

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2023

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The Board of Directors of Grossmont Healthcare District held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 19, 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 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, RN, 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
Amy Abrams, Chief Community Health Officer
Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel

Guests: Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital (via Zoom)
Etleva Bejko, Survivors of Torture
Katie Case, Survivors of Torture

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Gloria Chadwick.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Randy Lenac led the pledge.

C. Approval of Agenda *(00:10:10)*

Motion was made by Director President Emerson, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the agenda with the minor change of moving item F(2)(b) “Consideration of Grant Requests” as the first item under “F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items.”

D. Public Comment *(00:11:00)*

1. Etleva Bejko, Executive Director of Survivors of Torture (SOT), thanked the Board for the recent grant awarded to SOT. Ms. Bejko attended with Katie Case, Grants Manager.

E. Consent Action Items *(00:16:40)*

1. Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2023

Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2023.

F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Reports *(00:13:30)*

- a) CEO Report – Christian Wallis

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

- District business will be held during the November 7, 2023 and December 5, 2023 Board meetings. There is an Annual Joint GHC/GHD Board Meeting on November 21, 2023.
- The East County Chamber of Commerce 21st Annual Women in Leadership is being held tomorrow, October 20, 2023, where our very own Amy Abrams is nominated as potential winner.
- Healthy Halloween at the Garden is being held on October 26, 2023 and has a specific focus in healthcare workforce/workers.
- East County Economic Development Council has another Healthcare Employer Luncheon being held on November 9, 2023.

- b) San Diego County Behavioral Health Update on Board and Care Facilities – Dr. Luke Bergmann

(Due to Dr. Bergmann falling ill, he was unable to attend the Board meeting. Staff will invite him to present at an upcoming meeting.)

2. Community Grants and Sponsorships Committee – Director Emerson (10/4/23)
(00:17:40)

Director Emerson reported that the Committee met on October 4, 2023. Director Emerson commented regarding Paragraph E(4) of the Committee minutes, stating that the full financial statements will **not** be hyperlinked, nor printed, for each Committee and Board meeting. With that one change, the minutes will stand as his verbal report. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

(Director Emerson recused himself from the meeting at 00:19:10.)

- a) Grants and Sponsorships Tracking Report
- b) Consideration of Grant Requests

Recommended for funding:

- i. American Lung Association: San Diego Lung Cancer Initiative - \$20,000 *(No FY22-23 funding)* **Committee recommendation - \$20,000**
- ii. San Ysidro Health: Mountain Health Community Center’s Senior Nutrition Program - \$70,000 *(FY22-23 - \$70,000)* **Committee recommendation - \$70,000**
- iii. Therapy Centers, Inc. dba Challenge Center: Enabling Aging with Independence - \$25,000 *(FY22-23 - \$25,000)* **Committee recommendation - \$25,000**
- iv. License to Freedom: Hamdli - \$50,000 *(FY22-23 - \$25,000)* **Does not require 4/5 Board Approval since the recommendation is for the same amount as previous year.* **Committee recommendation - \$25,000**
- v. East County Media: East County Wildfire & Emergency Alerts - \$7,500 *(No FY22-23 grant; FY22-23 sponsorship recipient for \$6,200)* **Does not require 4/5 Board Approval since the recommendation is for the same amount as previous year.* **Committee recommendation - \$6,200**

Director Emerson recused himself from the vote. Miriam Raftery from East County Media appeared in person to give the Board a brief history of the program and to thank the Board for their support. The Board discussed awarding the full ask of this grant, due to its important nature, especially for the rural communities. The Board would like to see an East County Wildfire & Emergency Alert reference/hyperlink on our District website.

Motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Lenac, and carried (4-0) to grant \$7,500 to East County Media: East County Wildfire & Emergency Alerts. (Director Emerson recused himself.)

(Director Emerson returned to the meeting at 00:30:00.)

