

Approval Date:
January 09, 2012

MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITRUS COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

DECEMBER 19, 2011 12:00 P.M.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees was held Monday, **December 19, 2011**, at the Citrus County Hospital Board offices located at 123 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, Florida. Mr. Smallridge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

(2) PUBLISHED MEETING LEGAL NOTICE

(Agenda & Published Legal notice Copies On File)

(3) ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Michael A. Smallridge (Chairman), Edwin H. Lytton (Secretary /Treasurer), V. Upender Rao, MD. (Trustee)

Deborah L. Ressler, RN, BSN (Trustee) by telephone

Also in attendance:

Vickie LaMarche, CCHB Chief Operating Officer
Harry Kilgore, CCHB Finance Director
William J. Grant, Esquire, CCHB General Counsel
Karla Dozier, CCHB Staff

Prestige Court Reporting

Members of the Public: Richard Callahan, Justin Krumholtz and Mike Wright (Citrus County Chronicle).

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Dr. Rao, second by Mr. Lytton to approve the minutes from October 10, 2011. The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

MOTION by Mr. Lytton, second by Dr. Rao to approve the minutes from November 14, 2011 Budget Hearing. The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

MOTION by Dr. Rao, second by Mr. Lytton to approve the minutes from November 14, 2011 Regular Meeting. The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT ALREADY APPEARING ON TODAY'S AGENDA)

Justin Krumholtz: Mr. Krumholtz asked where the Citrus County Hospital Board meetings will be held.

a) D. Ressler: Mrs. Ressler stated that she came across an organization named the Smile Faith Foundation which provides dental care and counsel services for the indigent care in New Port Richey and they received

their funding from grants, corporate donations and individuals. Ms. LaMarche and Ms. Ressler met with Dr. Michael O'Carroll and they would like to extend an invitation to Dr. O'Carroll to come and speak in the next CCHB meeting.

Mrs. Ressler also noted that she met with a representative of the Nature Coast EMS, Michael Hall to learn more about their program which incorporates representatives from both hospitals in Citrus County (Seven Rivers and Citrus Memorial). Mrs. Ressler informed the Board that EMS received their funds from private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, self pay and they have less than ten(10%) percent of charity care cases and they receive a subsidy from the Board of Citrus County Commissioners.

Mrs. Ressler also would like to extend an invitation to Mr. Hall to come and speak in the next CCHB meeting.

Mrs. Ressler gave her report regarding the meeting locations for the CCHB. *(Copy on file)*

(6) ITEMS REQUIRING ACTIONS BY THE BOARD

a) Approval of the Finance Report for November 2011: Mrs. Ressler stated that the Finance Committee recommends approval of the Finance Report as presented. *(Copy on file)*

MOTION by Mr. Lytton, second by Dr. Rao to approve the finance report for November 2011. The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

b) Approval of the Citrus County Hospital Board Invoices: Mr. Lytton stated that the Finance Committee recommends approval of the invoices as presented. *(Copy on file)*

MOTION by Mr. Lytton, second by Dr. Rao to approve the invoices. The Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

c) Update of Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, Inc. funding request and payment authorization: Mr. Kilgore stated that he reviewed the outpatient and self pay accounts for October and November and based on the accounts that he reviewed in the Hospital through April 2011, his recommendation will be to pay \$68,371 for charity care reimbursement to Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Kilgore also noted that the Foundation did not submit any patient accounts for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

MOTION by Mr. Lytton, second by Dr. Rao to approve payment of \$68,371 to Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, Inc. for charity care. After discussion the Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

MOTION by Dr. Rao, second by Mr. Lytton to send payment of \$68,371 to Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, Inc. for charity care. After discussion the Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

d) Ad Hoc Committee Report for Meeting Location Site follow-up: Ms. LaMarche informed the Board that her recommendation for the CCHB meeting locations are:

- Inverness City Hall
- Hospital Medical Building

e) Foundation Governance Issues/Legal

Mr. Grant stated the US government and Randy Stein sued Citrus Memorial Health Foundation for Medicare fraud

In the 2010-CA-5399 case, Mr. Grant stated that the lawsuit will be amended to add the counts of fraud.

