

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023

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The Board of Directors of Grossmont Healthcare District held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.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 Street, La Mesa, California. For the 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: Gloria Chadwick, Board President
Robert “Bob” Ayres, Board Vice President
Virginia Hall, RN, Board Secretary
Michael Emerson, RDO, Board Treasurer
Randy Lenac, Board Member

Staff Present: Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer
Tom Scaglione, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel
Amy Abrams, Chief Community Health Officer

Guests: Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital (via Zoom)
Jason Broad, Sharp Grossmont Hospital (via Zoom)

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Gloria Chadwick.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Randy Lenac led the pledge.

C. Approval of Agenda (00:01:26)

A Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the agenda.

D. Public Comment (00:1:37)

There were none.

E. Consent Action Items (00:1:45)

1. Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2023
2. Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2023

A Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Lenac, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the agenda.

F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Reports (2:25)

a) CEO Report – Christian Wallis

District CEO Wallis gave a report, which included the following:

- Executive Assistant temporary staff-thank you to Patrice Moreno and welcome to Cynthia McQueen for filling in for Randi Baker during her absence.
- Rural Health Coalition has put out an MTS survey for rural MTS transportation needs.
- District CEO Christian Wallis has been nominated for the Advocacy Chair of Association of California Health Care Districts.
- Recognition of National Non-profit Day noted by Amy Abrams.

2. Community Grants and Sponsorships Committee – Director Emerson (8/2/2023, 8/7/2023) (4:50)

1. Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2023 are accurate and true.
2. Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023 are accurate and true.

Both will stand as written reports. 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

A Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve Grants Requests item 1 and 3-10.

Recommended for funding:

- i. ElderHelp: ElderHelp Care Coordination Program \$50,000
(Recommendation: \$50,000 – Requires a 4/5 Board Vote)(FY 22-23 \$44,000)

Deb Martin, Exec. Director of ElderHelp spoke of their appreciation and support and thanks to the District for their grants and encouragement of the sponsorship request. Director Emerson mentioned that they only use 9% of the funding for administrative needs.

- ii. Grossmont Union High School District: GHD Health Career Pathway Initiative \$227,500 (FY 22-23 \$227,500)

Todd Linke from the Grossmont Union High School District spoke on the Health Pathways program, mentioned previously. He elaborated on the education path and stated he looks forward to meeting with the District and furthering the program.

- iii. Home of Guiding Hands: Continued Nursing Support \$69,000
(Recommendation: \$69,000)(FY 22-23 \$69,000)

Felix Lafuente of Home of Guiding Hands expressed his thanks for the grant and sponsorship in making a huge difference.

- iv. La Maestra: Improved Hypertension Control in East County \$32,900
(Recommendation \$32,900)(FY 22-23 \$35,000)

- v. Mama's Kitchen: Medically Tailored Meal Service – East County \$30,000
(Recommendation: \$30,000 – Requires 4/5 Board Vote)(FY 22-23 \$25,000)

- vi. San Diego Freedom Ranch: SUD Mentored Internship Program \$152,296
(Recommendation: \$152,296 – Requires a 4/5 Board Vote)(FY 22-23 \$18,988.17)

Jerry Shirey, Executive Director of the San Diego Freedom Ranch thanked the District for the grant and their support. Director Emerson congratulated him on the recent grant received. It is for \$18.5M from the Department of Health Care Services to develop a recovery campus in Campo over the next five years, expanding residential capacity from 54 to 140 participants.

vii. St. Madeline Sophie's Center: On-site Nursing Care Services for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \$25,000 (Recommendation: \$25,000)(FY 22-23 \$25,000)

viii. Vista Hill Foundation: ParentCare Dual Diagnosis Services \$30,000
Recommendation: \$30,000)(FY 22-23 \$30,000)

Rachel Peniche, Executive Director of Friends of Vista Hill in La Mesa. She expressed her thanks for the financial support.

ix. Voices for Children: East County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program \$25,000 (Recommendation: \$25,000)(FY 22-23 \$25,000)

Jessie Stein, Institutional Giving Manager from Voices for Children expressed her gratitude to be a second time grant recipient. She further commented on the vision for the District and how impressed and proud of the services and resources available, including meeting space.

x. Volunteers in Medicine: Medical Free Clinic \$150,000 (Recommendation: \$150,000 – Requires a 4/5 Board Vote)(FY 22-23 \$142,000)

Maureen Hartman, CEO of Volunteers in Medicine thanked the District on behalf of their patients, who often times have no other access to health care.

Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (5-0) to grant:

- **\$50,000 to ElderHelp Care Coordination Program**
- **\$69,000 to Home of Guiding Hands: Continued Nursing Support**
- **\$32,900 to La Maestra: Improved Hypertension Control in East County**
- **\$30,000 to Mama's Kitchen: Medically Tailored Meal Service to East County**
- **\$152,296 to San Diego Freedom Ranch: SUD Mentored Internship Program**
- **\$25,000 to St. Madeline Sophie's Center: On-site Nursing Care Services for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
- **\$30,000 to Vista Hill Foundation: ParentCare Dual Diagnosis Services**
- **\$25,000 to Voices for Children: East County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program, and**
- **\$150,000 to Volunteers in Medicine: Medical Free Clinic.**

