

**TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT (TCHD)  
d/b/a JPS HEALTH NETWORK BOARD OF MANAGERS  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009**

The TCHD Board of Managers met on Thursday, January 15, 2009 in the auditoriums of JPS Health Network Outpatient Building, 1500 South Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas for a meeting with the following Board Members present:

Steve Montgomery, Chair  
Dan Serna, Vice Chair  
Scott Fisher, Secretary  
Martha Walker, Member  
Gary Floyd, M.D., Member  
Rev. Ralph Emerson, Member  
Trent Petty, Member  
Karen Van Wagner, Ph.D., Member  
Chuck Webber, M.D., Member

Members Absent: Bernard Rubin, D.O., Member  
Tonya Veasey, Member

Others Attending: Robert Earley, Interim President/CEO  
Bill Whitman, Interim COO  
Ron Stutes, Exec. Vice President/Administrator  
Sealy Massingill, President, Medical Staff  
Randy Rogers, Interim Sr. Vice President/CFO  
Jane Sanford, Judge Whitley's Office  
Jon Ed Robbins, Precinct Administrator  
Sandra Godfrey, Precinct Administrator  
Krystal James, Precinct Administrator  
Jay Haynes, M.D., Sr. Vice President/CMO  
Rick Stevens, Vice President  
Josephine Fowler, M.D., Vice President Academic Affairs  
Corbin Wilson, JPS Physician Group  
Adonna Lowe, Vice President/CNO  
Dee Chaisson, Vice President  
Scott Herndon, Finance  
Al Cordova, Vice President  
Jamey Pennington, Vice President/CIO  
Althea Williams, Vice President of Human Dev. and Resources  
Charles Williams, Vice President of Support Services  
Tom Roy, Vice President  
Kimberly Britton, Partners Exec. Director  
Elwyn Grimes, MD, OB/GYN  
Rajesh Gandhi, MD, Trauma  
Khayn Williams, District Attorney's Office  
Allan Graves, Legal Services  
Tony Spangler, Star Telegram

Dennis Killy, Tarrant Alliance for Responsible Government  
Ann Sutherland, Access Committee  
Dann Baker, JPS Chaplain  
Dee Post, Recording Secretary

**I. Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:22 p.m.

**II. Opening Prayer & Pledge to Flag:**

JPS Chaplain Dann Baker, lead the audience in the prayer and pledge to the flag.

**III. Board Chair Report, Deliberation(s) and/or Action(s) – S. Montgomery****A. Recognition(s)**

1. Physician of the Month – Paul Henry Cho, M.D. Department of Neurosurgery was recognized as the Physician of the Month. Dr. Cho has been a neurosurgeon at JPS for three years. He attended the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor before completing his internship and residency at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York. Dr. Cho is board certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery. He was inspired to become a physician through the death of his father at a young age and considers it a career accomplishment to be a part of the best neurosurgical team in Texas right here at JPS. Dr. Cho is married with two children. Dr. Cho was awarded with a gift certificate and plaque. He thanked his colleagues and Board members for this award.

**IV. Hearing of Citizens –**

Mr. Jan Fersing, full time Mental Health Mental Retardation volunteer. Mr. Fersing asked the Board to consider using some of the hospital funds to create a short term facility for the mentally ill. Mr. Montgomery informed Mr. Fersing that there would be an update later in the meeting regarding this topic and invited him to stay for that portion of the meeting. Mr. Montgomery thanked Mr. Fersing for coming and speaking to the Board.

**V. Approval of Minutes:****A. Board Minutes – December 11, 2008**

Dr. Floyd made one correction to page 2 of the December 11, 2008 Board minutes. Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve the corrected minutes. Mr. Petty seconded the motion. All Board members approved and the motion passed.

**B. Board Reading**

Board reading is included behind tab 2 of the Board book.

