

**AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGERS  
AMARILLO CITY HALL  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
MINUTES  
MARCH 20, 2012  
7:30 A.M.**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Greg Graham, Chairman	No
Ms. Murielle Barnes, Vice-Chair	Yes
Ms. Liz Hughes, Secretary	Yes
Ms. Claudette Dove	Yes
Mr. Chuck Speed	Yes
Mr. Bob Stafford, MD	Yes
Mr. Rodney Ruthart	Yes

Also Present

Mr. Kyle Sanders	Chief Executive Officer, Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Mr. Dean Frigo	Assistant City Manager for Financial Services, City of Amarillo
Mr. Marcus Norris	City Attorney, City of Amarillo
Ms. Andrea Rains	Recording Secretary, City of Amarillo

**ITEM 1:** Ms. Barnes established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

**ITEM 2:** Approval of Minutes from January 31, 2012. Ms. Barnes presented the minutes from the meeting held January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. There were no questions or comments. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Ms. Hughes and carried unanimously.

**ITEM 3:** Presentation and Discussion of 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program. Mr. Frigo gave an overview of Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid 1115 Waiver. He explained that Senate Bill 7 of the last Texas Legislature had instructed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to expand managed care to achieve cost savings and to preserve locally funded supplemental payments to hospitals, known as the UPL or Upper Payment Limit. He stated that the Waiver was approved by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) on December 12, 2011 and was set to expire on September 30, 2016. Mr. Frigo reported that the Waiver establishes two funding pools: the Uncompensated Care Pool (UC) and the Delivery System Reform Incentive Pool (DSRIP). He further reported that funding must be generated locally and matched federally through the State of Texas. Mr. Frigo explained the four initiative categories were modeled after the California DSRIP program and included: Category 1 – Infrastructure development, Category 2 – Program innovation and redesign, Category 3 – Population-focused improvement and Category 4 – Urgent clinical improvements. He added that regional healthcare partnerships will have to be made and anchored by public hospitals or by a local governmental entity. Mr. Frigo stated that the partnerships will create regional assessment, planning and redesign infrastructure and will also need to create a 5-year coordinated regional health plan. He explained that by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, proposed regions, including potential stakeholders and potential level of funding, needed to be submitted to HHSC and that confirmation and approval of final regions would be by August 31, 2012.

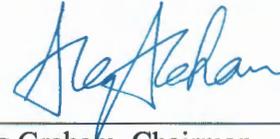
**ITEM 4:** Consider Consultant for the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program. Mr. Frigo stated that because of the short deadline explained above, the District would need a consultant to help guide them through the process of the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program. He presented a proposal from Discovery Healthcare Consulting Group, LLC for consulting services to assist the District in the planning phases for the 1115 Waiver Program. Mr. Frigo explained that Mr. Brandon Durbin, a member of the consulting group, was on the executive committee of the 1115 Waiver Program and is

updated on a daily basis of the changes and the rules and regulations of the program. He further explained that Discovery Healthcare Consulting Group would be an independent consulting group, with no current business relationships with either Northwest Texas Hospital or Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital. The Board expressed their concerns of an hourly rate versus an exact fee amount from the Consulting Group. Mr. Frigo stated that once the District is able to identify its scope of project, the Group should be able to refine the proposal on a project basis by the time of the next AHD Board of Managers meeting in April. Ms. Dove motioned to approve the proposal from Discovery Healthcare Consulting Group, LLC with City staff monitoring the fees. Mr. Ruthart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ITEM 5:** Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

**ITEM 6:** Public Comments. There were no public comments.

**ITEM 7:** Adjournment. There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file in the City Finance Department.



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Greg Graham, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Liz Hughes, Secretary