

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2022**

*Recordings of this meeting can be found linked here ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)). These meeting minutes do not show the time of specific agenda items, due to a Zoom disconnect. Recording 1 starts at approximately 8:30 a.m., during item F(2)(a).*

The Board of Directors of Grossmont Healthcare District held a regular meeting on Friday, January 21, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. via teleconference, in accordance with the current State of Emergency and Governor’s Executive Order. Members of the public were also able to participate by telephone. 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: Virginia Hall, President  
Gloria Chadwick  
Robert Ayres  
Michael Emerson  
Randy Lenac

Staff Present: Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel  
Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer  
Erica Salcuni, Director of Programs & Outreach  
Tom Scaglione, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Rachelle Kierulff, Director of Library Operations

Guests: Scott Evans, SVP and CEO, Sharp Grossmont Hospital  
Sam Hoffman, Attorney for Foley & Lardner, LLP  
Stuart Harris, Attorney for Davis Wright Tremaine LLP  
Rick Grossman, SVP and General Counsel, Legal, Sharp HealthCare  
Lisa Allen, SVP HR & Talent Mgmt, HR Administration, Sharp HealthCare

**A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance – Director Hall**

President Hall led the pledge.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

D. Public Comment

There was none.

E. Consent Action Items

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 17, 2021
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 3, 2022 (meeting cancelled)
3. Consideration of Resolution No. 01-22 Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Teleconference Meetings

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the meeting minutes of December 17, 2021 and the Resolution No. 01-22 Re-Ratifying the State Emergency and Re-Authorizing Teleconference Meetings.**

F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Reports

a) CEO Report – Christian Wallis

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

- The District is largely focused on building the agencies human resource program while working through staff transitions.
- The District participated in another Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties forum on the Community Health Needs Assessment update.
- A review of the previous attempts to contact National Demographics Corporation (NDC) was explained. This company had completed the previous redistricting process but did not respond to inquiries from the district. The Redistricting Partners were selected based on experience with other Districts as well as endorsements from CSDA and ACHD.

- i. Recommendation: Consideration of Redistricting Proposal from National Demographics Corporation

**Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the Redistricting Proposal from Redistricting Partners (*link above mentions***

***incorrect company of National Demographics Corporation.  
Should have stated Redistricting Partners).***

- b) Sharp Grossmont Hospital: Quarterly Summary, Scott Evans (SGH Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer)

A PowerPoint presentation was presented by Mr. Evans who explained the change in format from the previous years' presentations and schedule. Mr. Evans gave an update as to what is currently happening at Sharp Grossmont Hospital, their quarterly performance review outcomes and strategies, and information regarding upcoming local community events. Brief discussion regarding COVID-19 and extended care facilities.

2. Finance/Audit Committee – Director Ayres (1/5/22)

Director Ayres reported that the Finance/Audit Committee met on January 5, 2022. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Presentation - Sharp Grossmont Hospital by Sam Hoffman (Sharp ERISA counsel) regarding the merger of the Sharp HealthCare Sharp\$aver Defined Benefit Plan and Grossmont Defined Benefits Plan

A PowerPoint presentation was presented by Mr. Hoffman which explained why Sharp wants the merger, the impact on its participants, and the financial positions. The merger will save the hospital approximately \$300k/year on premiums and will have no detriment affect under the new plan for those affected (since the plan/benefits are exactly the same, as a result of this merger).

Recommendation: Consideration of merging Grossmont Hospital Retirement Plan with Sharp\$aver Retirement Plan

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the merger of the Sharp Healthcare Sharp\$aver Defined Benefit Plan and Grossmont Defined Benefits Plan.**

3. Community Grants and Sponsorships – Director Emerson (1/11/22)

Director Emerson reported that the Community Grants and Sponsorships Committee met on January 11, 2022. 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:*

This is more than requested in the last two fiscal years such that a 4/5 vote of the Board would be required if fully funded.

- i. Noah Homes: Behavior/Mental Health/Electronic Charting Program \$35,000 (FY20-21 \$20,000) – recommended for \$35,000

The upgrading of Noah Homes' system and new electronic charting, as well as mandated nursing care, are the reasons behind a higher grant award this fiscal year.

**Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the full amount of the grant application for Noah Homes, totaling \$35,000.**

Not recommended for funding:

- Project New Village – Food as Medicine in Lemon Grove: A Pilot Mobile Farmers' Market and Health Promotion Program \$25,000 (No prior funding)

4. Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Director Chadwick (12/15/21) (1/19/22)

Director Chadwick reported that the Public Relations & Outreach Committee met on December 15, 2021 and January 19, 2022. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Recommendation: Consideration of purchasing 7,560 at-home COVID test kits for \$151,200 for east county residents

Discussion regarding the desire to supply COVID-19 at-home kits to help our furthest east communities via our partners, including an explanation of costs and local supplier delivery times. District will look at the potential of using the hospital's supplier. Interim CFO Scaglione confirmed funds were available for the purchase and there was mention of reinvesting the refunded \$47k from COVID relief back into the community.

**Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Emerson, and carried (5-0) to approve the purchasing of 7,560 COVID kits for \$151,200, pending the outcome of Sharp's kit vendor, whom if less costly, then the District will go with the vendor.**

***The following items include written documentation. Committee reports may stand as written, unless a verbal report is requested by the Board. Some Committees did not meet thirty days prior to this Board meeting.***

5. Policies & Procedures Committee – Director Lenac (1/5/22)

6. Government, Legal & Legislative Relations Committee – Director Lenac (1/12/22)
7. Risk Management Committee – Director Emerson (1/14/22)
8. Investment Committee – Director Lenac (12/13/21)
9. Library Operations Committee – Director Hall (12/14/21)

#### **G. Board Member Comments/Reports**

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.

There were no comments made from the Board.

#### **H. Information Items**

1. Committee Assignments
2. Approved & Unpaid Grants and Sponsorships as of December 31, 2022

#### **I. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):**

1. Monday, February 7, 2022, 7:30 a.m.
2. Friday, February 18, 2022, 7:30 a.m.

#### **J. Adjournment**

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:27 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Robert (“Bob”) Ayres, Secretary

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Virginia Hall, RN, President