

**AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT
INDIGENT CARE AND FUNDING PRIORITIES COMMITTEES
AMARILLO CITY HALL, ROOM 306
JUNE 21, 2007**

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Mr. Alphonso Vaughn, Chair	Yes
Dr. Paul Proffer	Yes
Mr. John Ben Blanchard	Yes
Ms. Carol Lovelady	Yes
Ms. Becky Dodson	Yes

Also Present

Mr. Matt Richardson	Director, Public Health, City of Amarillo
Ms. Hector Mendoza	Assistant Director, Public Health, City of Amarillo
Mr. Dean Frigo	Director, Finance, City of Amarillo
Ms. Vicki Covey	Director of Community Services Division, City of Amarillo
Ms. Evelyn M. Padilla	Recording Secretary, Public Health, City of Amarillo

Others

Dr. Brian Eades	Amarillo City Commissioner
Ms. Katrina Goldby	Administrator, J.O. Wyatt Community Health Center, NWTHS
Mr. Kyle Sanders	Chief Financial Officer, NWTHS
Dr. J. Rush Pierce	Interim Dean, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC)
Dr. Bonna Benjamin	Interim Chair, Department of Pediatrics, TTUHSC
Mr. Fred Eaves	Department of Pediatrics, TTUHSC
Ms. Debra Cain	Dean of Finance, TTUHSC
Mr. David Clark	AAHS, TTUHS
Ms. Meg Williams	Tobacco Free Amarillo, American Cancer Society
Dr. Luce	American Cancer Society
Ms. Melyn Huntly	Impact Futures
Ms. Emily Galligan	McCormick Company
Mr. Matt Ramsey	Amarillo National Bank
Dr. Constantine Saadeh	Allery A.R.T.S.
David Pittman	Amarillo Globe News

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Vaughn called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

Mr. Vaughn welcomed the guests, and introduced Dr. Brian Eades, Amarillo City Commissioner.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF THE MAY 12, 2007 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Vaughn presented the minutes from the May 21, 2007 Committee Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Ms. Lovelady, seconded by Ms. Dodson, and carried 5-0.

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FIGURES

Mr. Frigo distributed a copy of the preliminary budget figures noting the funds are used for Tobacco Free Amarillo (TFA), Specialized Pediatrics, and the Community Dental Clinic (CDC). He stated \$812,000 in revenue is anticipated for next year, with the majority coming from tobacco distribution and the balance from investment earnings.

Funding for the CDC, Specialized Pediatrics, and TFA remain at the same level and will equal to about \$1.8 million in expenditures. He reported the expenditures would be about \$1 million over in revenue and there will be a loss of about a million in tobacco funds. Mr. Frigo stated the accumulated tobacco funds on hand would be depleted in about a year, but we will still receive annual distributions from the State.

ITEM 4: REVIEW AND CONSIDER CONTINUATION CONTRACT FOR THE TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM

Ms. Meg Williams gave a DVD presentation of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program. During the presentation Ms. Williams highlighted each of the components noting the following:

School Component

- Over \$50,000 worth of curriculum was purchased, and 22,00 children were reached.

Cessation Component

- Continue to fund the J.O. Wyatt Indigent Care smoking cessation classes, which had a 60% quit rate, and there is a four-month waiting list to participate in the classes.

Community Component

- Over 10,000 women were reached through the Women and Children's Clinic.
- National speakers are invited to address various areas.

Evaluation Component

Ms. Williams presented data from the past six years that showed the following smoking rate decreases:

- 6th grade over 70%
- 8th grade 48%
- 9th grade more than 65%
- 12th grade 43%

Media Component

Ms. Williams reported the media component is about half of the budget and is the most visible. The majority of the component is aimed at youth prevention and pregnant women however, some monies have been used to purchase television advertisements aimed at adults and Hispanics. Ms. Williams stated the majority of the advertisements are placed on television but some money has been used for radio and movie theater advertisements.

