

**AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGERS
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
1400 COULTER, AMARILLO, TEXAS 79106, 4TH FLOOR, ROOM 4713
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010
7:30 A.M.**

Members

Mr. Craig Bryan, Chairman
Mr. Greg Graham
Dr. Paul Proffer
Ms. Liz Hughes
Ms. Nancy Kritser
Ms. Murielle Barnes
Ms. Claudette Dove

Present

Yes
No
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Also Present

Mr. Dean Frigo	Assistant City Manager for Financial Services, City of Amarillo
Mr. Marcus Norris	City Attorney, City of Amarillo
Mr. Matt Richardson	Public Health Director, City of Amarillo
Ms. Andrea Rains	Recording Secretary, City of Amarillo
Dr. Richard M. Jordan	Regional Dean, TTUHSC
Dr. Bonna G. Benjamin	Regional Chair, Department of Pediatrics, TTUHSC
Mr. Kyle Sanders	Chief Executive Officer, Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Mr. Brian Gibbs	Administrative Director, J.O. Wyatt Clinic
Mr. Rick Love	Chief Executive Officer, Regence Health Network (RHN)

ITEM 1: Mr. Bryan established a quorum, welcomed everyone in attendance, and called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

ITEM 2: Special Recognition. Dr. Jordan presented Mr. Bryan and the entire Board with a plaque on behalf of Dr. Benjamin, the Texas Tech faculty, the children and their parents, and all of Amarillo, in appreciation of the District's support of the newly renovated pediatric facility. Dr. Jordan stated that the plaque would hang in a prominent area of the clinic.

ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2010. Mr. Bryan presented the minutes of the special meeting held July 15, 2010. Motion was made by Ms. Kritser, seconded by Dr. Proffer, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as written.

ITEM 4: Consider Contract with Northwest Texas Hospital for Pediatric and Dental Care and Tobacco Free Amarillo. Mr. Frigo explained that the current contract with Northwest Texas Hospital (NWTB) for pediatric and dental care and Tobacco Free Amarillo will expire on September 30th, 2010. He noted that the current contract with NWTB was a one-year contract with two additional one-year extensions that automatically renew unless notice is given. Mr. Richardson presented and reviewed a "Reimbursement Analysis by Insurance" report prepared by RHN at the request of the Indigent Care and Funding Priorities Committee and the AHD Board of Managers. He explained that the report was thru June 30th, 2010 and covered a nine-month period. Mr. Richardson pointed out that RHN's two most common procedures were tooth extractions and local anesthesia. Staff analysis, he announced, was that RHN provides a cost effective service. He stated that the larger question going into the next contract period is: would AHD patients continue to receive services for an entire 12-month period or would RHN cease services when the contracted amount approved by the Board is expended? Further analysis of the report itself indicated that due to timing issues, the program would actually run out of funding earlier than what was anticipated. Mr. Love reported that funding from the AHD for the current year had already been exhausted. He explained that RHN is a volume-based business and that projections are based on prior years. Mr. Love

stated that 25% of RHN's panel were AHD patients and explained that RHN cannot afford to do business at a loss. He stated that with only 29 days left in the contract, he felt that there were not a lot of options left on the table. Mr. Sanders explained that AHD patients could continue to seek services at RHN, however they would be subject to a co-payment using RHN's sliding scale schedule. Mr. Bryan stated that he felt the District is going above and beyond with dental care in some cases. He further stated that when dental care is medically required; the indigent patient is covered at the J.O. Wyatt Clinic. Dr. Proffer and Ms. Dove expressed their concerns regarding preventative dental care. Mr. Gibbs stated that Amarillo College's Dental Hygiene Program provides Wyatt Clinic patients annual teeth cleaning services. Mr. Bryan motioned to renew the contract for pediatric services and Tobacco Free Amarillo and allow for the current dental contract to expire without renewing and to direct staff to continue searching for preventative dental care alternatives. Ms. Dove seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ITEM 5: Public Comments. There were no public comments at this time.

ITEM 6: Adjournment. There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file in the City Finance Department.

ITEM 7: Tour of Pediatric Department. The Board was led on a tour by Dr. Benjamin of the newly remodeled Department of Pediatrics at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Craig Bryan, Chairman

Murielle Barnes, Secretary