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

- **\$20,000 to American Lung Association: San Diego Lung Cancer Initiative**
- **\$70,000 to San Ysidro Health: Mountain Health Community Center's Senior Nutrition Program**
- **\$25,000 to Therapy Centers, Inc. dba Challenge Center: Enabling Aging with Independence**
- **\$25,000 to License to Freedom: Hamdli**

Not recommended for funding:

- vi. Christie's Place: HIV Coordinated Services Program - \$20,000 *(No FY22-23 funding)*

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

- vii. Developmental Services Continuum: Helix Home Health and Safety Accessibility Project - \$25,000 *(FY22-23 - \$25,000)*
- viii. Center for Community Solutions: Trauma Informed Services for East County Survivors - \$50,000 *(FY22-23 - \$25,000) *Would require 4/5 Board Approval*

c) Consideration of Sponsorship Requests

Recommended for funding:

- i. Noah Homes: Annual Community Fall Fest - \$5,000 (No FY22-23 sponsorship; FY22-23 grant recipient) **Committee recommendation - \$5,000**

Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (5-0) to award \$5,000 to Noah Homes: Annual Community Fall Fest.

d) Deferred - the Committee deferred consideration of the following requests to a subsequent meeting:

- i. Meals on Wheels: “Rio Carnival – A Samba Soirée” - \$10,000 (No FY22-23 sponsorship; FY22-23 grant recipient) **Committee recommendation - \$10,000**

The Board took an opportunity to take photographs with all grant and scholarship awardees.

3. Finance Committee – Director Lenac (10/11/23) (00:38:20)

Attendees and discussion from the last Committee meeting are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Recommendation: Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2023 (Bill Dennehy, Chandler Asset Management)

Mr. Dennehy from Chandler Asset Management presented the Board with the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2023. Mr. Dennehy gave an summary of the general economy and reviewed the District’s investment portfolio, which is currently on track for \$26.6M.

Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0) to accept the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2023.

- b) Recommendation: Consideration to Accept Fiscal Year 22/23 Audit Report (Paul Kaymark, Nigro & Nigro)

In lieu of Mr. Kaymark’s absence, CAO Scaglione presented the Board with the Fiscal Year 22/23 Audit Report. Nigro & Nigro is the District’s new auditor (3-

year contract). We have an unmodified opinion and received no management comment letter.

Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0) to accept the Fiscal Year 22/23 Audit Report.

- c) Recommendation: Financial Report as of and for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2023

CAO Scaglione presented the Board with the Financial Report as of and for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2023. This included a summary of general and debt service funds, revenues and expenses, and restricted and unrestricted cash and investments. The debt service fund has a \$12M change, due to the debt service payment in July. At the end of the year, there will be a huge increase. There were no substantial variances that needed to be discussed at this time, but may next time around.

Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0) to accept the Financial Report as of and for the Fiscal Year 22/23 Audit Report.

4. Facilities Committee – Director Hall (9/20/23) *(01:01:30)*

Director Hall reported that the Committee met on September 20, 2023 and that the minutes may stand as her verbal report. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- i. Recommendation: Consideration to Approve New Information Technology (IT) Managed Service Provider (MSP) - Bayside Network

Mr. Chris Gruenwald, owner and President of Bayside Networks, appeared before the Board to give a history of his organization and to answer any questions. They were founded in 1986, are based out of Kearny Mesa, and have a dedicated team of 15 professionals. Mr. Gruenwald discussed the different consulting service tiers/plans and costs.

Motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the Consulting Services Agreement between Grossmont Healthcare District and Bayside Networks.

CEO Wallis thanked our current IT service provider, Consolvent, for their dedication over the past 7 years.

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

5. Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Director Emerson (9/27/23)

G. Board Member Comments/Reports

1. 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.

2. Board and CEO Comments **(01:17:25)**

Director Lenac shared the information he learned regarding nurses from the most recent GHC Board Education meeting.

Director Ayres shared information regarding a book he read that he would like the entire Board to have copies of.

Director Hall commented that AB40 passed and thus, there will be a new 30-minute patient offload time for ambulances that they must adhere to. Director Hall discussed the monthly Transfer of Care meetings that take place in order to help facilitate this process.

Director Hall also commented regarding SB770 (unified healthcare financing), which was recently passed. She was made aware by an ACHD email notification. Director Lenac would like to see this placed on the next Government, Legal & Legislative Relations Committee agenda for history and discussion.

Director Hall also shared that Alvarado Hospital was purchased by UCSD and gave a brick-and-mortar article to each Director for their information.

H. Convene to Closed Session **(01:27:20)**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code 54957 – CEO Evaluation

I. Information Items

1. Monthly Grant and Sponsorship Report for September 2023
2. 2023 Committee Assignments

J. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):

1. Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
2. Thursday, November 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Virginia Hall, RN, Board Secretary

Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Board President