

MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITRUS COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

JANUARY 18, 2022 6:00 P.M.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, January 18, 2022, in the Conference Room of the Annex Building located at 123 S. Pine Ave., Inverness, Florida. Chairwoman Ressler called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M.

(2) PUBLISHED MEETING LEGAL NOTICE

(Agenda & Published Legal notice Copies On File)

(3) QUORUM PRESENT

COVID-19: All attendees to the meeting were required to use hand sanitizer. Social distancing was implemented and all persons were required to stay at least 6 feet apart, including Trustees and staff. The conference/meeting room was cleaned and sanitized pre and post meeting.

(4) ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Debbie Ressler (Chairwoman); Dr. Jeff Wallis (Secretary/Treasurer) Allan Bartell (Trustee) and Rick Harper (Trustee)

Attendance via telephone: Dr. Mark Fallows (Vice-Chairman)

Also in attendance:
William Grant, Esq. (General Counsel)

Members of the Public: Dr. Vernon Lawter (College of Central Florida) , Dr. James Henningsen (College of Central Florida), Chris Knife (College of Central Florida), Jon Cherry (LifeStream), Karla Poulos (Doctors' Free Clinic) and Fred Hiers (Citrus County Chronicle).

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jon Cherry presented the current and future plans for Life Stream Behavioral and Mental Health services in our community. Currently, Life Stream is in negotiation with the site, formerly occupied by The Centers, on Highway 491 in Lecanto. Life Stream is seeking financial assistance from the CCHB for development of their programs, building an inpatient and outpatient facility at the "site". Their goal is to provide the services as needed to fulfill the need for support and to minimize the transport of citizens to other counties for help toward stabilization/recovery.

CCHB thanked him for his offering of information and assured the topic will be discussed later in this meeting. He was invited to attend a future meeting with any updates as he deems necessary.

(6) PRESENTATION BY THE COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA.

Representatives expressed thanks to the CCHB for the partnership with the College in enhancing the Educational Endowment Fund, which will be named the Charles S Dean, Jr. Educational Endowment Fund. The endowment is for one million dollars, the check for one million dollars was presented publicly to the College representatives who were present at this meeting.

President Dr. Henningsen spoke of expanding the partnership for health programs at the Citrus Campus of the College. The three gentlemen shared aspects of such expansion as to the use of the dollars for now and in the future. Overall, statistics of the college enrollment and graduates in current programs as well as their level of student debt was shared. Currently on the Citrus Campus, there are approximately 60 students with 75% of student debt or less. An increased endowment of three million – thus a total of four million would expand the program development with onsite chair, qualified instructors, hands on skill opportunities, and naming of the Citrus Campus as the Charles S Dean Campus of Central Florida. CCHB thanked them for attending and providing the continuance of information and shared that the proposal will be discussed later in this meeting. All expressed looking forward to the public presentation of CCHB enhancing the College of Central Florida Educational Fund and naming of the education building as the Charles S Dean Educational Building on January 28, 2022 at 10am, this is a public event. This gathering has been publicly noticed to facilitate the gathering of CCHB Trustees. *(Attached copy of presentation and public notice)*

(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Dr. Wallis, second by Mr. Harper to approve the Minutes from the October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting and November 10, 2021 Special Meeting. After discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

(8) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

a) Approval of the Finance Report for October, November & December 2021: Mrs. Ressler presented the Finance Report for October, November and December 2021. *(Copy on file)*

MOTION by Mr. Bartell, second by Dr. Fallows to approve the Finance Report for October, November and December 2021. The Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b) Approval of the Citrus County Hospital Board Invoices:

Mrs. Ressler presented the invoices for December 2021 and January 2022. *(Copy on file)*

MOTION by Mr. Harper, second by Dr. Wallis to approve payment of the CCHB invoices for December 2021 and January 2022 as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

c) Approval of Invoices paid by the Citrus County Hospital Board o/b/o FRC:

Mrs. Ressler presented a list of invoices to be considered for payment by the Citrus County Hospital Board o/b/o FRC for approval *(Copy on file)*.

MOTION by Dr. Wallis, second by Mr. Harper to approve CCHB payment of the invoices o/b/o FRC as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

d) Other:

Mrs. Ressler presented an updated Lease Proceeds report on the Escrow account (JP Morgan) and status of the money market account at Cadence Bank. *(Copy on file)*

(10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

➤ Foundation Resolution Corporation Update: Mrs. Ressler presented to the Board the list of the Foundation's invoices. (Copy on file)

MOTION by Mr. Harper second by Dr. Wallis to approve the list of FRC invoices as presented. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

➤ Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation (CCCCF) Update: Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2022; Mrs. Ressler will attend. Issue that needs to be pursued and "policy" obtained for CCCCCF, Inc. distribution of funds in relationship to Bylaws of 80% for funding grants and operations and 20% retained for investments. Reportedly, the CCCCCF, Inc at one of their prior meetings made a change in funds distribution and allocation to be usage of 4% for operations and grant funding. No official notification has been received to date from the CCCCCF, Inc to the CCHB. Such issue will be pursued at the meeting on January.

