



**HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Board Room – Administration Building

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. J. Evans Attwell, Chair
Mr. Stephen H. DonCarlos, Vice Chair
Mr. Elvin Franklin, Jr.
Mr. Danny Jackson
Mr. Jim Lemond
Ms. Mary Spinks
Mr. E. Dale Wortham

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Carolyn Truesdell, Secretary
Dr. Daniel D. Louie, Asst. Sec.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. David Lopez, President & Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Jack McCown, Harris County Purchasing
Mr. Kelly Johnson, Harris County Purchasing
Attorney Mercedes Leal, County Attorney's Office
Ms. Catarina Cron, Judge Robert Eckels' Office
Ms. Suzanne McPherson, Commissioner El Franco Lee's Office
Ms. Gloria Moreno, Commissioner Sylvia Garcia's Office
Administrative Staff

Media

Guests

(Sign-in Sheets attached to permanent record)

I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance

Mr. J. Evans Attwell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. and noted that a quorum was present. The attendance was recorded.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 06.7-383

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve the minutes of the June 29, 2006 regular meeting of the Board of Managers.

III. Hear from Citizens

No citizens were present to speak to the Board.

IV. Special Recognitions

1. Alicia Reyes, R.N.

Mr. Elvin Franklin, Jr. read a resolution into the record from the Board of Managers honoring Ms. Alicia Reyes. Mr. Franklin commended Ms. Reyes and she spoke briefly about her incredible journey and honor of having worked for 36 years for the Harris County Hospital District.

2. HCHD IT Staff for its Participation in Helping HCHD Acquire Recognition as One of the “25 Most Improved” Hospitals by the “2006 Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study”

Mr. Attwell commended Mr. Tim Tindle, CIO and the IT staff for its participation in helping the Hospital District acquire recognition as one of the “25 Most Improved” hospitals by the “2006 Most Wired Survey and Benchmarking Study”.

This survey measures the use of technology for quality, customer service, public health and safety, business processes and workforce issues.

This year, 542 organizations representing approximately 1,250 hospitals submitted surveys.

HCHD is the only hospital in the greater Houston area to be named to the Most Improved list this year.

V. Purchasing

Mr. Attwell called on Mr. Danny Jackson to present agenda items related to purchasing.

The Fiscal Affairs Committee met on July 24, 2006 and brings to the Board the following recommendations for consideration for approval:

Mr. Wortham asked that agenda item A(1)a. be held for discussion and Mr. Franklin asked that agenda item A(1)e. be held for clarification. He informed administration that this agenda item should be considered for ratification instead of approval.

A(1). Consideration of Recommendation regarding Approval of Purchases requiring Board Approval:

a. **Motion 06.7-394**

Moved by Ms. Spinks, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve an award on the basis of only proposal meeting specifications to Ellipticare Outpatient Pharmacy Services in the estimated amount of \$5,040,000 for centralized processing of outpatient

prescriptions for the term, date of first productive use through twelve months with four (4) one-year renewal options subject to execution of the agreement.

Mr. Wortham asked Administration to assist the employees that will be displaced by this action.

b. **Motion 06.7-384**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve awards on the basis of best and lowest priced proposals meeting requirements to Texas Medical Center Laundry (Category 1) in the amount of \$1,463,134 and Sodexo Services of Texas Limited Partnership (Category 2) in the amount of \$331,683 for linen processing, cart building and linen distribution services for the term August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007 with four (4) one-year renewal options subject to execution of the agreement.

c. **Motion 06.7-385**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve termination of an award to Applied Biosystems in the estimated amount of \$33,488 for PCR/Genotyping system analyzers and reagents effective August 1, 2006.

d. **Motion 06.7-386**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve an Interlocal agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and Harris County in the estimated revenue amount of \$27,500 for the Hospital District to provide testing services for the Harris County Medical Examiner's office for the term July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

e. **Motion 06.7-395**

Moved by Ms. Spinks, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board ratify an exemption from the competitive bid requirements and renewal of an agreement with Affiliated Medical Services in the estimated amount of \$118,319,705 to provide physician staffing and services for the Hospital District for the term July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Mr. Attwell requested that the budget reflect the specific dollar amount being paid to the medical schools including pro fee billings.

f. **Motion 06.7-387**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve the second of four (4) renewal options

with Cardinal Health 301, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$134,628 for lease/maintenance of twenty-six (26) medication-dispensing cabinets for the term September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

g. **Motion 06.7-388**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve the fifth and final renewal option with Cardinal Health 301, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$806,424 for lease and maintenance of the automated medication distribution systems for the term September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

h. **Motion 06.7-389**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve an award to Cardinal Health 301, Inc. in the amount of \$596,592 for lease/maintenance of one hundred eighty-seven (187) supply distribution cabinets for the term April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 with four (4) one-year renewal options.

