

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the **Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2, Abbeville General Hospital**, Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana was called to order at **6.15 P.M. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024** by Mr. John Boudreaux, Chairman. Proceedings were taken at their regular meeting place in the Hospital Boardroom of Abbeville General Hospital with the following people present:

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Boudreaux, Chairman
Anita Levy
Kelly Richard
John Budden, M.D.
Jody Landry
Daleon Primeaux

MEMBERS ASBENT: Oswald Broussard, Vice-Chairman

STAFF PRESENT: Michael J. Bertrand, Chief Executive Officer
Troy Hair, Chief Financial Officer
Abbey Palombo, Recording Secretary
Wendy Broussard, Compliance Officer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Anita Levy seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting held February 21, 2024 were approved as written.**

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were reviewed:

- ✓ Rural Hospital Article
- ✓ Change Healthcare Cyberattack

NEW BUSINESS**➤ Contract Review - March**

On motion of Kelly Richard, seconded by Anita Levy and unanimously carried, **the Board approved renewal of the following contracts:**

- ✓ Abbeville Emergency Group, LLC - ED Medical Director
- ✓ Acadiana Medical Research Foundation - Tumor Registry
- ✓ Angelic Properties, LLC - Residential Lease Agreement
- ✓ Cerner Corporation
- ✓ Iberia Comprehensive Community Health Center, Inc. - Sliding Fee Discount Program
- ✓ Insight Management Systems, Inc. - Omnicare
- ✓ Loreen Karani, MD - Pediatric Call Coverage
- ✓ Louisiana Alliance for Patient Safety (PSO) - Participation Agreement
- ✓ Louisiana Nuclear Contract Service, Inc. - Nuclear Medicine Coverage
- ✓ Med-Comp USA - PPO

- ✓ Meeks Medical Group - Substance Abuse Call-Rounding
- ✓ Melissa Guilbeaux, LLC - Psych Relief Rounding & Call Coverage
- ✓ SecurDocs, Inc. (ContractWorks) - Contract Management Repository
- ✓ Secure Patient Delivery - Patient Transport Services
- ✓ South Eastern Louisiana University - NP Clinical
- ✓ Sterling Life Insurance Company - Medicare Select
- ✓ University of Louisiana at Monroe - Clinical Training Pharmacy
- ✓ University of Louisiana @ Lafayette - Clinical Training - Maurice Clinic
- ✓ Vermilion Parish Police Jury - MEOC
- ✓ Vernon Valentino - Specialty Clinic Lease

➤ **Board Self Evaluation / Summary Report**

A summary of the Board's effectiveness for 2023 and comments addressing future educational needs were reviewed.

➤ **Safe Place – Infant Security System**

On motion of Kelly Richard, seconded by Daleon Primeaux and unanimously carried, **the Board approved the purchase of the Safe Place infant security system, to replace our HUGS system which is reaching end of life at a total cost of \$82,837.49. (PFI #83)**

➤ **Stryker Neptune 3 Rover**

On motion of Daleon Primeaux, seconded by Jody Landry and unanimously carried, **the Board approved the purchase of two (2) additional Neptune suction units requested by multiple surgeons for a total cost of \$29,400.00 (PFI #103)**

➤ **Group Health Plan 2024 / 2025 Renewal**

On motion of Kelly Richard, seconded by Dr. Budden and unanimously carried, **the Board approved renewal option number three (3) of the Group Health Reinsurance TPA Proposal Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana with a five (5) percent increase as presented, effective April 1, 2024.**

➤ **Gulf Coast Bank Corporate Resolution**

On motion of Daleon Primeaux, seconded by Anita Levy and unanimously carried, **the Board authorized administration to cancel the current credit card with Chase Bank, and resolved:**

AGENTS, Michael J. Bertrand, CEO, and William T. Hair, CFO, subject to any written limitations, is authorized to exercise the powers granted as indicated below:

Open any deposit or share account(s) in the name of the Corporation.

Endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with this Financial Institution

Borrow money on behalf and in the name of the Corporation, sign, execute and deliver promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness.

Endorse, assign, transfer, mortgage or pledge bills receivable, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, stocks, bonds, real estate or other property now owned or hereafter owned or acquired by the Corporation as security for sums borrowed, and to discount the same,

unconditionally guarantee payment of all bills received, negotiated or discounted and to waive demand, presentment, protest, notice of protest and notice of non-payment.

➤ **VHS Call Agreement - Pediatrics**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the Board approved VHS Call Agreement with HealthCon LLC, as presented.**

➤ **Education Request**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Jody Landry and unanimously carried, **the Board approved the Education Request travel requests for Michael Bertrand, CEO to attend the Annual LHA Summer Conference at an estimated cost of \$2,354.58.**

➤ **Revised Capital Budget**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the Board accepted the revised capital budget as presented.**

➤ **January Financials**

Troy Hair, Chief Financial Officer presented the January Financial Report. The detail in comparison to budget was reviewed.

⇒ **Updated Sales Tax Plan for Improvement**

The Board reviewed the updated Sales Tax Plan for Improvement

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the Board entered into Executive Session for Approval of Minutes, and Strategic Planning, and Performance Improvement.**

OTHER BUSINESS

➤ **Compliance Report**

On motion of Kelly Richard, seconded by Anita Levy and unanimously carried, **the Board accepted the 2023 Annual Compliance Appraisal and the 2024 Work Plan as presented.**

➤ **Leadership Dashboard – 4th Quarter**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Daleon Primeaux, **the 4th quarter Leadership Dashboard was accepted as presented.**

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Anita Levy and unanimously carried, **the Board adjourned at 7:50 PM.**

**MICHAEL J. BERTRAND, II, MS, MBA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SECRETARY / TREASURER**

**JOHN BOUDREAUX
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**