

TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS

MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

On Thursday, September 21, 2006, the Travis County Healthcare District Board of Managers convened in open session at 9:11 a.m. at the Board Conference Room, 1111 Cesar Chavez, Austin, Texas 78702. A quorum was present. The clerk for the meeting was Lane Greer.

Vice-Chairperson Carl Richie arrived at 10:24 a.m.

CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION (9:11 p.m.)

Clerk's Notes: No one was present.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the following matters:**
 - a. An overview of the Medical Assistance Program; and**
 - b. the recommended strategic goals and directions in the draft strategic plan concerning Medical Assistance Program; and**
 - c. Other recommended strategic goals and directions in the draft strategic plan. (9:11 a.m.)**

Clerk's Notes: (a) President and CEO Patricia A. Young Brown presented a high level view of the medical assistance program, in advance of the discussion about the strategic directions that relate to the Medical Assistance Program (MAP). MAP is the District's Indigent Healthcare Program and is currently operated by the City of Austin's Community Care Services Department. MAP provides access to healthcare through a network of contracted providers. MAP eligibility is based on assets according to family size and is determined through meeting with an "eligibility office" via telephone, walk-in appointments, or referring agencies. There are nine locations for eligibility interviews in Travis County. Once a person is determined to be eligible for MAP, that person may receive services for 6 months to 1 year before the person must resubmit eligibility information. The full benefits offered by MAP are extensive. The limited

benefits include prescription drugs and dental services, but it does not cover services for which there are other funding sources. There is a component of the MAP program that offers services at the Community Health Centers (CHCs) on a sliding fee scale. One is eligible for these services if they do not qualify for MAP, but have an income less than 200% Federal Poverty Level and live in Travis County. The District funds these programs through subsidizing the CHCs and capitated payments to Seton. One of the goals of the MAP redesign, as presented in the Strategic Plan, is to create parity between people eligible for MAP and those who are placed on the sliding fee scale.

(b) The recommendation for strategic direction #1 under MAP is the creation of a waiting list. This is the first step in the MAP redesign, but the timeline for this goal has not yet been established. By creating a waiting list, the District will be able to capture the demand for this program. The waiting list enables the District to communicate about this need in Travis County.

The recommendation for strategic direction # 4 under MAP would convert current payment practices to performance based payments. This will create a place for providers outside the FQHCs to offer services, thus making these services available to more people.

The goal of recommended strategic direction #5 under MAP is to allow the District to save money by outsourcing certain functions such as claims payment and other administrative tasks. The language is confusing and will be changed.

The Regional strategic goals were discussed. While there is some concern about the District playing to large a role in regional initiatives, there is an expectation in the community that the District will be a leader in the region.

(c) A suggestion was made and accepted that the staff will draft a paragraph for the plan stating that the timelines for strategic goals are suggested timelines and will be reevaluated in a regular basis.

There was a discussion of the new committee structures the staff presented to the Board. In these new committees the Hospital committee is combined with Specialty Care and Primary Care with Mental Health. The reason for this new structure is to allow all Board members to participate in committees relating to care delivery and to redistribute some of the workload related to care delivery. The decision for assigning Board members to committees will take place at the October 26, 2006 Board meeting.

- 2. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding a funding request from the Community Action Network for Fiscal Year 2007.** (11:00 a.m.)

Clerk's Notes: At the present time the District has budgeted \$25,000 for the Community Action Network, but an agreement was reached that allows the District to contribute \$20,000.

A motion was made by Secretary Lancaster **and seconded** by Manager Rodriguez that the Travis County Healthcare District provide \$20,000 in funding to the Community Action Network for Fiscal Year 2007. The motion passed on the following vote:

Chairperson Clarke Heidrick	For
Vice-Chairperson Carl S. Richie, Jr.	For
Secretary Rose Lancaster	For
Manager Bobbie Barker	For
Manager Tom Coopwood	For
Manager Rosie Mendoza	For
Manager Donald Patrick	For
Manager Frank Rodriguez	For
Manager Thomas Young	For

3. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding approval of a Care Coordination Plan and associated items concerning the implementation of the Regional Upper Payment Limit Program.
(11:04 a.m.)

Clerk's Notes: The Care Coordination Plan is a plan created by Spivey Harris Health Policy Consultants as a part of the UPL plan, which will create the opportunity for private hospitals to receive federal matching funds based on their treatment of Medicaid patients. Because the state has changed the time frame and wants these dollars sent up sooner than originally thought, it is important to get the plan agreed upon. There are some recommended changes that the District will submit and the goal is to have it complete September 28, 2006.

A motion was made by Manager Rodriguez **and seconded** by Manager Patrick that the Board convene in executive session to discuss agenda item 3 under Section 551.071 of the Government Code, Consultation with Attorney. The motion passed on the following vote:

Chairperson Clarke Heidrick	For
Vice-Chairperson Carl S. Richie, Jr.	For
Secretary Rose Lancaster	For
Manager Bobbie Barker	For
Manager Tom Coopwood	For

Manager Rosie Mendoza	For
Manager Donald Patrick	For
Manager Frank Rodriguez	For
Manager Thomas Young	For

End of executive session: (11:16 a.m.)

A motion was made by Manager Young **and seconded** by Manager Rodriguez that they Board authorize the President and CEO to enter into negotiations with Seton, St. David's and their representatives around the regional UPL program and that she be directed to negotiate terms that would protect the District's position in respect to cash flow given the IGT requirements and that the program be designed in such a way to preserve the value of the District's participation in existing DSH an UPL operations specifically related to IGT capacity and that she be directed to negotiate terms that would protect the value of the interest the District would have earned had they not made the transfers required by the regional program. The motion passed on the following vote:

Chairperson Clarke Heidrick	For
Vice-Chairperson Carl S. Richie, Jr.	For
Secretary Rose Lancaster	For
Manager Bobbie Barker	For
Manager Tom Coopwood	For
Manager Rosie Mendoza	For
Manager Donald Patrick	For
Manager Frank Rodriguez	For
Manager Thomas Young	For


The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. following **a motion made by** Manager Patrick and **seconded by** Manager Lancaster. The motion passed on the following vote:

Chairperson Clarke Heidrick	For
Vice-Chairperson Carl S. Richie, Jr.	For
Secretary Rose Lancaster	For
Manager Bobbie Barker	For
Manager Tom Coopwood	For
Manager Rosie Mendoza	For
Manager Donald Patrick	For
Manager Frank Rodriguez	For
Manager Thomas Young	For



Clarke Heidrick, Chairperson
Travis County Healthcare District Board of Managers

ATTESTED TO BY:



Rose Lancaster, Secretary
Travis County Healthcare District Board of Managers