Appliances for Community Dental Clinic Patients. Mr. Harrison presented the I.C.C. recommendation to allow for the charging of a fee for prosthetic appliances to be paid in advance. Mr. Harrison stated that the fee for upper dentures was \$150, lower dentures, \$150, partials \$90 and partial cast \$150. Motion for approval was made by Mr.

Boyd, seconded by Dr. Fortner, and unanimously carried.

ITEM VIII: Resolution Amending the District's Pension Plan Adopting the Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) in Chapter 804 of the Texas Government Code. Mr. Frigo stated that at the last AHD meeting John Crider recommended that AHD adopt the QDRO provisions of State law and assure all future domestic relations orders are in compliance with the provisions of AHD's pension plan. Motion for approval was made by Ms. O'Hara, seconded by Dr. Fortner, and unanimously carried.

ITEM IX: Consider Corrected Deed Due to an Incorrect Suit Number on Tax Sale Properties for Potter County. Mr. Frigo presented a Corrected Deed for Potter County Sheriff Sale properties that had been sold to the high bidder. Motion was made by Dr. Fortner, seconded by Ms. O'Hara and unanimously carried, to approve the corrected deed.

ITEM X: Committee Reports. There were no further committee reports at this time.

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

ITEM XII: There being no further business, Mr. Boyd made the motion for adjournment at 8:20 a.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file in the City Finance Department.



Steve Walton, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen O'Hara, Secretary