

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 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, September 17, 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, located at 9001 Wakarusa St., 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: Robert Ayres
Gloria Chadwick (via Zoom)
Michael Emerson
Virginia Hall, President
Randy Lenac

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

Guests: Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital
Jason Broad, Sharp Grossmont Hospital
Dee Ammon, Sharp Grossmont Hospital
Scott Evans, Sharp Grossmont Hospital 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 Hall

President Hall 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

Opportunity for citizens to speak on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District. Persons wishing to address a matter not on the Agenda may be heard at this time; however, in accordance with California law, no Board discussion or action can be taken on items not on the Agenda. "Request to Speak" cards should be filled out in advance and presented to the Board President or recording secretary. For the record, please state your name. The Board has a policy limiting any speaker to no more than three minutes.

E. Consent Action Items

Consent Action Items are normally acted upon by a single vote encompassing all items within this section. Since the public may directly address the Board before action on any item, a member of the public may, upon request, speak to the item(s) before the vote is taken.

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 20, 2021
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 27, 2021
3. Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021

Comment was made by President Hall to list the deferred grants for Grossmont Union Healthcare District/Mountain Empire Unified School District, Trauma Intervention Programs of San Diego, Inc., and License to Freedom on the August 20, 2021 Minutes (under Item 2(a)(xiii), 2(a)(xiv), and 2a(xv)). With this one change, motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0) to adopt all minutes listed above.

F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items **(00:07:20)**

1. Presentation - Leveraging Regional Impact through 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment. Lindsey Wade, Senior Vice President, Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties.

Ms. Wade gave her presentation for the Board discussing the background of the Hospital Association, the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (latest one was in 2019), their plans for engaging the community this fall, their research and data collection, and leveraging the findings through policy advocacy opportunities. It was suggested by Director Lenac to setup an organizational meeting (potentially a Coordinating Council meeting) to address problems and coordinate with fellow healthcare districts.

2. CEO Report – Christian Wallis (00:49:40)

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

- He met with:
 - Denise Whisenhunt (Grossmont College CEO) regarding potential future collaborations.
 - San Diego County Library Leadership (with Rachelle Kierulff) regarding potential future collaborations.
- The District welcomed two new part-time Library employees (Connor Franklin Rey and Shayla Crowel), as well as Randi Baker, the new Executive Assistant, who was introduced at the last Board meeting.
- Attended some meetings on August 28, 2021 regarding redistricting.
- The District is working with the Hospital Association to make sure East San Diego County is participating with the Needs Assessment.

3. Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee – Director Ayres (9/2/21) (00:51:28)

Director Ayres reported that the Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee met on September 2, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

Director Ayres discussed the presentation given by guests, the administrators of Grossmont Union High School District and Mountain Empire Unified High School District. The presentation was to further discuss the tracking and outcomes related to the Health Pathway's Program. The presentation was informative, and progress is being made.

i. Consideration of Grant Requests

Recommended for Funding:

- i. Grossmont Union High School District and Mountain Empire Unified School District: GHD: Health Career Pathway Initiative (Request: \$227,500; Recommendation: \$227,500)
- ii. Trauma Intervention Programs of San Diego, Inc.: Crisis Intervention Programs (Request: \$20,000; Recommendation: \$8,000)
- iii. License to Freedom: Pandemic Grief Project (Request: \$25,000; Recommendation: \$25,000)

- iv. Saint Madeleine Sophie's Training Center: *On-site Nursing Care Services* Request: (\$25,000; Recommendation: \$25,000)
- v. Developmental Services Continuum, Inc.: *Flooring - Health and Accessibility Project* (Request: \$25,000; Recommendation: \$25,000)

Director Emerson showed concern regarding this grant for flooring and Director Ayres explained the reasoning behind the Community Grants & Sponsorships recommendation.

Representative of Developmental Services Continuum was in attendance and gave the Board clarification regarding their flooring grant application. Additionally, she thanked the Board for the support of its program.

Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve grant to Developmental Services Continuum, Inc. for \$25,000.

- vi. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) San Diego: *18th Annual Color Ball & Inspiration Awards* Sponsorship Request (Request: \$10,000; Recommendation: \$2,800)
- vii. Mama's Kitchen: *Home Delivered Meal Service* – (Request: \$25,000; Recommendation: \$25,000)
- viii. Home Start Inc.: *Specialized Behavioral Health Svcs. for Child Victims of Trauma, Abuse and Crime* (Request: \$46,675; Recommendation: \$30,000)

Representative of Home Start, Inc., was in attendance and thanked the Board for the support of its program.

- ix. Serving Seniors: *Nutrition & Aging Services* (Request: \$30,000; Recommendation: \$30,000)

Representative of Serving Seniors was in attendance and thanked the Board for the support of its program.

