

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
HOSPITAL GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2017**

Meeting of the Hospital Governance and Oversight Committee of the Desert Healthcare District was held in the Desert Healthcare District Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Palm Springs, CA

Attendance:

Members

Carole Rogers, RN, President
Les Zendle, MD, Chair/Director

Absent

Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer
Alejandro Espinoza,
Director of Projects, Programs and Analytics

Staff

Herb K. Schultz, CEO
Chris Christensen, COO/CFO
Mary Pannoni, Accounting/Admin Support
Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk to the Board

Legal Counsel

Jeff Scott

Guests

Mitch Blumberg, MD, Vice Chair, Governing Board, Desert Regional Medical Center
Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center
Megan Hodge, Regional Assistant, Hospital Association of Southern California
Shelley Kaplan, Councilmember, Cathedral City
Brett Klein, Clinic Marketing Specialist, Eisenhower Medical Center
Keven Porter, Regional VP, Hospital Association of Southern California
Greg Rodriguez, Legislative Assistant, Supervisor Perez

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Rogers

Guests, Staff, and Committee Members introduced themselves.

Herb K. Schultz, CEO, Desert Healthcare District provided an overview of the Committee.

DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

President Rogers designated Director Zendle as the Committee Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Zendle requested that Item V. – Review of New District Compliance Policy is presented before Item IV. – Review of District Role and Lease.

REVIEW OF NEW DISTRICT COMPLIANCE POLICY

- Herb K. Schultz, CEO, Desert Healthcare District presented an overview of the Lease Compliance Policy summarizing the role of the Hospital Governance & Oversight Committee.
- Chair Zendle reminded all in attendance that the meeting is an open meeting and is in compliance with the Brown Act, but there are proprietary issues that cannot be discussed in public.

REVIEW OF DISTRICT ROLE AND LEASE

- Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel explained the Board's adopted Compliance Policy stating that the District will require the assistance of Desert Regional Medical Center for specific issues.
- Attorney Scott passed around the Facility and Ground Inspection of Grossmont Hospital – Grossmont Healthcare Committee as an example of the Facilities Committee's reported maintenance and inspections.
- Attorney Scott explained the Tenet Pre-Lease Agreement.
- Attorney Scott requested a current amortization schedule from Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center.
- Chair Zendle recommends that Staff research the psychiatric department closure at Desert Regional Medical Center, including the Board Minutes that will provide more clarification.
- Michele Finney requested an explanation of the retirement plan since Tenet did not assume responsibility of the Plan.
- Chris Christensen, CFO/COO, explained that the Retirement Protection Plan has a separate sheltered account, a yearly actuarial study, and the Plan has paid out \$15M since its inception.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

1. Standard Agenda Items
 2. All Other
- Director Zendle explained the roles and responsibilities of the Committee as outlined in the materials.

PUBLIC INPUT ON COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIORITIZATION OF LEASE COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

- Ezra Kauffman inquired about the capital improvement projects.
- Councilmember Kaplan inquired about a capital improvement plan for replacement value and the level of patient support advocacy that is not included in the Lease.
- Attorney Scott explained that the Lease does not include a patient advocacy, but the District holds public meetings for addressing patient matters.
- President Rogers explained that the Board does have a written policy for addressing public issues, and recommends a list of ongoing capital improvements.

- Dr. Blumberg explained that Desert Regional has a Governing Board with two District Board participants.
- Director Zendle stated that the District has more responsibility to ensure that the capital improvements are addressed.

NEXT STEPS

- The Committee will meet the third Friday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNED

- The Committee adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

ATTEST: _____



Les Zendle, MD, Chair/Director Hospital Governance and Oversight Committee
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors