

**AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGERS  
AMARILLO CITY HALL  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
MINUTES  
October 9, 2007  
7:30 A.M.**

| <u>Members</u>              | <u>Present</u> |
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| Mr. Craig Bryan, Chairman   | Yes            |
| Mr. Alphonso Vaughn         | No             |
| Ms. Carol Lovelady          | Yes            |
| Mr. John Ben Blanchard      | No             |
| Mr. Greg Graham             | Yes            |
| Ms. Becky Dodson, Secretary | Yes            |
| Dr. Paul Proffer            | Yes            |

Also Present

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| Mr. Marcus Norris   | City Attorney, City of Amarillo             |
| Mr. Dean Frigo      | Finance Director, City of Amarillo          |
| Ms. Andrea Rains    | Recording Secretary, City of Amarillo       |
| Mr. Matt Richardson | Director of Public Health, City of Amarillo |
| Mr. Kyle Sanders    | Northwest Texas Healthcare System           |
| Ms. Meg Williams    | Tobacco Free Amarillo                       |

**ITEM 1:** Mr. Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:33 am at City Hall and welcomed those in attendance.

**ITEM 2:** Election of Officers. Mr. Bryan stated that the nomination committee had recommended Mr. Blanchard to serve as vice-chairman of the Amarillo Hospital Districts Board of Managers. Mr. Graham motioned to accept Mr. Blanchard as vice-chairman of the Board. Ms. Dodson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ITEM 3:** Approval of Minutes from July 31, 2007. Mr. Bryan presented the minutes from the last AHD Board of Managers meeting held July 31, 2007. There were no questions or comments. Motion for approval was made by Ms. Dodson, seconded by Ms. Lovelady, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Norris stated that both an extensive legal and technical operational review had been completed on all documents being considered at this meeting. He further stated that all agreements are recommended and are considered to be in the best interest of the Amarillo Hospital District.

**ITEM 4:** Consider amending the current Agreement for Tobacco Prevention and Control Services with American Cancer Society to allow for immediate termination. Mr. Frigo explained that the current agreement with the American Cancer Society would expire December 31, 2007, that the Amendment to the Agreement for Tobacco Prevention and Control Services would allow for immediate termination upon mutual consent between both parties. Ms. Williams affirmed that the amendment was a mutual agreement, and stated that the American Cancer Society would benefit from a three-year contract in the following agreement with NWTX. Mr. Graham motioned to approve amending the current agreement for tobacco prevention and control services with the American Cancer Society to allow for immediate termination. Dr. Proffer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 5:** Consider Non-Hospital Services Agreement between the Amarillo Hospital District and Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems for Non Hospital Healthcare Services: Regence Health Network for Dental Care Services for the Indigent and American Cancer Society for Tobacco Prevention and Control Services. Mr. Frigo explained that in this agreement, the Amarillo Hospital District would contract with

Northwest Texas Hospital who would then sub-contract with the American Cancer Society for Tobacco Free Amarillo program and Regence Health Network for dental care services for the indigent.

**ITEM 6:** Consider a Resolution and Agreement between the Amarillo Hospital District and Amarillo Clinical Services for Physician Services for Specialized Pediatric Services. Mr. Frigo explained that because Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems is unable to contract directly with a group of physicians for physician services, a new entity known as Amarillo Clinical Services (ACS) was created. He further explained that Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems is ACS' sole corporate member; that AHD will contract with ACS, who will then contract with Texas Tech for Physician Services for Specialized Pediatric Services. Ms. Dodson motioned to approve Item 5: Consider Non-Hospital Services Agreement between the Amarillo Hospital District and Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems for Non Hospital Healthcare Services: Regence Health Network for Dental Care Services for the Indigent and American Cancer Society for Tobacco Prevention and Control Services; and Item 6: Consider a Resolution and Agreement between the Amarillo Hospital District and Amarillo Clinical Services for Physician Services for Specialized Pediatric Services. Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ITEM 7:** Consider a Resolution and Amendment to the Healthcare Services Agreement with Northwest Texas Healthcare System. Mr. Frigo reminded the Board that the Healthcare Services Agreement replaced the Indigent Care Agreement for a temporary period that would expire November 8, 2008. He explained that this resolution and amendment would extend the Healthcare Services Agreement to February 2010.

**ITEM 8:** Consider a Resolution and Second Suspension Agreement between the Amarillo Hospital District and Northwest Texas Healthcare System. Mr. Frigo explained that this Resolution and Second Suspension Agreement would suspend the Indigent Care Agreement through the same time period as the Healthcare Services Agreement, February 2010. Motion was made by Dr. Proffer, seconded by Mr. Graham, and unanimously carried to approve Item 7: Consider a Resolution and Amendment to the Healthcare Services Agreement with Northwest Texas Healthcare System, and Item 8: Consider a Resolution and Second Suspension Agreement between the Amarillo Hospital District and Northwest Texas Healthcare System.

**ITEM 9:** Consider a Resolution for the AHD to fund a Medicaid Upper Payment Limit Program. Mr. Frigo explained that with this resolution, the Amarillo Hospital District would use its public monies to fund the Medicaid Upper Payment Limit Program. In utilizing the UPL, he reported, the District would achieve some savings compared to gross payments. Ms. Dodson stated that she felt that this resolution would result in a win/win situation for both parties. Mr. Bryan affirmed that the Amarillo Hospital District would continue to retain control of upper management. Mr. Frigo stated that the Amarillo Hospital District would have the same guarantees with the new contracts as it did with the Indigent Care Contracts. Mr. Sanders agreed, stating that there are ties to the subcontractors within the contracts and the Board retains the rights to approve subcontractors, with no authority given to NWTX to make any changes. Mr. Sanders reviewed that the contracts give the Board the oversight of subcontractor responsibilities and NWTX the responsibility to report to the Board on the provision of care. Mr. Frigo stated that the Amarillo Hospital District also retained the right to continue chart reviews and audits. Ms. Lovelady motioned to Consider a Resolution and Second Suspension Agreement between the Amarillo Hospital District and Northwest Texas Healthcare System, seconded by Dr. Proffer and carried unanimously.

**ITEM 10:** Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

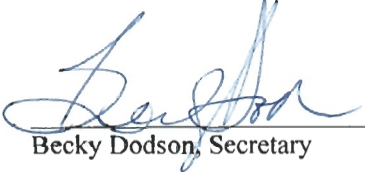
**ITEM 11:** Public Comments. Mr. Richardson recognized Texas Tech on their leadership with the Dental Clinic. He stated that Tech volunteered to take over the clinic, making it more efficient and effective and overall, did a great job. Mr. Richardson also recognized RHN, reporting that RHN had been working in the background to ensure that Texas Tech's success at the Dental Clinic would be continued. He reported that RHN has a new facility with more services that can be offered on-sight and is close to the J.O. Wyatt

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Clinic. Mr. Richardson stated that he is excited about the RHN possibilities and is looking forward to a working relationship with them. Mr. Bryan acknowledged the attendance of representatives from both organizations and thanked them for their care of the indigent.

**ITEM 12:** There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 am. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file in the City Finance Department.



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Becky Dodson, Secretary



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Craig Bryan, Chairman