The County Attorney's office has prepared an amendment to cover these services. Installation will begin upon approval by the Board of Managers and the term of the rental/support agreement will begin April 1, 2007.

i. **Motion 06.7-390**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve additional funds and an extension for Agfa Corporation Healthcare & Medical Imaging through Merry X-Ray (PP-IM-008, PP-IM-009) for conventional film and products and dry media and products for the Radiology Department in the amount of \$364,304 for the extended term of September 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. (The Board previously approved \$1,092,911 for the term September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006; these additional funds bring the total funded amount to \$1,457,215.)

j. **Motion 06.7-391**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve additional funds for Dade Behring, Inc. (PP-LA-115) in the amount of \$118,546 for chemistry analyzers, lab automation, reagents, consumables and service for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. (The Board previously approved \$924,000 for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; these additional funds bring the total funded amount to \$1,042,546.)

Additional funds are required due to an increase in test volumes during the contract period.

k. **Motion 06.7-392**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve additional funds and an extension for BD Biosciences in the amount of \$55,000 for flow cytometry analyzer automation and software for the extended term of August 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006. (The Board previously approved \$95,000 for the term August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006; these additional funds bring the total funded amount to \$150,000.)

Additional funds are required to cover expenses incurred while a new contract is being negotiated.

l. **Motion 06.7-393**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve additional funds and an extension for AMN Healthcare, Inc. and Progressive Staffers of Texas, Inc. in the combined amount of \$250,000 for temporary travel nursing services for the extended term of August 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006 or until a new contract is in place. (The Board previously approved \$3,000,000 for the term August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006; these additional funds bring the total funded amount to \$3,250,000.)

A(2). Transmittal of Completed Purchases Under \$100,000
(For Informational Purposes Only requiring no action.)

a. Job 06/0188: Histology and Cytology Glass Coverslipper

Transmittal of an award on the basis of only bid received to Meyer Instruments, Inc. in the amount of \$35,172 for histology and cytology glass coverslipper.

b. Job 06/0172: Ophthalmic Equipment

Transmittal of an award on the basis of only bid received to Universal Ophthalmic Instruments, Inc. in the amount of \$63,406 for ophthalmic equipment for the Casa de Amigos Health Clinic.

c. Job 04/0237: Water Treatment Chemicals and Services

Transmittal of the second of four (4) renewal options for GE Betz in the amount of \$66,037 for water treatment chemicals and services for the term October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

d. Transmittal of Purchases for Categories of Goods and/or Services for Sole Source, Premier and Buy Board Contract

Transmittal of the following purchases: (1) Sole Source – General Electric Healthcare Technologies in the amount of \$29,047 for MRI 8 channel torso coil for Excite MR System and Drager Medical Inc. in the amount

of \$45,335 for ventilator upgrade kit for Narcomed 6400 Anesthesia System; (2) Premier – Drager Medical Inc. in the amount of \$58,500 for purchase of Narcomed 6400 Anesthesia System and Phillips Medical Systems in the amount of \$55,417 for monitor for Narcomed 6400; monitor and gas analyzer for Fabious Tiro; and (3) Buy Board Contract – Baby Jack Chrysler Automotive in the amount of \$48,794 for 2006 Ford F750 XL Bobtail truck for a total purchase amount of \$237,093.

VI. Reports of the Committees

A. Joint Conference Committee

Mr. Attwell called on Mr. DonCarlos to present agenda items related to Joint Conference.

1. Motion 06.7-396

Moved by Mr. DonCarlos, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve the credentialing changes for members of the HCHD Medical Staff for July 2006 as recommended by the Medical Board.

2. Motion 06.7-397

Moved by Mr. DonCarlos, seconded by Mr. Wortham, and unanimously passed, that the Board accept the Medical Board Report as included in the packet. (Appendix “A”).

Following discussions related to the backlog of CT's and ultrasounds included in the Medical Board Report, Mr. David Lopez stated that recommendations addressing these concerns would be forthcoming to the Board within the next sixty-days.

Mr. Attwell announced that the Board would take the executive session agenda items out of order and go into executive session at 10:05 A.M. He stated that the regular meeting of the Board would reconvene at the close of Executive Session.

B. Fiscal Affairs Committee

Mr. Attwell called on Mr. Danny Jackson to present the agenda items related to Fiscal Affairs.

