



The mission of the Parker County Hospital District is to provide high quality healthcare services consistent with the needs of those we serve to promote a healthier community.

**PARKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Dianna French, President Eric Floyd, M.D.
Mike Carter, Vice-President Marie Welsh
Bart Robbins, D.O., Secretary Melvin Woody
David Barbrick

NOT PARTICIPATING: None

STAFF PARTICIPATING: Randy Bacus, CEO; Judy Harris, Controller; Todd Clawson, Human Resources; Jim Backus, LifeCare EMS; Lisa Franklin, LVN, Outreach; Tyna Noble, MAP; Kathleen Durham, Marketing and Community Relations; Alex Gordon, Information Technology; Amanda Russell, Campbell Clinic; Chris Briggs, Director of Training and Education

NOT PARTICIPATING: None

OTHERS PARTICIPATING: Brian Jackson, Attorney; Steven Welch, D.O.

Item 1 – Call to Order: Director French called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

Item 2 – Mission Statement: Director French read the Parker County Hospital District Mission Statement.

Item 3 – Invocation: Director Woody led the invocation.

Item 4 - Citizen Input: None

Item 5 – Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2021

The minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Director Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 – Review of and vote to approve Financial Statements/Reports:

Director Carter noted that the Finance Committee met prior to the meeting and reviewed the financial statements and other associated documents. Following review and discussion Director Carter made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Director Barbrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 7 – Appointment of Finance Committee Members

Director French appointed herself, Director Barbrick and Director Carter to serve on the Finance Committee for the next 12 months.

Item 8 – Update on COVID Vaccine Distribution Initiatives

Mr. Bacus updated the Board on the Hospital District's COVID 19 vaccination initiatives. He noted that Hospital District employees are working very hard to vaccinate as many people as possible as quickly as possible. Many employees have been working 7 days a week for the past 3 to 4 weeks. The recent snow and ice presented many challenges for the staff. The 3 vaccination clinics were closed for most of the week during the storm. Hospital District staff are in the process of rescheduling patients and getting caught up on the backlog. Mr. Bacus noted that he and Dr. Welch are working to improve the capacity of the IT servers as they are receiving approximately 12,000 hits on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Mr. Bacus observed that people from all over North Texas are trying to schedule appointments with the Hospital District. He noted that he is consistently receiving very positive feedback on the professionalism and courtesy of the Hospital District staff.

Dr. Welch noted that so far Hospital District staff have administered 20,000 COVID vaccinations and that number should increase to 23,000 when the backlog is eliminated. Dr. Welch observed that this week the Hospital District received a larger allotment of vaccines than usual and he is working with the DSHS to see if they will permanently increase our allocation. The Hospital District may potentially be vaccinating as many as 6,000 people per week. Dr. Welch observed that he is working with the County to secure another large vaccination site. Director Carter complimented Dr. Welch and the Hospital District staff on the success of this initiative and noted that he has received many positive comments from the community. Dr. Welch expressed his thanks and noted that this has been a team effort.

Item 9 – Update on Training and Education Programs

Mr. Bacus introduced Mr. Chris Briggs who gave an update on the Hospital District's Training and Education programs. Mr. Briggs noted that the Training and Education Department was started about one year ago at approximately the same time that the COVID 19 virus began rapidly spreading. He noted that starting a training program in a pandemic was challenging due to the inability to hold large classes due to COVID 19 restrictions. He observed that the Department quickly adapted and assumed the responsibility of COVID 19 testing for all first responders in the County as well as mass testing for several of the

County's school districts.

Mr. Briggs outlined some of the achievements of the Department over the past year. These included being established as an American Heart Association Training Site, developing an EMS Field Training Officer program, establishing an EMS new-hire academy, developing a Driver Training Program for new employees, establishing a Critical Care program for emergency transfers, providing continuing education for First Responder Organizations as well as obtaining a DSHS continuing education number for the Hospital District.

Other Departmental achievements included COVID 19 testing for over 3,000 people, assisting with vaccinating over 1,500 Parker County residents and First Responders with COVID 19 vaccine, assisting with 8 drive-thru vaccine events for Northern Parker County, development of a formal training program for 18 new paramedics, development of a virtual training program for over 29,000 teachers, nurses and students in a "Stop the Bleed" program, procurement of 6 cadaver labs for EMS personnel as well as the provision of in-home COVID 19 testing and vaccinations for those who are homebound.

Current training opportunities include joint monthly continuing education classes with the Weatherford Fire Department, quarterly continuing education classes for ESD #6, joint American Heart Association training courses for ESD#1, quarterly continuing education courses for ESD#6, training staff members to become instructors in AHA and NAEMT courses along with EMS participation in cadaver labs.

Potential upcoming projects include the establishment of an in-house EMT program, CPR courses for Weatherford and Springtown ISD students, free "Stop the Bleed" and CPR training to local residents as well as the creation of EMS Bike and Swiftwater Rescue Teams.

Mr. Briggs answered several questions from the Board members.

Item 10 – Discussion and Possible Vote to Return the Black-Ops Chevy Tahoe's

Mr. Briggs outlined the options for changing the color of the Chevrolet Tahoe's driven by Rapid Response and Community Paramedic personnel. He noted that the vehicles could be wrapped for \$3,500 each or re-painted for \$9,000 each. The vehicles would be out of service for 60 days if they were painted and 10 days if they were wrapped. No action was taken by the Board.

Item 11 – Discussion of Additional of Emergency Power to Satellite EMS Stations

Director Barbrick requested that quotes from at least three vendors be presented at a future Board meeting on the cost to equip the Springtown, Willow Park, Brock and Peaster EMS stations with emergency generators. Mr. Bacus noted that he would follow up with this request as soon as the current high demand for generators diminished. He noted that he would also confer with Mr. Backus and obtain input from EMS.

Item 12 - Reports from Parker County Hospital District Departments:

Departmental reports were deferred due to time constraints.

Item 13 - Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the Parker County Hospital District Board will convene in Executive Session for the following Purposes:

- A. Consultation with Attorney**
- B. Real Estate Discussions**
- C. Personnel**

The Board convened into Executive Session at 12:51 PM.

Item 14 – Return to Open Session, address, and possible vote on any issues outstanding from Executive Session:

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 1:19 PM. No action was taken.

Director French read a letter from Director Welsh. In her letter Director Welsh stated she is moving out of Precinct 2 and wished to resign from her Board seat effective February 25, 2021. Director French and the other members of the Board thanked Director Welsh for her service.

Item 15 – Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 PM.