In the 2010-CA-5702 case, Mr. Grant informed the Board that Mr. Shepard is going to move forward with the Sunshine lawsuit

In the 2011-CA-1476 case, Mr. Grant informed the Board that there will be mediation and depositions on December 21, 2011 in the offices of Prestige Court Reporting. Mr. Grant requests that Mr. Smallridge and Ms. LaMarche be present in the mediation.

Mr. Smallridge requested the Board's permission to try to resolve some issues in the mediation.

Mr. Grant also stated that legal fees will spike again in December and January because of the depositions and mediation.

Mr. Grant requested the Board's advice for the purpose of settlement negotiations and strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures in all pending litigations 2010-CA-5399, 2010-CA-5702, 2011-CA-809, 2011-CA-1476 and 2011-CA-1653. Mr. Grant stated that he approximated the necessary time to seek the Board's advice and direction to be two hours in length. The entire session shall be recorded by a certified court reporter. The court reporter will record the times of the commencement and termination of the attorney/client session. All discussions and proceedings as well as the names of all persons present shall be recorded. The names of all persons speaking shall be recorded. No portion of the session shall be off of the record. The court reporter's notes shall be fully transcribed and be filed with the entity's clerk within a reasonable time after the meeting. The chief administrative officer of this agency is Vickie LaMarche, who will also be in attendance with the Trustees, the court reporter and their counsel. Their counsel, William J. Grant and any other counsel deemed appropriate, will be put on the notice. The session shall commence at an open meeting at which the persons chairing the meeting, which will be Chairman Mr. Smallridge, shall announce the commencement and estimated length of the Attorney-Client Session and the names of the persons attending. At the conclusion of the Attorney-Client Executive Session, the meeting shall be reopened and the person chairing the meeting shall announce the termination of the session.

MOTION by Dr. Rao, second by Mr. Lytton to engage in an attorney-client executive session meeting on December 28, 2011 at 8:30am and January 09, 2012 at 12:30pm and January 20, 2012 at 8:30am, for the purposes of discussing settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation and expenditures. Following discussion, the motion passed 3-0.

f) Other

NEW BUSINESS

(7) TRUSTEE COMMENTS

a) E. Lytton: None.

b) V. Rao: None

c) M. Smallridge: Mr. Smallridge informed the Board that according to the CCHB By-Laws we can have an Associate Board of Trustees and we will put an ad in the newspaper and an application on the CCHB website for people to apply to these positions. The composition of this Board will be with up to nine (9) interested citizens for a period of one (1) year.

Mr. Smallridge also noted that the CCHB new Law requires the Board to develop a community health plan for which he wants to put together a series of stakeholder meetings that will be open to the public. This will allow Mr. Smallridge the opportunity to gather information from the Citrus Community Organizations and the general public to present to the full Board for changes and comments.

Mr. Smallridge stated that a year ago Ms. LaMarche visited the Lake Shore Hospital Authority where they have a program for people who qualify for charity care. They issue an ID photo card that allows people to receive primary care. Mr. Smallridge expressed his desire to implement a similar program in Citrus County.

(8) STAFF UPDATES / REPORTS

Ms. LaMarche talked to the Board regarding her recent visit with Mrs. Ressler to the Smile Faith Foundation.

Ms. LaMarche also noted that she is working on different projects with the Trustees. Ms. LaMarche complemented Mr. Smallridge for his efforts to better serve the community of Citrus County. She also thanked Mr. Smallridge for meeting with CCHB staff weekly.

(9) NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE

Next scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 09, 2012 at 12:30pm in the CCHB office.

(10) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dr. Rao, second by Mr. Lytton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3-0. and the meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Edwin Lytton
Secretary

12.19.11 Minute Copy on File:

1. Agenda & Public Notice
2. CCHB Finance Report & Invoices
3. Meeting location report