The Fiscal Affairs Committee met July 24, 2006 and brings to the Board the following recommendations for consideration for approval:

1. Financial Report

Ms. Liz Alhand presented the June 2006 Financial Report. Much discussion ensued. Highlights included:

- For the month of June, the District reported a profit of \$1.6 million vs. a budgeted profit of \$2 million.

- June's admissions were 5.0% greater than those experienced during the same period in fiscal 2006, and 5.9% above the level budgeted for the month.
- DSH/UPL revenue is \$2.5 million greater than prior year.
- For the month of June, total District net revenues are \$1.5 million below budget, total expenses are \$1 million (1.5%) under budget, and operating income is \$0.4 million less than budget.

Motion 06.7-399

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously passed, that the Board accept the June 30, 2006 Financial Report subject to final audit.

2. **Motion 06.7-400**

Moved by Mr. DonCarlos, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously passed, that the Board accept the Pension Plan Report for the period ended June 30, 2006 subject to final audit.

3. **Motion 06.7-401**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Franklin, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve payment to the Texas Medical Center for the Commons Assessment for Security and Maintenance in the amount of \$75,550 and \$82,734 respectively. These charges represent a security fee increase of \$22% and a decrease of \$13% for maintenance.

4. **Motion 06.7-402**

Moved by Mr. Lemond, seconded by Mr. Franklin, and unanimously passed, that the Board ratify the Emergency Medicare GME Affiliated Group agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans.

5. Recommendation of Approval to Discontinue the Harris County Hospital District communityone Program.

This item was pulled.

6. Recommendation to Approve a Regional Upper Payment Limit Escrow Agreement and District Representative Agreement

Ms. Liz Alhand presented this agenda item. Much discussion ensued.

In response to a statement by Mr. Attwell related to the money required of this agreement, Ms. Liz Alhand indicated that the amount will be approximately \$25 to \$30 million dollars and that the District will not put any monies in escrow until after a scheduled special called Board meeting to be held in August.

Motion 06.7-403

Moved by Ms. Spinks, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve an Upper Payment Limit Escrow and District Representative Agreements.

The following agenda item did not go to the Fiscal Affairs Committee and comes directly to the Board:

7. Presentation of June 2006 Financial Statement of Community Health Choice, Inc.

Informational purposes only, requiring no action.

Mr. Attwell called on Mr. Elvin Franklin, Jr. to present agenda items related to Clinic Committee.

Mr. Attwell departed the Board meeting at this time. Mr. Stephen DonCarlos, Vice Chair, chaired the meeting thereafter.

C. Clinic Committee

The Clinic Committee met July 14, 2006 and brings the following recommendations to the Board for approval:

1. **Motion 06.7-404**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve renewal of an agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and Houston Independent School District to administer a school-based program at Patrick Henry Middle School and Marshall Middle School from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

2. **Motion 06.7-405**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve renewal of an agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and North Forest Independent School District to administer a school-based program at Smiley High School from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

3. **Motion 06.7-406**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve renewal of an agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and Channelview Independent School District to administer a school-based program at Channelview Independent School District Annex Campus from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

4. **Motion 06.7-407**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve renewal of an agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and Galena Park Independent School District to administer a school-based program at Cloverleaf Elementary School from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

5. **Motion 06.7-408**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve renewal of an agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and Galena Park Community Resource and Training Center to administer a school-based program at the Community Resource and Training Center from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

6. **Motion 06.7-409**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve renewal of an agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and Deer Park Independent School District to administer a school-based program at Deepwater Elementary School from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

7. **Motion 06.7-410**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve an agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and Sheldon Independent School District to administer a school-based program at Sheldon Elementary School from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

8. **Motion 06.7-411**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board ratify an amended agreement between the Health Care for the Homeless Program/Harris County Hospital District and Harmony House to provide on-site health care services to homeless individuals at Harmony House. This amendment increases the original amount of the agreement by \$20,000. The total amount awarded is \$130,000 for the term April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

9. **Motion 06.7-412**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve an agreement between the Health Care for the Homeless Program/Harris County Hospital District and Jackson Hinds Garden to provide on-site health care service to the homeless for the term August 6, 2006 through October 31, 2006.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

10. **Motion 06.7-413**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve correction of Board motion 06.3-174 approving a settlement agreement between the Health Care for the Homeless Program/Harris County Hospital District and The Salvation Army for the provision of substance abuse treatment services. The corrected grant funding amount available will increase to an amount not to exceed \$188,945 for the period November 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. The total amount of grant funding is not to exceed \$237,001.00.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