**VI. Administrator's Report, Update on District Activities, Deliberation(s) and/or Action(s) Thereon: R. Earley****A. Update on District Activities**

1. Spirit of JPS Awards Dinner – January 13, 2009 – Mr. Earley informed the audience that Mr. Fisher provided comments at the Spirit of JPS Awards Dinner and Rev. Emerson was the guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Earley thanked both Mr. Fisher and Rev. Emerson for their participation and inspiration at this event.
2. Homeless Issue Update – Mr. Earley informed members that the city and county are making great efforts to address the homeless issue and the city has dedicated \$3 million towards this initiative.

The city has also asked JPS to play a role in this effort. Mr. Earley added the Hospital District is monitoring the number of ambulances that are coming in and out of the shelters and we will look at how to best serve those faculties. Ms. Walker asked if these efforts also include the City of Arlington and Mr. Earley replied that they do. Mr. Earley will bring forward proposals and information as they develop regarding this issue.

3. Network Goals Update – Mr. Earley informed members that he, Rev. Emerson, Dr. Rubin and Mr. Fisher have met to review the network goals and restructure this process. Mr. Earley further informed members that the executive team has met with team leaders and managers to inform them of the six basic goals and to begin the process of transcending this information throughout the organization. Mr. Earley thanked Dr. Carter, Dr. Massingill and Dr. Young for their participation in getting this information out. Mr. Earley will continually update the Board members regarding this topic.
4. Emergency Department Committee – Mr. Earley reminded Board members that a small committee was appointed by the Board Chair to review Emergency Department issues and make recommendations to the Board. This committee has been meeting weekly. They have determined that the District has too many manual processes to go through before it is determined if a bed is available. This committee continues to meet and recommendations will be coming to the Board within the next few weeks.

**VII. Items to be Withdrawn from the Consent Agenda:**

The Following Items were pulled from the Consent Agenda:

**XI. Matters from the Finance Committee**

- A. **\*\* Deliberation(s), Action(s) and/or Approval(s) Regarding November, 2008 Unaudited Financial Reports Including JPS Physician Group – R. Rogers/B. Whitman/R. Stutes/C. Wilson**

Mr. Serna pulled this item and explained he thought it would be beneficial for the Board to receive an explanation of the trend analysis. The financials were briefly reviewed. Mr. Whitman explained that data has been reformatted in order to have reports more accessible to the management.

Mr. Serna moved for approval of the November, 2008 Unaudited Financial Reports. Dr. Floyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **\*\* Deliberation(s), Action(s) and/or Approval(s) Regarding JPS Connection Scope of Services – R. Rogers/J. Haynes, M.D./R. Fulkerson M.D.**

Mr. Serna explained that the Finance Committee took no action regarding this item and it was deferred to the March Board Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Serna asked which committee addresses this topic and Dr. Floyd replied that it comes out of the Joint Conference Committee. Mr. Serna made a motion to table this item. Ms. Walker seconded the motion. All members approved and the motion passed unanimously.

- D. **\*\* Deliberation(s), Action(s) and/or Approval(s) Regarding Server Virtualization Project Budget – J. Pennington**

Rev. Emerson asked if this item was included in the budget and Mr. Pennington replied that it was. Dr. Van Wagner asked if this would address the redundancies. Mr. Pennington answered that this is a precursor to redundancies. Dr. Van Wagner then asked if the Hospital District has a redundancies plan. Mr. Pennington replied that the District is in the process of developing a disaster plan and that a system is in place where data can be retrieved if needed. Mr. Fisher informed Board members that there will be a presentation regarding this topic at the next Planning Committee meeting and it will then be presented to the full Board. Rev.

Emerson made the motion to approve the Server Virtualization Project Budget. Ms. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Consent Agenda: All Items with Asterisks (\*\*) are Part of the Consent Agenda, were Discussed in Board Committee Meetings, May Require Little or No Deliberation by the Board of Managers, but Require Board Approval.**

Rev. Emerson made the motion to approve the remaining consent agenda items. Ms. Walker seconded the motion. All Board members approved and the motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Legislative Update/Presentation by Hillco Partners/Tom Roy Regarding Next Legislative Session – R. Earley**