Discussion of Grant Request for Grossmont Union High School District: GHD Health Career Pathway Initiative for \$227,500. Director Lenac spoke of the program and the historical recognition of great success. He mentioned that several years previous, it was questioned why there was no involvement from other high schools in the district. They began reaching out and other schools were considering it when Covid changed the landscape. He inquired if Grossmont High School would be willing to mentor the other schools for greater participation in a similar program. Chairperson Chadwick stated this more of a committee issue, not for the Board meeting. Director Emerson interjected that he wanted to invite Grossmont High School to speak for two minutes to address this inquiry later in the meeting. Director Hall commented that only 8 out of 22 high schools in the district are benefiting from this type of program and recommended that we reach out to other schools to see if they would be interested. She further commented that perhaps we could invite counselors from the schools to encourage grant applications. CEO Christian Wallis offered to take the lead on this. Director Lenac voiced his impatience with action from 2022. Director Emerson asked Todd Linke from the Grossmont Union High School District to meet with CEO Wallis for a plan to move forward.

Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Hall, and carried (4-1) to approve the grant:

- **\$227,500 to Grossmont Union High School District: GHD Health Career Pathway Initiative**

Not recommended for funding.

xi. None

Deferred - the Committee deferred consideration of the following request to a subsequent meeting.

xii. Survivors of Torture: Refugee and Afghan Health Initiative \$25,000 (FY 22-23 \$5,940.65)

b) Consideration of Sponsorship Requests

Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (5-0) to sponsor all six requested:

Recommended for funding:

- i. Crisis House Project Homeless Connect East County 2024 \$8,599 (Recommendation: \$8,599) *(no FY 22-23 sponsorship; FY 22-23 grant recipient)*

Kelcie Para, Executive Director of Crisis House expressed their gratitude for the District's support.
- ii. ElderHelp Essence of Life Awards & Charity Auction \$10,000 (Recommendation: \$10,000 – Requires a 4/5 Board Vote) *(FY 22-23 \$3,000)*
- iii. Home of Guiding Hands Client Fall Fling \$10,000 (Recommendation: \$5,000) *(FY 22-23 \$10,000)*
- iv. Saddles in Service 3rd Annual Love For Heroes Gala \$10,000 (Recommendation: \$3,000) *(no FY 22-23 sponsorship; FY 22-23 grant recipient)*
- v. San Diego Freedom Ranch Gala for Freedom \$5,000 (Recommendation: \$2,500) *(no FY 22-23 sponsorship; FY 22-23 grant recipient)*
- vi. Voices for Children Starry Starry Night annual gala \$10,000 (Recommendation: \$10,000) *(no FY 22-23 sponsorship; FY 22-23 grant recipient)*

Not recommended for funding:

- vii. Celebration of Women (CWC) The Greatest Love of All (conference) \$7,250 *(no FY 22-23 sponsorship)*

Deferred - the Committee deferred consideration of the following request to subsequent meeting:

- viii. East County Transitional Living Center Mayor Bill Wells & Friends ECTLC Fundraising Concert \$10,000 *(no FY 22-23 sponsorship)*

CEO Wallis mentioned for those awarded grants and sponsorships that there is the opportunity to pose with the board with a large check being presented and a photo opportunity. Photos were taken with several award recipients. (27:00)

3. Policies and Procedures Committee – Director Ayres (7/26/2023, 8/9/2023) (38:30)
 - a) Update: Human resources support for GHD: options being reviewed, and appraisal policies being drafted. Board approval of contracts with expectations from the staff on the process forthcoming.

4. Finance Committee – Director Lenac (8/9/2023) (40:50)

- a) Consideration of Resolution No.08-23 to approve Fiscal Year 2023/24 Proposition G Tax Rate

Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the Resolution No. 08-23.

- b) Review of the completed Compensation and Classification Study

Director Lenac commented on the above report and found it satisfactory.

- c) Review of a new purchasing policy, continuation to next month.

Director Emerson mentioned, and Director Lenac clarified that the purchasing authority of the CEO is under consideration by the committee to modify the amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000. This would also include all purchases from \$10,000 to \$50,000 would require review. Tom Scaglione confirmed the information stated is correct with an audit trail. Chairperson Chadwick requested the last three months or purchases over \$10,000 be reviewed by the board. Once approved, codification from a policy to procedures will be presented to the Board.

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

5. Government, Legal & Legislative Relations Committee – Director Lenac (8/7/2023)
6. Facilities Committee – Director Hall (7/26/2023)
7. Library Operations Committee – Director Chadwick (8/7/2023)
8. Strategic Plan/Risk Management Committee – Director Ayres (7/25/2023)
9. Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Director Emerson (7/25/2023)

G. Board Member Comments/Reports

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

2. Board and CEO Comments

Director Hall congratulated Tom Scaglione on his article to be presented at CSDA. She also mentioned the Sharp Grossmont Hospital's Neurosciences Center, Phase I expected to be complete, summer of 2024. In addition, there is a Homeless Resource Fair on September 15 at the Lakeside Library. This event is especially geared for homeless with legal issues and outstanding moving violations. (48:29)

H. Information Items

1. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for July 2023
2. Monthly Financial Report for July 2023
3. 2023 Committee Assignments

I. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):

1. Tuesday, 9/5/2023, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
2. Thursday, 9/21/2023, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Virginia Hall, RN, Board Secretary

Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Board President