11. **Motion 06.7-414**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously passed, that the Board ratify an amendment to the grant award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to Harris County Hospital District. The purpose of the grant is to provide early intervention services under Ryan White Title III to eligible HIV-infected patients at District facilities. The amended amount of the grant is \$819,629 for the term January 1, 2006 through December 21, 2006.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

12. **Motion 06.7-415**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously passed, that the Board ratify a facilities use agreement between Harris County Hospital District and People with AIDS Coalition to provide health education groups at Thomas Street Health Center to eligible HIV-infected individuals for the term March 1, 2006 through February 28, 2007.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

Items Related to Reports

Report on the Overview of the Reengineering Process at the Community Health Centers

Ms. Fadine Roquemore, Chairperson, Martin Luther King Council addressed the Board regarding the following: (a) Asked that the Board and Administration read Luke 18:1-8 not for any specific religion but to see why she continues to address before the Board; (b) Invitation to the Martin Luther King Council's annual meeting to be held August 1, 2006 at 3:00 P.M. in the cafeteria of the Quentin Mease Hospital; (c) Consideration of providing each clinic with one additional physician; (d) Concern with the non-progress of the new MLK Clinic; (e) Request for mammograms in the new MLK Clinic; and (f) Name of the individual who will be appointed to replace Ms. Alicia Reyes relative to her role with the clinics.

In response to Ms. Roquemore's request related to the individual who will be appointed to replace Ms. Alicia Reyes, Mr. David Lopez announced that Ms. Michelle Fowler has been appointed Interim Administrator for the Harris County Hospital District's Community Health Program.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

Mr. E. Dale Wortham presented agenda items related to Personnel Committee.

D. Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee met June 12, 2006 and brings forth to the Board the following recommendations for approval:

1. Items Related to HCHD Policies

A. Motion 06.7-416

Moved by Mr. Wortham, seconded by Mr. Franklin, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve the Harris County Hospital District's Staffing During Emergencies Policy that establishes guidelines for staffing during disasters that have an actual or potential harmful effect on the delivery of health care operations and the Acknowledgement Form.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

Mr. Wortham asked that an update on the implementation of the policy be included on the agenda of the next Personnel Committee meeting.

B. Motion 06.7-417

Moved by Mr. Wortham, seconded by Mr. Franklin, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve the Harris County Hospital District's Jury Duty and other Legal Proceedings Policy that defines the circumstances under which an employee may receive Jury Duty pay.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

C. Motion 06.7-418

Moved by Mr. Wortham, seconded by Mr. Franklin, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve the Harris County Hospital District's Termination of Employment Policy that provides guidelines for the provision of benefits to regular full time and part time employees upon termination and the Termination Checklist.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

D. Motion 06.7-419

Moved by Mr. Wortham, seconded by Mr. Franklin, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve the Harris County Hospital District's Bereavement Leave Policy that provides time off from work to grieve, make funeral arrangements, or attend services for an immediate family member.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

E. Motion 06.7-420

Moved by Mr. Wortham, seconded by Mr. Franklin, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve the revised Harris County Hospital District's Military Leave Policy that defines the benefits that are provided for employees of the Hospital District who serve in the United States armed forces.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

2. Items Related to Agreement Ratification

Motion 06.7-421

Moved by Mr. Wortham, seconded by Ms. Spinks, and unanimously passed, that the Board ratify an amended agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and Glen R. Johnson, M.D.

E. Governmental & Public Affairs Committee

Mr. DonCarlos called on Mr. King Hillier to present agenda items related to the Governmental & Public Affairs Committee.

The Governmental & Public Affairs Committee did not meet and brings directly to the Board, the following items for discussion and/or consideration for approval:

1. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Activities in Austin relating to HCHD and Its Legislative Platform

Mr. King Hillier reported on activities in Austin related to proposed rate reductions and discussion of the potential for a Medicaid waiver to be issued

by the Perry Administration and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

2. Discussion, Update and Possible Action regarding the Regional UPL Initiative in Harris and Surrounding Counties

Mr. King Hillier reported on the status of the pending UPL initiative in Harris and surrounding counties. Meetings with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are occurring and the process is moving forward according to schedule.

3. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding Pending Federal Legislative, Line Items and Policy Issues Affecting HCHD

Mr. King Hillier reported on the activities in Washington, D.C. including an update on the 340 B legislative initiative, recent Hill visits and the status of the Administration's and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) initiative to limit IGT and Medicaid supplemental payments. The proposed rules are anticipated in late August or early September 2006. He also reported that the Harris County delegation has been fully briefed on the local HCHD fiscal impact, and that any intervention from Congress will most likely only occur after CMS issues a rule.