Also, Mr. Harper and Mr. Bartell completed the Conflict of Interest Statements form for the CCCCCF, Inc. The document will be sent to Dr. Fallows for signature and Ms. Ressler has already submitted document. Dr. Wallis is not required to submit, since he does not attend CCCCCF meetings as a representative of the CCHB.

➤ Doctors' Free Clinic Update: Dr. Wallis presented power point (Attached copy) with information regarding the DFCCC as well as distributing handout of power point and listing of potential costs of supplies and possible site locations for purchase. Lengthy discussion of this endeavor.

- Clinic continues to be open on Saturdays , utilizing the Dept. of Health facility
- Current clinic staffing is comprised of volunteers from the medical Community, nursing community and other allied health entities.
- Volunteers and staff have sovereign immunity as registered by the State of Florida.
- Clinic has been seeing approximately 20 patients every Saturday, all of which to date have been indigent as for payor source.
- Possible Properties for the site for the Doctors' Free Clinic of Citrus County.

Dr. Wallis agreed to present update at next meeting with update of potential agreement with Dr. Grillo, at 790 SE 5th Terrace, Crystal River. Also a possibility exists to initially share the "office space" with Dr. Grillo as he downsizes his practice and the Doctors' Free Medical Clinic expands.

(9) LEGAL

Ms. Ressler asked the Board if Mr. Grant's monthly payment of \$6K plus annual payment for health insurance coverage will continue the same, since the FRC pension lawsuit is over. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Mr. Bartell, second by Mr. Harper to continue paying Mr. Grant \$6K a month plus health insurance form April 2021 until further action of the Citrus County Hospital Board. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Mr. Grant stated that the Foundation Resolution Corporation (FRC) is near the final steps of Dissolution. He shared he attended the most recent FRC board meeting. FRC is continuing during the process of Self Reporting and AHCA status.

Mr. Grant distributed a draft email sent by Attorney Shepard that will convey to the Ethics attorney (*Attached copy*) requesting an opinion regarding a possible real estate transaction to the Doctors' Free Medical Clinic. Mrs. Wallis is the real estate agent who is listing a potential location for purchase of the Clinic. Mr. Grant has been and will continue to be in discussion with Attorney Shepard for a written opinion.

Telephone connection with Dr. Fallows had been lost during this time period.

MOTION by Mr. Harper, second by Mr. Bartell to pursue resolution of any possible conflict since Dr. Wallis is the President of the Doctors' Free Clinic. After discussion, the motion passed, 3-0. Dr. Wallis did not vote due to his relationship(s) on this issue.

Mr. Grant distributed and memorandum from Mr. Stillwell regarding the continuance of Liability insurance for the FRC (*Attached copy*). Mr. Grant will pursue an addendum to such policy held by the CCHB in attempt to add FRC as an additional insured.

The property sale to Dr. Kaushal still pending. Conversations between Dr. Kaushal and HCA continue.

(11) NEW BUSINESS

None.

(12) TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- **Ressler:** Mrs. Ressler presented to the Board a proposal for a health care initiative (*Attached copy*) supporting the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition. Ms. Ressler discussed the role that the Coalition has for providing housing and services for members of the community. Written proposal overview presented and distributed. (on file) MFHC will be invited to attend future meeting to present the Coalition and answer any questions from the CCHB. NO votes or funding appropriated at this time.
- **Bartell:** The Veteran's Villages of Citrus County (VVCC) didn't provide any information recently. Mr. Bartell will be attending the meeting this week. The VVCC was given a deadline of July, 2022 by the Board of County Commissioners to establish funding source and begin construction.

(13) OTHER

Discussion ensued regarding Life Stream Support with no vote at this time to provide funding for such endeavors; await discussions at future meetings.

Also, lengthy discussion ensued regarding enhancing financial support to the College of Central Florida and ideas presented as to increasing the support by three million dollars and naming of the Campus for Charles S Dean. No formal vote and to be discussed at future CCHB meeting.

(14) NEXT SCHEDULE MEETING DATE

The next meeting schedule for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the Annex Building, 123 S. Pine Ave. Inverness, Florida.

(15) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Harper, second by Mr. Bartell to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeff Wallis, MD.
Secretary/Treasurer

01.18.2022 Minutes Copy on File:

1. Agenda & Public Notice
2. CCHB Finance Report
3. CCHB list of Invoices
4. Report of Escrow accounts

01.18.2022 Minutes Attached copy

1. Presentation by the College of Central Florida Foundation
2. CCHB Public Notice for 01-28-2022.
3. Doctors' Free Clinic Presentation
4. Email from Cliff Shepard regarding draft for Ethics opinion
5. Memorandum from Clark Stillwell from 01-10-2022
6. Proposal for the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition Center