- x. Alzheimer's San Diego: *Dementia Education and Caregiver Support* (Request: \$35,000; Recommendation: \$27,500)

Representative of Alzheimer's San Diego was in attendance and thanked the Board for the support of its program.

Comment was made by President Hall to change the request amount from \$20,000 to \$8,000, per the application¹. With this one change, motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to collectively approve grants i - iv and vi – x, mentioned above.

Not Recommended for Funding:

- xi. American Lung Association: GUHSD Health Careers Pathway “Lung Academy” Educational Partnership - \$24,096 (FY 2014-15: \$6,000)

Loralee Olejnik from the American Lung Association had public comment regarding Item 3(i)(xi). **(00:03:45)** Ms. Olegnik thanked the Board for their consideration of American Lung Association’s grant proposal. Ms. Olegnik shared that they will go back and rework their proposal.

- 4. Finance/Audit – Director Chadwick (9/2/21 and 9/8/21) **(01:03:05)**

Director Chadwick reported the Finance/Audit Committee met on both September 2 and 8, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Recommend retaining outside legal counsel of Davis, Wright, Tremaine to review merging of Sharp and Grossmont retirement plans.

Director Chadwick shared with the Board a brief overview of the Committee’s recent discussions regarding whether or not to retain a law firm (Davis, Wright, Tremaine) to review the request from Sharp and combine the retirement plans. This will save the Sharp approximately \$300k in administrative costs (benefits will stay the same). Sharp is receptive to the consideration of payment for the hiring and fees of this outside counsel.

Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the hiring of law firm Davis, Wright, Tremaine to assist with the review and documentation regarding the merging of Sharp and Grossmont retirement plans.

Director Emerson question regarding status of the refunding the 2011B bonds, mentioned in the September 8, 2021 Minutes. Director Chadwick explained it is only an exploration at this time.

Director Chadwick excused herself from the meeting. (01:14:00)

¹ The incorrect application was linked to the September 17, 2021 Board agenda. The correct application is for the requested amount of \$20k and can be found [here](#).

5. Government, Legal & Legislative Relations – Director Emerson (8/27/21) **(01:15:00)**

Director Emerson mentioned that the minutes from August 27, 2021, and any subsequent minutes, need to have the attendees listed.

Discussion regarding the Legislative Policy. District CEO Wallis explained the creating of a matrix from the information we get from our consultant in order to track the legislations in Sacramento. The goal is to prioritization, evaluate positions among stakeholders (ACHD, Sharp, and District), and proper action(s).

Discussion regarding the District's non-endorsement of the disagreement on the allowance of dispensaries to the City of Santee. Director Emerson shared the reasoning behind why the District should not involve themselves with this.

6. Policies and Procedures – Director Ayres (9/15/21) **(01:25:27)**

Director Ayres reported the Policies and Procedures Committee met on September 15, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

Director Ayres reported to the Board that the Employee Handbook is in its final draft form and will be extended to the Board for review during the October 4, 2021 [sic] meeting, for final Board approval during the October 15, 2021 meeting. In review after the meeting, the committee minutes indicate that the board will obtain feedback up to Oct 18th and then review at the next Policies and Procedures meeting with a final review to the board on Nov 1, 2021.

7. Strategic Planning – Director Lenac (8/24/21) **(01:27:38)**

Director Lenac reported the Strategic Planning Committee met on August 24, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

Director Lenac reported to the Board that they reviewed status of where they are on the strategic plan, as well as how the measurable outcome can be reported. Objectives are to be drafted by the end of 2021.

- a) Recommendation to keep the board meetings on the first Monday and third Friday but change the time from 7:30 am to 9:00 am.

Director Emerson shared concern regarding changing the time of the Board meetings and the consideration of those who work. Directors Lenac and Hall explained the Committee's reasoning behind their decision. Resolution would need to be drafted and another vote completed by the Board at a later date, in order to pass.

Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Hall, and carried (3-1) to draft the resolution regarding the potential new time change of Board meetings (from 7:30 am to 9:00 am), and keep them on the first Monday and third Friday of each month.

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

6. Public Relations & Outreach – Director Chadwick (9/15/21) **(01:44:11)**

Per Director Hall, the documentation stands for this Committee meeting.

7. Facilities – Director Lenac (8/27/21)

Per Director Hall, the documentation stands for this Committee meeting.

8. 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.

G. Convene to Closed Session **(01:45:18)**

1. Conference with legal counsel – Potential litigation (Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2))

Attorney Scott shared the outcome of the closed session:
The Board in closed session discussed the potential litigation matter and directed District CEO Wallis and Attorney Scott to take appropriate action concerning the matter.

H. Information Items

1. Committee Assignments

2. Approved Grants and Sponsorships as of August 31, 2021

3. Unpaid Grants and Sponsorships as of August 31, 2021

I. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):

1. Monday, October 4, 2021, 7:30 a.m.

2. Friday, October 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 10:25 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Secretary

Virginia Hall, RN, President