

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
July 6, 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 Tuesday, July 6, 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, Randy Lenac

Staff Present: Rachelle Kierulff, Library Director
Carlos Moya, Director of Administrative Services
Kay Ornelas, Staff Accountant
Lucy Poplawska, Communications Coordinator
Erica Salcuni, Director of Programs & Outreach
Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel
Sophia Shalabi, Programs & Outreach Coordinator
Crystal Sloan, Executive Assistant | Office Manager
Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer

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

There was none.

E. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items **(00:02:50)**

1. Reports

- a) Sharp Grossmont Hospital: Annual Nursing Report – Louise White, Chief Nursing Officer/Vice President Patient Care Services, Sharp Grossmont Hospital

Ms. White gave a brief presentation with details including the following:

- Covid was the story of 2020 and the nursing staff, amongst the entire SGH staff, showed tremendous courage and dedication in supporting the community.
- The use of powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs) assisted in allowing N95 masks to be used where vitally needed.
- MICU received the Beacon Award for excellence.
- The emergency department received Bronze and then Gold Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA) award (only two hospitals in California have Gold)
- Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) are continuing to trend downward thanks to development of CAUTI Champion program

The Board asked about the Covid Delta variant and Mr. Scott Evans, CEO of Sharp Grossmont Hospital, stated that they were seeing around 24% of patients with Covid having Delta.

The question of nurse turnover was raised and Ms. White stated that it is higher now (as expected after the year-long push), but it is expected to slow down to a normal range within the next six months.

2. Finance/Audit Committee – Director Chadwick (6/18/21) **(00:29:30)**

Director Chadwick reported that the Finance/Audit Committee met on June 18, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Consideration of Renewal of Directors, Officers, and Comprehensive Property Liability Policy with Special District Risk Management Authority Effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 - \$57,506.09 (FY 2020-21: \$68,544.48) - *The Committee recommends approval.*

Director Chadwick thanked staff for researching possible alternatives for lowering costs and Mr. Moya expressed thanks to Dee Mitchell for working to obtain the safety credits allowing our premium to be around \$11,000 less this year.

Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve renewing RDO insurance with SDRMA for FY 2021-22.

- b) Consideration of State Request for IGT Commitment for FY 2022-23 – *The Committee recommends no funding for IGT for FY 2022-23 and instead using the funds to increase the GHD Community Healthcare Grants Budget.*

Director Chadwick gave background remarks and the history of GHD's involvement with the IGT program. She stated that the Committee did not recommend ending the IGT program but merely pausing it for one year.

Mr. Moya gave a brief presentation on the history of the IGT program and indicated that the state was requesting that the District submit to them in writing the amount the District would be committing for FY 2022-23.. Mr. Moya reminded the Board that a maximum of \$3 million commitment for FY 2021-22 was reported to the state previously and that the Board will vote on the actual amount this November. The state was putting together its budget for FY 2022-23 and wanted to know the District's stated commitment now.

Mr. Scott Evans, CEO of Sharp Grossmont Hospital next addressed the Board. Mr. Evans strongly encouraged the Board not to pause the program asserting that the doubling of its money and the benefits to the community through Sharp Grossmont Hospital's endeavors are vital.

Director Lenac clarified that the amount quoted to the state is an upper limit and not an actual commitment. It is the highest amount the Board could consider (and subsequently would be allowed to give). When the Board votes on the actual amount in November, it can decide to give anything from the stated upper limit to nothing at all. Director Lenac indicated he would be supportive of the District providing a \$3 million upper limit quote to the state for FY 2022-23.

After a five-minute recess, the Board reconvened the meeting. Director Emerson stated that he felt the IGT program was important and that he respected CEO Evans for his efforts to garner funds for hospital services outside of taxpayer monies. He noted that, as a private entity, Sharp would

not be eligible to participate in the IGT program without the District's involvement and it is a tribute to our partnership that the hospital is able to participate in the program.

Director Ayres noted that he had been very supportive of the IGT program in the past. He felt it was essential that the Board establish the District's priorities with its limited resources through the strategic planning process before making a \$3 million commitment to the IGT program for FY 2022-23. He indicated he also thought it was important to work in good faith with the state and he was willing to support a stated commitment of \$1 million.

Director Hall reiterated the importance of the IGT program to the District and agreed that the doubling of funds for the hospital was key. She encouraged the Board to consider \$3 million commitment for FY 2022-23 with the understanding that the Board could decide to authorize less when the decision to approve the actual funding is made in November.

Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Emerson, and carried (3-2) to direct staff to notify the state that the District was authorizing a commitment to the IGT program of \$1 million for FY 2022-23.

**Ayes – Directors Ayres, Chadwick, and Emerson
Nays – Directors Hall and Lenac**

3. Board Comments

There were none.

F. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):

1. Friday, July 16, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
2. Monday, August 2, 2021, 7:30 a.m.

G. Adjournment

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:07 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Secretary

Virginia Hall, RN, President