

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Meeting Minutes (Amended)  
August 20, 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 Friday, August 20, 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, 9001 Wakarusa St., La Mesa, CA. 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 course of the meeting. Mis-labeled items on the agenda have been corrected in these minutes.

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

Director Absent: Randy Lenac

Staff Present: Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer  
Rachelle Kierulff, Library Director  
Erica Salcuni, Director of Programs & Outreach  
Kay Ornelas, Staff Accountant  
Lucy Poplawska, Communications Coordinator  
Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel  
Sophia Shalabi, Programs & Outreach Coordinator  
Paul Guy, IT Specialist

**A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Hall led the pledge.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (4-0) to adopt the agenda.**

D. Public Comment

There was none.

E. Consent Action Items

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 16, 2021
2. Minutes of Strategic Planning Special Meeting of July 19 and July 20, 2021
3. Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 2, 2021

**Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to adopt all minutes above.**

Director Hall suggested that the Special Meeting of July 19 and July 20, 2021, include Strategic Workshop in its title to help identify the purpose of the meeting.

F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items **(00:07:15)**

1. CEO Report

Mr. Wallis gave a brief report including the following:

- For the safety of the employees and the public, patrons and staff in the Library will be required to wear masks until further notice.
- The reopening of the Auditorium for use by the public has been delayed until further notice.
- Our new Executive Assistant Randi Baker will start on September 1, 2021.

2. Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee – Director Ayres (7/8/21) **(00:07:50)**

Director Ayres reported that the Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee met on July 8, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

a) Consideration of Grant Requests

Recommended for Funding:

- i. Vista Hill Foundation: ParentCare Dual Diagnosis Program (Request: \$30,000: Recommendation: \$30,000)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$30,000 to Vista Hall Foundation: ParentCare Dual Diagnosis Program.**

- ii. Survivors of Torture International: Helping Survivors Heal Sponsorship (Request: \$2,000; Recommendation: \$2,000)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$2,000 to Survivors of Torture International.**

- iii. La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc.: Continuing Diabetes Treatment and Prevention Services in East County (Request: \$35,000; Recommendation: \$35,000)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$35,000 to La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc.: Continuing Diabetes Treatment and Prevention Services in East County.**

- iv. East County Transitional Living Center (ECTLC): Medical Van (Request: \$35,000; Recommendation: \$35,000)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$35,000 to East County Transitional Living Center for a medical van.**

- v. CWC San Diego: 32nd Annual Celebration of Women Conference (Request: \$25,000; Recommendation: \$6,000)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$6,000 to CWC San Diego: 32nd Annual Celebration of Women Conference.**

- vi. Crisis House: Project Homeless Connect (PHC) (Request: \$8,141.25; Recommendation: \$8,141.25)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$8,141.25 to Crisis House: Project Homeless Connect.**

- vii. Eric Paredes Save A Life Foundation: Smart Hearts Screening (Request: \$10,000; Recommendation: \$10,000)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$10,000 to Eric Paredes Save A Life Foundation: Smart Hearts Screening.**

- viii. Burn Institute: East County Programs (Request: \$34,000; Recommendation: \$34,000)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$34,000 to Burn Institute: East County Programs.**

- ix. Volunteers in Medicine: Free Clinic for the Under and Uninsured (Request: \$146,000; Recommendation: \$146,000)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$146,000 to Volunteers in Medicine: Free Clinic for the Under and Uninsured.**

- x. Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: Light the Night Event Sponsorship (Request: \$10,000; Recommendation: \$10,000)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$10,000 to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: Light the Night Event Sponsorship.**

- xi. Center for Community Solutions: Trauma Recovery Integration Using Multiple Pathways to Healing (TRIUMPH) (Request: \$25,000; Recommendation: \$25,000)

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (4-0) to grant \$25,000 to Center for Community Solutions: Trauma Recovery Integration Using Multiple Pathways to Healing.**

Representatives of the various organizations in attendance thanked the Board for the support of their programs.

No Funding Recommended – No Action required, unless Board opts to provide funding:

- xii. A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing): Overdose Prevention Project East County - \$25,000 requested (No previous funding)

*Deferred: The Committee deferred consideration of the following requests to a subsequent meeting:*

- xiii. Grossmont Union High School District and Mountain Empire Unified School District, GHD Health Career Pathway Initiative (Request: \$258,500)
- xiv. Trauma Intervention Programs of San Diego, Inc.: Crisis Intervention Programs (Request: \$20,000)
- xv. License to Freedom: Pandemic Grief Project (Request: \$25,000)

- 3. Policies & Procedures Committee – Director Ayres (Verbal Report of 8/18/21 Meeting) **(00:35:44)**

- a) 2021 GHD Employee Handbook – Information Only.

- 4. Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Director Chadwick (7/21/21) **(00:37:12)**

Director Chadwick reported the Public Relations & Outreach Committee met on July 21, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Public Relations Activities Report – Erica Salcuni, Director of Programs & Outreach

Provided a verbal report on the Family End of Summer Palooza Event, along with other community and outreach activities.

5. Finance/Audit Committee – Director Chadwick (8/12/21) **(00:45:12)**

Director Chadwick reported the Finance/Audit Committee met on August 12, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Recommendation: Approve ACHD dues for 2021/2022

CEO Wallis reported that the ACHD dues amount is \$12,500. *(The correct dues amount is \$12,170.)*

**Motion was made by Director Chadwick seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (4-0) to pay the ACHD dues for 2021/2022.**

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

6. Investment – Director Emerson (8/12/21) **(00:47:35)**

7. Government, Legal & Legislative Relations Committee – Director Emerson (7/23/21) **(00:47:39)**

8. Board Member Comments/Reports **(00:47:42)**

Monthly Stipend Report Meetings Attended – The report includes meetings from the prior month. Board Members are invited to provide brief reports on any community meetings, conferences, or trainings attended for which a stipend was paid, or for any other meetings of significance.

Director Ayres reported that he has been appointed to the Sharp Advocacy Committee.

Director Hall reported that she attended the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Quarterly Meeting.

Director Hall also attended the Santee City Council Meeting on August 11, 2021. She explained that the discussion was around marijuana dispensaries in Santee and asked the Board to consider writing a letter in opposition. Director Chadwick

wants to go on record that she is resistive to writing a letter or taking an oppositional stand in this matter. Director Emerson suggests that the matter go before the District's Government, Legal and Legislative Relations Committee for consideration.

Director Ayres reported that the new Amazon facility project slated to be developed new Gillespie Field has been abandoned.

G. Information Items

1. Committee Assignments
2. Approved Grants and Sponsorships as of July 31, 2021
3. Unpaid Grants and Sponsorships as of July 31, 2021

I. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):

1. Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 7:30 a.m. (Monday, September 6 is Labor Day)
2. Friday, September 17, 2021, 7:30 a.m.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 8:26 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Secretary

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Virginia Hall, RN, President