Mr. Earley introduced Ms. Vilma Luna and Mr. Brandon Aghamalian from Hillco Partners. Mr. Earley added that the Texas legislative session opens on Tuesday in Austin and Mr. Earley invited Ms. Luna and Mr. Aghamalian to explain the topics of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature session and to explain what Hillco Partners will be focusing on during this session. He added that Tom Roy will be focusing on the Washington issues and will keep the District up-to-date on regarding these issues. A Legislative Issues for the 81<sup>st</sup> Session from Hillco Partners was distributed and reviewed. They also distributed information regarding the Texas House of Representatives, and a House Research Organization Focus Report. Items reviewed included key dates of interest, volume and changes and key issues for JPS.

Mr. Roy added that he is a member of a committee that is working on obtaining additional trauma funding. Mr. Roy also commented that the Texas Hospital Association is very effective currently under their new leadership. Mr. Montgomery added that he has also admired the work of the Texas Hospital Association.

**X. Deliberation(s), Action(s) and/or Approval to Release a Request for Qualifications to Select a Firm to Develop a Comprehensive Approach to Improving Healthcare and Access at JPS Facilities in Arlington – R. Stutes**

This item was tabled. Mr. Montgomery asked that this item be presented again at a future Planning Committee. Mr. Montgomery appointed a sub committee, to be chaired by Ms. Walker to meet regarding this topic and to bring back recommendations to the Board as soon as possible. Other members appointed to this committee included Dr. Van Wagner, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Stutes and Mr. Earley.

**XI. Matters from the Finance Committee Requiring Deliberation(s), Action(s) and/or Approval – D. Serna/R. Rogers**

**A. \*\* Deliberation(s), Action(s) and/or Approval Regarding November, 2008 Unaudited Financial Reports Including JPS Physician Group – R. Rogers/B. Whitman/R. Stutes/C. Wilson**

This item was removed from the consent agenda. See item VII.

**B. \*\* Deliberation(s), Discussion(s), Update(s) and/or Approval(s) Regarding the JPS Connection Scope of Services – R. Rogers/J. Haynes, M.D./R. Fulkerson M.D.**

This item was removed from the consent agenda. See item VII.

**C. \*\* Deliberation(s), Action(s) and/or Approval(s) of the Following of the Following Internal Audit Reports – J. Grantland**

\*\* 1. Texas Vaccines for Children Program

\*\* 2. Payroll Function

**D. \*\* Deliberation(s), Action(s) and/or Approval(s) Regarding Server Virtualization Project Budget – J. Pennington**

This item was removed from the consent agenda. See item VII.

**E. \*\* Deliberation(s), Action(s) and/or Approval(s) of the Following Agreements with the Tarrant County Hospital District – J. Haynes, M.D.**

\*\* 1. UT Southwestern Medical Center, Inc. - Fifth Amendment to Professional Medical Services Agreement for Ophthalmology – extension to February 28, 2009

\*\* 2. Health Texas Provider Network – First Amendment to Urology Group Coverage Agreement

**XII. Recess and Reconvene in Closed Session:**

The Board recessed and reconvened in closed session at 2:15 p.m.

**XIII. Reconvene in Open Session for Deliberation(s) and/or Action(s) Deemed Necessary Regarding Any Matter Listed on the closed Session Agenda, Paragraphs XII. A., B., C., D., E., F. and G.**

**XIV. Matters from the Quality Committee Requiring Deliberation(s), Action(s) and/or Approval – B. RUBIN, D.O.**

A. \*\* Joint Commission Measures of Success Report/Update – R. Blackwell

B. \*\* Core Measure Report – R. Blackwell

C. Appointments/Reappointments to Medical Staff – J. Haynes, M.D.

Dr. Haynes informed the Board that there were no outstanding issues regarding the appointments/reappointments memo included behind tab 11. Dr. Webber made the motion to approve the appointments/reappointments to the medical staff memo as included in the Board book. Rev. Emerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XV. Report of Legal Counsel and/or Legal Matters Requiring Approval and/or Action – N. Adams**

No items were presented.

**XVI. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

**Approved:**



**Steve Montgomery, Chairman**