

**EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 – 3:00 P.M.  
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM**

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>GUESTS</u></b>
Steve DeGroat, Chairman Jim Volk, Board Member Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria, Board Member Joy Martinez, Board Secretary Steve Anderson, Board Member R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO Michael Nunez, Chief Financial Officer Cindy Stout, Chief Nursing Officer Lorena Navedo, Chief Administrative Officer Christina Ford, Chief Legal Officer Cathy Gibson, Chief Compliance Officer Maria Zampini, Chief Operating Officer Jennifer Maxwell, Exec. Asst. to the Board of Managers	Leticia Flores, Corporate Controller Frank Dominguez, El Paso First HealthPlans, Inc. Mark Amox, El Paso Children's Hospital Janina Prada, UMC Dr. Veronica Greer, Texas Tech Dr. R. Lange, Texas Tech Dr. Hendryx, UMC Ryan Mielke, UMC Chana Burton, Mithoff Burton/ EPF Bill Burton, Mithoff Burton/ EPF Martiza Lopez-Holguin, EPF Janel Lujan, EPF Janice Harris, UMC Bruce Yetter, El Paso County Attorney's Office Javier Saenz, El Paso County Attorney's Office Carey Antwine, El Paso County Attorney's Office Laurel Huston, El Paso County Attorney's Office Jorge Reyes, El Paso County Dennece Knight, UMC Foundation Valeria Conteras, County Commissioner 2 Cristina Leyva, County Commissioner 2 Michael Rooney, Citizen Natasha Acevedo, NNOC-TX Ashley Benko, NNOC-TX Carmen Duffy, NNOC-TX Lesli Barragan, NNOC-TX Alexandria Schiffert, NNOC-TX Araceli Corra, NNOC-TX Elijah Bidell, NNOC-TX Allison Fox, NNOC-TX Ruby Bejarano, NNOC-TX
<b><u>ABSENT</u></b> Henry Gallardo, Vice Chairman Miguel Fernandez, Board Member	

**1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. on July 11, 2017, by Mr. Steve DeGroat, Chairman. After establishing that a quorum was present, Mr. DeGroat led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*At this time Ms. Jennifer Maxwell informed the Board of Managers that time was allotted for public comment. Ms. Maxwell proceeded to read the requirements for public comment as stated in the Bylaws. Ms. Maxwell requested permission from Chairman DeGroat to allow for public comment. Mr. DeGroat acceded. The following individual addressed the Board of Managers on behalf of NNOC-TX, a union for nurses, on a proposal to improve patient care:*

- *Elijah Bidell*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda items 4-11 (listed below) was made by Mr. Volk and seconded by Mr. Anderson. The vote was: Mr. Anderson, Yes; Mr. Volk, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; and Ms. Arrieta, Yes. Motion Carried.

**4. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers meeting for June 13, 2017.**  
(TAB A)

**5. Review and approve the May 2017 Financial Statements for the El Paso County Hospital District's d/b/a University Medical Center of El Paso.**  
(TAB B) (Finance Committee)

**6. Review and approve the May 2017 Financial Statements for El Paso First HealthPlans, Inc.**  
(TAB C) (Finance Committee)

**7. Review and approve the May 2017 Financial Statements for the El Paso Children's Hospital.**  
(TAB D) (Finance Committee)

**8. Review and approve Annual Investment Advisor Certification and Broker Listing in accordance with District's Investment Policy F-11.**  
(TAB E) (Finance Committee)

**9. Review and approve Velocity – Lawson Hosting Service Three (3) Year Renewal and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the agreement.**  
(TAB F) (Finance Committee)

**10. Review and approve RFP #844-02-17-001 Respiratory Therapy Information Systems to Mediware and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the agreement.**  
(TAB G) (Finance Committee)

**11. Review and take appropriate action on the following Medical Staff requests:**  
(TAB H) (MEC Committee)

1. Temporary Privileges
2. Medical Staff Initial Applications
3. Allied Health Professional Initial Applications
4. Advancement from Provisional Status
5. Medical Staff Reappointments and Renewal of Privileges
6. Allied Health Professional Reappointment and Renewal of Privileges
7. Focus Professional Practice Evaluations
8. Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluations
9. Additional Privileges
10. Change in Status / Privileges

11. Leave of Absence / Resignation / Relocation
12. Suspensions and Reinstatements
13. Automatic termination per Bylaws Article VIII 8.1.6
14. Delineation of Privileges
  - Neurosurgery Delineation of Privileges (Revision)

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **12. Receive and approve CEO Report for the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center of El Paso.**

Mr. Cintron noted the following:

- Introduced Dr. Joel Hendryx as the new Chief Medical Officer of UMC. Dr. Hendryx joined UMC on June 19, 2017. He is our first Chief Medical Officer in over a decade. Dr. Hendryx is well recognized throughout the community as a leader. He has held leadership roles with HCA and Tenet. Dr. Hendryx is also a well know OB/GYN physician. He will be working closely with the Medical Staff to focus on quality metrics and improve areas to provide quality care.
- Mr. Cintron expressed gratitude for the County Judge and all those who attended the 5th Floor Ribbon Cutting ceremony that was held on June 23rd.
- UMC continues to wait on CMS to determine the fate of the 1115 Waiver that is expected to expire in December 2017. The Board will be updated as new information is received and as it relates to the impact of the organization.

