

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2021**

*A recording of this meeting can be found linked [here](#). These meeting minutes show the time of specific agenda items. Fast forward the recording to the item of interest to hear detailed discussion.*

The Board of Directors of Grossmont Healthcare District held a regular meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7:30 a.m. via teleconference and in person. Members of the public were able to participate by telephone, Zoom, or at the Grossmont Healthcare District Conference Center, located at 9001 Wakarusa St., La Mesa, California. For purposes of these minutes, the listed items are reflected in the order set forth on the posted Agenda. In some cases, discussion of items may have taken place out of sequence during the meeting. Mis-labeled items on the agenda have been corrected in these minutes.

Directors Present: Robert Ayres  
Gloria Chadwick  
Michael Emerson  
Virginia Hall, President  
Randy Lenac

Staff Present: Jeffrey Scott, District General Counsel  
Christian Wallis, District Chief Executive Officer  
Tom Scaglione, District Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Rachelle Kiefulff, District Director of Library Operations  
Paul Guy, IT Consultant

Guests: Nancy Greengold, MD, Sharp Grossmont Hospital  
Suzi Johnson, Sharp Grossmont Hospital  
Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital  
Jason Broad, Sharp Grossmont Hospital

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Hall.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Lenac led the pledge.

C. Approval of Agenda

**Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0) to adopt the agenda.**

D. Public Comment

Opportunity for citizens to speak on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District. Persons wishing to address a matter not on the Agenda may be heard at this time; however, in accordance with California law, no Board discussion or action can be taken on items not on the Agenda. "Request to Speak" cards should be filled out in advance and presented to the Board President or recording secretary. For the record, please state your name. The Board has a policy limiting any speaker to no more than three minutes.

E. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Report

a) Sharp Grossmont Hospital Presentations

- i. Quality & Safety Report – Nancy Greengold, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Sharp Grossmont Hospital **(00:03:00)**

Dr. Greengold gave an update surrounding Sharp Grossmont Hospital and COVID-19, which included the number of current hospitalized patients and Pfizer booster shots (available now – Dr. Greengold thinks Moderna and/or J&J boosters will be available around November). September 30 was the last day, per state order, for hospital employees to be vaccinated or show an excusable exemption (and be tested twice weekly). Otherwise, they are placed on administrative leave. Sharp Healthcare is conducting analytics predictions and they believe there will be another COVID-19 wave around December (similar to the one San Diego/East County had in the summer).

Dr. Greengold continued to share with the Board her PowerPoint and discussion surrounding Joint Commission findings and publicly reported data.

- ii. Hospice and Community Based Palliative Care – Suzi Johnson, Vice President of Sharp Hospice Care **(00:43:20)**

Ms. Johnson gave an update surrounding hospice growth, Sharp Grossmont Hospital's inpatient palliative medicine, their new program "Hospital at Home," and their "We Honor Veterans" program. This included hospice stats and Sharp Grossmont Hospital's palliative medicine team; the reason for the Hospital at Home program, care team/delivery, and technology; milestones; the opening of the Sharp Hospice Care Mountain View Home; and their level five awarded, acute care, Veterans'

hospice program.

2. Resolution authorizing remote teleconferencing during periods of declared emergencies, in accordance with the Brown Act **(01:01:00)**

Attorney Scott discussed the Governor's intentions with AB 361 regarding remote meetings during state emergencies. Attorney Scott shared that this Resolution, if passed, implements provisions and allows for remote meetings for the next 30 days. At the end of the 30 days, the Board will need to look at this issue again to see an extension is warranted to make it permanent (so as long as the public agency is under a declared state emergency). Once the Governor rescinds the state emergency order, no teleconferencing will be allowed and the Board members will need to always appear in-person.

**Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the Resolution authorizing remote teleconferencing.**

3. Resolution changing general meeting time **(01:07:00)**

This Resolution would change the Board meeting start time from 7:30am to 9:00am. President Hall and Director Lenac discussed the background behind the want for the new time change, which is that it makes our meetings more accessible to the public. Director Emerson and Director Chadwick shared concerns regarding this time change and ultimately did not agree. Director Emerson requested more data. Director Hall suggested doing a trial run for 6 months with this new time change to see if the District gets better attendance. Director Ayres suggested moving the time to the first Tuesday and third Thursday at 6:00pm. Both of these suggestions will be brought before the Strategic Planning/Risk Management Committee for further discussion and evaluation, and brought back to the Board at a later date.

**Motion was made by Director Lenac to approve, however at this time, there was no second.**

#### F. Memorials **(01:40:20)**

1. Dr. Kenneth Hanson

The Directors shared their memories of Dr. Hanson.

2. Ron Brady

The Directors shared their memories of Mr. Brady.

***The following items include written documentation. Committee reports may stand as written, unless a verbal report is requested by the Board.***

1. Policies & Procedures Committee – Director Ayres

a) Employee Handbook Final Review (No Action Needed) **(01:33:25)**

Director Ayres informed the Board that any comments or concerns regarding this document should be given directly to Attorney Scott before October 12, for review with the full Board on October 15.

2. Public Relations and Outreach – Director Chadwick

a) Ticket Policy for Review (No Action Needed) **(01:35:50)**

Director Chadwick informed the Board that any comments or concerns regarding this document should be given directly Attorney Scott before October 12, for review with the full Board on October 15.

3. Board Member Comments/Reports **(01:36:35)**

Director Lenac shared a comment from Bill Dennehy with Chandler & Associates, who handles the investments for the hospital, in preparation for the upcoming GHF Annual Gala, regarding the percentage of people who save since the start of COVID-19 (now at 10% vs. 4%).

Director Ayres shared that ACHD renewed his committee membership on Advocacy at Association of California Healthcare Districts.

Director Chadwick shared that artist, Phoebe Burnham (101 years of age and friends of Chadwick), now has art in the Herrick Library.

G. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):

1. Friday, October 15, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
2. Monday, November 1, 2021, 7:30 a.m.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:10 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Secretary

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Virginia Hall, RN, President