

**REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
April 25, 2023 @ 5:15 P.M.**

**Corrected Minutes August 14, 2023**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisa King, President  
Sean Hightower, Vice-President  
Ryan Head, M.D., Secretary  
Fred Groover  
Justin Sowell  
Wesley McKnight  
John McLaren  
David Schaefer

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lynn Lindsey, Administrator  
Rhonda McCabe, CAO  
Ella B. Nobles, Operation Manager / Director of Foundation Services  
Wade Blake, EMS Manager  
**Jerry Baker, Legal Counsel**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Lisa King called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Fred Groover made a motion to approve the March 28, 2023, board minutes. Sean Hightower seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- III. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:** none
- IV. **AMBULANCE COMMITTEE - Wade Blake:** Mr. Blake presented the Ambulance report to the board. **EMS report reflected the number for the month of March 2023. Nacogdoches Memorial's total of runs was 267 (error was 326), and Nacogdoches Medical Center's total was 298. Other miscellaneous calls resulted in 236, with 860 total calls booked entry.**
- V. **NEMT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - Rhonda McCabe:** Ms. McCabe presented a Non-Emergent Transportation services update. Ms. McCabe stated that the trips are up from last month, continuing to show good growth. Medicaid Modivcare application is still being processed, and the requirement will be good practices that we can adopt to our

policy and procedures. The nursing homes continue to be happy with our services. Wester Couch has created a marketing plan to see where we go next.

- VI. INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM: Rhonda McCabe** - Ms. McCabe presented the Indigent Care program report. Ms. McCabe explained to the board the process of how the Indigent Care program works and funding by the secured 1% sales tax. Ms. McCabe explained to the board the requirements, application process, and building a relationship with participating doctors in the future.

**VII. ACTION AND PURCHASE REQUESTS**

**A. Results of Operations: Lynn Lindsey** - Ms. Lindsey presented the Results of Operations to the board—motion to approve Results of Operations made by Sean Hightower and seconded by John McLaren. Motion carried.

**B. Contracts & Agreements**

- 1. Universal Time IPHS Smoke Detector Replacement: Lynn Lindsey** - Ms. Lynn Lindsey presented the Universal Time IPHS Smoke Detector Replacement (located inside NMH) contract to the board. Sean Hightower made a motion and Fred Groover seconded to approve an agreement of \$74,817.50. Motion carried.
- 2. Molina Recoupment Request: Lynn Lindsey** - Ms. Lynn Lindsey presented the request for the Molina recoupment for Ponderosa for \$134,429.59. Motion made by John McLaren and seconded by Sean Hightower. Motion carried.
- 3. Tenet LPPF Affiliation Agreement: Jerry Baker** - Mr. Baker presented the Tenet LPPF Affiliation Agreement to the board for approval. Motion Sean Hightower to take item **B.3.** to Executive Session for discussion. Motion seconded by John McLaren. Motion carried.
- 4. Memorial LPPF Affiliation Agreement: Jerry Baker** - Mr. Baker presented the Memorial LPPF Affiliation Agreement to the board for approval. Motion Sean Hightower to take item **B.4.** to Executive Session for discussion. Motion seconded by John McLaren. Motion carried.
- 5. Nacogdoches Hospital District Certification: - Jerry Baker** - Mr. Baker presented the Nacogdoches Hospital District Certification to the board for approval. Motion Sean Hightower to take item **B.5.** to Executive Session for discussion. Motion seconded by John McLaren. Motion carried.

**C. Consideration of applying up to a 3% assessment rate for Mandatory Payment**

**in relation to the Nacogdoches County Hospital District LPPF- Jerry Baker:** Motion made by Sean Hightower to take item C to Executive Session for discussion. Motion seconded by Fred Groover. Motion carried.

#### **VIII. EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE REOPORTS / BOARD CALENDAR.**

- A. Administrator Report / Board Calendar- Lynn Lindsey:** Ms. Lindsey presented the Administrator Report as follows: Ongoing audit waiting for the actuary report to complete the audit, website completed and is available to view nachd.org. Also, a reminder to the Retirement Committee of the June meeting.

**In addition to the Admirative Report,** Sean Hightower requested for public record, "if EMS or any other service line is under CMS, HHSC investigation or in trouble." Lynn Lindsey stated for the record that Randy Johnson had presented a request for information regarding the EMS CMS / HHSC investigation. Ms. Lindsey said at no time during the Nacogdoches County Hospital District leadership has EMS nor any other service line has been or is being investigated or in trouble with CMS or HHSC. The report came from a source after seeing numerous CMS letters for EMS that needed additional patient documentation. Ms. Lindsey will provide a copy of this information to Randy Johson.

- **Board Calendar as follows:**

- Strategic Committee meeting Tuesday, May 9, 2023 @ noon  
Fred Groover, Lisa King, and John McLaren.
- Finance & Facility Committee meeting Thursday, May 18, 2023 @ 1:30 p.m.
- Regular Board meeting Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

#### **IX. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation under Tex. Govt. Code §551.071
- Deliberate the Appointment, Employment and Duties of an Employee under Tex. Govt. Code §551.074
- Deliberation of the provision of healthcare services under Tex. Govt. Code §551.085

**X.** Regular Board meeting adjourned to Executive Session @ 5:45 p.m.

**XI.** Executive Session @ 5:47 p.m. to discuss VII.B.3., VII.B.4., VII.B.5., and VII.C.

**XII.** Returned to Open Session @ 7:06 p.m. with the following:

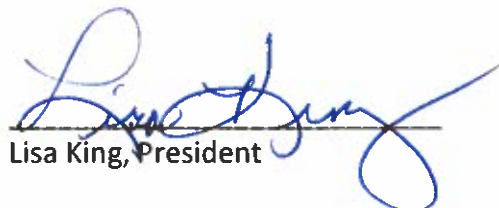
- VII. B.3. Motion made by Sean Hightower to approve Tenet LPPF Affiliation Agreement and seconded by Justin Sowell. Motion carried.

- VII. B.4. Motion made by Sean Hightower to tentatively approve Memorial LPPF Affiliation Agreement with conditions added to the contract as followed:
  - 1) Pay vendor the outstanding amount so we can have access our records.
  - 2) No further denying indigent care.
  - 3) If they do deny indigent care this would result in immediate termination of the LPPF Affiliation Agreement.

Motion seconded by Fred Groover. Motion carried.

- VII. B. 5. Motion made by Sean Hightower to approve Nacogdoches Hospital District Certification contingent upon conditions from VII.B.4. Motion seconded by Fred Groover. Motion carried.
- VII.C. Motion made by Sean Hightower to approve consideration of applying up to a 3% assessment rate for Mandatory Payment in relation to the Nacogdoches County Hospital District LPPF. Motion seconded by Fred Grover. Motion carried.

**XIII. Adjourned @ 7: 08 p.m.**

  
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Lisa King, President

  
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Fred Groover, Secretary