

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 11th day of May 2018, the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers met at 7:30 a.m. in special session in the City Council Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 S.E. 7th Avenue.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT
SMITH ELLIS, CHAIRMAN	Yes	29	26
DUSTY CLAYTON	Yes	3	3
DEAN FRIGO, INVESTMENT OFFICER	No	10	8
SAM LOVELADY	No	16	15
MENDI SEYMOUR-PERMENTER	Yes	6	6
WILLIAM BIGGS, MD	Yes	6	6

Also in attendance were the following:

MICHELLE BONNER, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO
BRYAN MCWILLIAMS, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY
FRANCES HIBBS, CITY SECRETARY, CITY OF AMARILLO
MARCUS W. NORRIS, LEGAL COUNSEL, UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM, P.C.

Mr. Ellis established a quorum, called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 a.m., and the following items of business were conducted:

ITEM 1: Consider Minutes of the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers. Mr. Ellis presented the minutes from the last Board of Managers meeting held on April 24, 2018. Dr. Biggs made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Clayton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2: Casie Stoughton, Public Health Director introduced Bud Schertler with the Texas Panhandle Center (TPC) the local mental health authority. Mr. Schertler spoke on the need to support SB 292 seeking to implement the Mental Health Grant Program for Justice-Involved Individuals. Mr. Schertler stated the purposes of the funding is to reduce recidivism for individuals with mental illness and substance abuse and reduce the wait time for persons with mental illness placed on forensic commitment to a state hospital. TPC will partner with both counties, Potter and Randall to target those with mental illness and substance addiction. It would be an in-kind match and the grant funds would pay for the mental health officer. Once the individuals are released, they will have referrals to get them to the right services for after care treatment. Mr. Ellis inquired if he knew the percentage of individuals who suffer from mental health or drug addiction. Mr. Schertler answered there are as few as 30% and ranges beyond 50% He further stated it adds to the continuity of care and more programs that can actual assist

and benefit the individuals to improve quality of life. Ms. Seymour-Permenter asked for clarification if the individuals would suffer from both mental illness and/or substances abuse. Mr. Schertler stated HB 13 was passed for community assistance, programs where mental health professionals and CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) officers partner together on high volume calls to respond to crisis. The goal is to check on the individual before a crisis occurs. Also, Heal the City has an integrated navigation located at their facility. Mr. Biggs inquired if this was something brand new. Mr. Schertler stated this new program would take things to another level for those individuals in jail and would be handled by a forensics team. Mr. Ellis inquired if they would be handled by ARAD (Amarillo Recovery from Alcohol & Drugs). Mr. Scherlter replied he has been in touch with ARAD and they may used in a broader sense for out-patient services. Mr. Biggs inquired where the seed money would come from. Mr. Scherlter replied it would be a 50% match of in-kind or cash match, using the salary and benefits positions to help compliment the program. They would use one to two positions in the Potter County jail and one in Randall County. Mr. Scherlter stated they would be asking for close to \$600,000 for the total grant. He further stated TPC covers 21 counties. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve the letter of support as presented. Mr. Biggs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

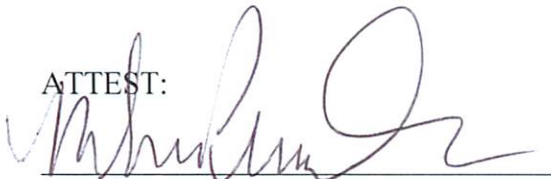
ITEM 3: Public Forum. There were no public comments at this meeting.

There, being no further business; Mr. Ellis stated the meeting was adjourned. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City of Amarillo's Finance Department.



Smith Ellis, Chairman

ATTEST:



Mendi Seymour-Permenter