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve item was made by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Mr. Volk. The vote was: Mr. Anderson, Yes; Mr. Volk, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; and Ms. Arrieta, Yes. Motion Carried.

#### **13. Receive and approve the following Quarterly Reports:**

##### **A. El Paso Children's Hospital**

Mr. Amox noted the following:

- Mr. Amox thanked UMC and the IT Team for working well through the recent networking issues. El Paso Children's Hospital (EPCH) viewed the issues as an opportunity to test the instant response system. EPCH recently implemented an app that is HIPAA compliant for physicians to maintain communication with each other and hospital staff in the event of a system disruption. The app worked well.
- EPCH has taken on several new initiatives in terms of quality. EPCH is also participating in a national collaborative that centers around SEPSIS which is the number one leading cause of death in children.
- EPCH staff turnover rate is at about 2.5% which means retention is at about 98% on an annualized basis. EPCH recently on boarded 15 new pediatric interns.
- EPCH hosted the first ever "St. Baldwicks Brave the Shave" event to support pediatric research. It was a successful event. The outgoing mayor of El Paso participated and numerous businesses supported this event. The goal was to raise 5K and EPCH was able to raise over 18K.



B. Texas Tech University of Health Sciences Center at El Paso

Dr. Lange noted the following:

- Mr. Cintron and he toured the Northeast Pharmacy, Physical Medicine Rehabilitation Unit, and the Family Practice. The Family Practice is one of two departments recognized this past year by Well Care, a national provider of Medicare and Medicaid managed health plans, as providing the patient satisfaction award from around the country. Three of our own providers were ranked amongst the highest to include nurse practioners, Albert Salinas and Cheyenne Rincon, and Dr. Charmaine Martin.
- Marie Leiner, Ph.D. received the Silver Creator Award from YouTube. Dr. Leiner is committed to helping solve social and behavioral mental health issues in our community and she used her talent as an illustrator and cartoonist to put together a program that has over 132K subscribers to include parents, healthcare providers, and daycare centers. Her program has had over 32 million views and is part of a larger research effort.
- Mr. Lange noted that the Medical School has 17 different accreditations and site visits going on this year. Three accreditations have already been accomplished. One of the first accreditations is the Society for Simulation Health. Texas Tech has one of the most advanced simulation centers in the United States and is one of the less than 20 in the United States that are accredited. In addition, out of those less than 20 that are accredited in the United States, Texas Tech is the only institution that has achieved three out of the four accreditations under this program. The three accreditations achieved include research, assessment, and education.
- Recently hosted 20 Joint Admissions Medical Program (JAMP) students. The JAMP program includes nine medical schools in Texas that are associated with 65 public and private institutions. This program provides opportunities for socioeconomic disadvantaged residents in the state of Texas. JAMP students spend two weeks at a summer camp at one of the nine medical schools to learn about the medical center. JAMP students are guaranteed admission to the medical school of their choice. The current class of Texas Tech includes 3 JAMP students and the previous class included 3 JAMP students as well.
- The White Coat Ceremony will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Of the 103 new students, 25 are from El Paso.

C. El Paso First HealthPlans, Inc.

- Mr. Frank Dominguez provided a verbal update and a short video on the brief history and future plans of El Paso First HealthPlans, Inc. (EPF).
- EPF will become El Paso Health. EPF partnered with Bill and Chana Burton with Mithoff Burton to develop a comprehensive marketing plan to assist with taking EPF to the next level. The new logo was also presented to the Board of Managers.
- The Board of Managers expressed enthusiasm for the next chapter of EPF and was complimentary of all the efforts made to keep EPF successful now and in the future.

D. Medical Staff

Dr. Greer provided a verbal update from the Medical Staff.

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the quarterly reports received was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Arrieta. The vote was: Mr. Anderson, Yes; Mr. Volk, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; and Ms. Arrieta, Yes. Motion Carried.

**14. Review and take appropriate action on the Residents Agreement {DSRIP 2016-17} – First Amendment and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the agreement.**  
(Tab I)

Mr. Nuñez presented this item for discussion and approval.

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve item was made by Mr. Volk and seconded by Ms. Arrieta. The vote was: Mr. Anderson, Yes; Mr. Volk, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; and Ms. Arrieta, Yes. Motion Carried.

**15. Review and take appropriate action on the Fellowships Agreement {DSRIP 2016-17} – First Amendment and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the agreement.**  
(Tab J)

Mr. Nuñez presented this item for discussion and approval.

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve item was made by Ms. Arrieta and seconded by Mr. Anderson. The vote was: Mr. Anderson, Yes; Mr. Volk, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; and Ms. Arrieta, Yes. Motion Carried.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 3:49p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**16. Receive legal advice and consultation and discuss various legal issues regarding contractual obligations and governance relations related to El Paso Children's Hospital, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071 and §551.072.**

*Any action taken as a result of this discussion will be taken at the opening of this meeting after closed session, or at a subsequent meeting.*

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened Open Session at 5:00p.m.

**17. Adjournment**

**ACTION: MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Arrieta and seconded by Mr. Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.



Steve DeGroat, Board Chairman



Joy Martinez, Board Secretary