Ms. Williams reported that support from the media has been good because they give a one-for-one, 100% bonus spots for everything that is purchased. She also reported this is the second year of providing matching funds to bring down federal grants for Impact Futures. The Amarillo Independent School District administers the program and addresses tobacco, alcohol and drugs. The grant is for \$110,000. Ms. Williams stated in the six months working with TFA they have prevented over 13,500 kids from taking up the tobacco habit.

The TFA is requesting \$250,000, which is the same as last year; they will also receive \$640,000 from the Tobacco Settlement Fund. Motion to recommend funding as requested for Tobacco Free Amarillo for 2007-2008 to the Finance Committee was made by Ms. Lovelady, seconded by Ms. Dodson, and carried 5-0.

ITEM 5: REVIEW AND CONSIDER CONTINUATION CONTRACT FOR THE COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC

Dr. Pierce gave a brief presentation of the Community Dental Clinic noting the wait time for routine procedures has decreased from four months to six weeks and emergencies are seen the same week.

He stated they would not spend the \$406,628 of the projected budget for 2007 however; they are requesting \$419,553, which is an increase for 2008 and will pay for salaries and a full-time dentist. The request for an increase is due to a grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation for \$100,000 that will end at the end of the calendar year. Dr. Pierce added that there is a possibility that services will be combined between Regency Health Care and NWTHS.

Motion to recommend funding \$394,553 for the Community Dental Clinic for 2007-2008 to the Finance Committee, was made by Ms. Dodson, seconded by Ms. Lovelady, and carried 4-0. Mr. Blanchard abstained.

ITEM 6: REVIEW AND CONSIDER CONTINUATION CONTRACT FOR THE SPECIALIZED PEDIATRIC SERVICES

Dr. Benjamin presented a power point summary of the Specialized Pediatric Service Agreement. She noted the following:

- 94.8% of respondents receiving pediatric care responded that their care was excellent or good.
- Asthma and diabetes in Amarillo ranked higher than the state and nation on an "At Risk" comparison.
- Out of 35,000 visits at least 22,600 were considered indigent and needy.
- Of the 13,300 that were treated, only 36% are insured and the other 2/3 are considered indigent or needy.
- The annualized expense out of a total revenue is about \$4.5 million, of which \$2.6 million is patient revenue, \$1.2 million is from AHD and then the rest is from other sources. Expenses are \$5.5 million.

Mr. Blanchard asked what source is covering the deficit. Dr. Benjamin stated that some money comes from the infusion from the medical school, salaries from the Department of Pediatrics, and from other resources.

Mr. Blanchard motioned to recommend, to the Finance Committee, funding the requested budget for Specialized Pediatric Services for 2007-2008, with concerns regarding the indigent components, Mr. Vaughn seconded, motion carried 5-0.

ITEM 7: DISCUSSION OF THE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Mr. Richardson distributed a summary of the Community Needs Health Assessment from the University of North Texas Survey Research Center. This survey showed some encouraging trends like smoking rates declining, high satisfaction in pediatric services, and overall satisfaction with health care services. Concerns noted included rising diabetes rates, caregiver issues with those caring for geriatric relatives and rising asthma rates. Mr. Richardson commented that this survey would provide important information for community members, organizations and grant writing projects for the next few years.

Also included was a letter from Hector Mendoza, Assistant Director for Public Health summarizing results of a chart audit for the Community Dental Clinic operated by Texas Tech. Results indicated an improvement since Texas Tech began managing the project. Mr. Richardson attributed the improvement to Tech's clinical administration programs and how they run their clinics.

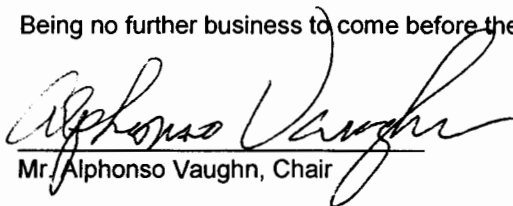
Mr. Richardson mentioned that a comparable chart audit was performed at the JO Wyatt Dental Clinic, but that there were some clarifying questions that needed to be asked of the volunteer auditors before being presented to the committee.

ITEM 8: PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.


Mr. Alphonso Vaughn, Chair