VII. Miscellaneous Agenda Items

A. Discussion of Market Adjustments Approved for Positions within the Following Pay Grades: 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120 & 140

This item was taken out of order.

Mr. Attwell commented that these are market adjustments that have been approved and implemented for 85 management positions within the stated pay grades. On an analyzed basis, this equates to a dollar amount of approximately \$921,000. The 85 positions that received market increases did not include the top-level management positions. A total of about 190 management positions were reviewed for possible market adjustments. The Board felt the public is entitled to know when actions of this nature are taken here at the District.

Presented as information only, requiring no action.

Mr. Attwell presented agenda item VII. B.

This agenda item was taken out of order.

B. **Motion 06.7-398**

Moved by Mr. Lemond, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve Ms. Carolyn Truesdell, Chair, Mr. Stephen DonCarlos and Mr. E. Dale Wortham to serve on the Board of Managers Bylaws Committee to review and recommend any needed changes.

Mr. Attwell announced that the meeting will return to the order of the agenda beginning with VI. B. Fiscal Affairs.

C. **Motion 06.7-422**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Spinks, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve renewal of an agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and The Department of State Health Services for Phase 1 of the Demonstration to Maintain Independence and Employment Project for the term September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007. The compensation for the services is cost based with all HCHD costs reimbursed through the federal grant funding this demonstration project.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

D. **Motion 06.7-423**

Moved by Ms. Spinks, seconded by Mr. Lemond, and unanimously passed, that the Board ratify an amendment to an agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and Baylor College of Medicine for the services of an Assistant Medical Director for the SBIRT program grant for the term July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 in the amount of \$115,000 for a service delivery increase of time from 0.3 to 0.6 FTE.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

E. **Motion 06.7-424**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Spinks, and unanimously passed, that the Board ratify an agreement between the Harris County Hospital District and Baylor College of Medicine for the services of a consultant for the Texas Youth Suicide Prevention grant for the term February 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 in the amount of \$12,000.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

F. Consideration of Approval of the Compliance with Medicare and Medicaid Rules and Regulations Policy

This item was pulled.

G. **Motion 06.7-425**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Spinks, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve a Corporate Resolution on the Corporate Compliance Program at the Harris County Hospital District.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

H. **Motion 06.7-426**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Spinks, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve a Compliance Plan for the Harris County Hospital District.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

I. **Motion 06.7-427**

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Spinks, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve ratification of the original agreement between the Harris County Hospital District, Alcon Laboratories and Falcon Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. for participation in the Alcon Bulk Patient Pharmaceutical Assistance Program to provide medications to qualified indigent patients at no cost to the District for the term May 22, 2005 to May 22, 2006 and renewal of this agreement for the term August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

J. **Motion 06.7-428**

Moved by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Jackson, and unanimously passed, that the Board approve to accept the Environment of Care Policy effective August 1, 2006 to establish the authority for the development of organizational policies and operational procedures related to the HCHD Environment of Care (EOC)/Safety Management Program under the direction of the Environment of Care Committee.

Mr. Attwell departed the meeting prior to this vote.

VIII. Executive Session

At 10:05 A.M., Mr. Attwell stated that the Board would go into Executive Session under Section 161.032 of the Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code and Section 071 and 074. He stated that the regular meeting of the Board would reconvene at the close of Executive Session.

IX. Reconvene

At 11:45 A.M., Mr. Attwell reconvened the meeting and asked if there were further input to the Agenda.

Mr. Attwell announced that Agenda items VII. A. and B. will now be taken out of order.

A. Report by Corporate Compliance Officer regarding Compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA, and other Federal and State Health Care Program Requirements and a Status of Fraud and Abuse Investigations pursuant to Section 161.032 of the Texas Health & Safety Code

Presented as information only, requiring no action.

B. Consultation with the County Attorney regarding Cause No. 868121; County Civil Court at Law #2; *Greater Houston Development, Inc. v. Harris County Hospital District*, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071 and Possible Action regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session

No action.

C. Consultation with the County Attorney regarding Cause No. 816,923 in County Civil Court at Law #2 styled *Harris County Hospital District vs. Textac Partners I, et al.*, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071 and Possible Action regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session

No action.

D. Discussion of Salary Adjustments for the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Executive Vice President – Medical Support Services, and Vice President – Community Services, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074, and Possible Action regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session

No action.

X. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Spinks, and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Harris County Hospital District held at the Administration Building in Houston, Texas on July 27, 2006.

Stephen DonCarlos, Vice Chair
Board of Managers
Harris County Hospital District
Houston, Texas

Carolyn Truesdell, Secretary

Recorded by Anne McCowan