

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2023**

The recording of this meeting can be found linked [here](#). These meeting minutes show the times 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, February 17, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. via teleconference and in person. Members of the public were able to participate by telephone, Zoom, or at the Sharp Brier Patch Campus, located at 9000 Wakarusa St., Building F, Classroom 13, 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 A. 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 (via Zoom)
Tom Scaglione, Chief Administrative Officer
Amy Abrams, Chief Community Health Officer
Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel

Guests: Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital (via Zoom)
Paul Kaymark, Nigro & Nigro, PC (via Zoom)
Tammy Oluvic, Saddles In Service (via Zoom)

A. Call to Order

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

President Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, led the pledge.

C. Approval of Agenda **(00:02:35)**

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

D. Public Comment **(00:02:50)**

There was none.

E. Consent Action Items **(00:02:55)**

1. Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2023
2. Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023

With the inclusion of adding the revision of “The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Chadwick (vs. “President Hall”) for Item A on the January 20, 2023 meeting minutes, motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve both meeting minutes of January 20, 2023 and February 6, 2023.

F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Reports **(00:04:45)**

a) CEO Report – Christian Wallis

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

- There is a new format for the GHC Board meetings (they now take place every other month, with Board education meetings happening in between)
- The District A/V project is currently on track and the March 6, 2023 Board meeting should be taking place in the District Auditorium
- Connection made with the UCSD regarding their upcoming Community Health Worker Program
- Successful statics given regarding the Nurse Triage Program in El Cajon

Director Lenac would like the full Board to receive a presentation on the Community Health Worker program.

Board requests training on new A/V equipment prior to March 6, 2023 Board meeting.

2. Community Grants and Sponsorships Committee – Director Emerson (2/1/23)
(00:11:45)

Director Emerson reported that the February 1, 2023 Committee minutes will stand in lieu of a written report. 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:

- i. Saddles In Service – Healing for our Frontline Nurses and Medical Staff
\$20,000 (No prior funding) (Recommendation: \$20,000)

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

- **\$20,000 to Saddles In Service for “Healing for our Frontline Nurses and Medical Staff”**

Founder, Tammy Oluvic, of Saddles In Service appeared before the Board via Zoom to answer questions and briefly discuss the background of the program, which originated through veteran’s, active duty, and first responders. They consider nurses first responders, their daughter is an ICU nurse at Sharp, and their son is a medically retired police officer.

b) Consideration of Sponsorship Requests

Recommended for funding:

- i. Sharp HospiceCare: 20th Annual Benefit Dinner & Regatta (\$10,000)
(Recommendation: \$10,000)

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

- **\$10,000 to Sharp HospiceCare for “20th Annual Benefit Dinner & Regatta”**

With this sponsorship award, the total amount awarded exceeds the line-item budget for grants by \$16,285. There is \$92,000 available in a different line-item budget for sponsorship and support. There will be money remaining due to payment of the GHF Gala being paid early and the Community Health Needs Assessment not being paid within this fiscal year. This is a one-year budget item that will not be available in future years’ budget.

Motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0), to transfer \$16,285 from the sponsorship and support budget to the community grants budget in order to appropriately fund the Sharp HospiceCare 20th Annual Benefit Dinner & Regatta.

3. Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Director Emerson (1/25/23)

Director Emerson reported that the January 25, 2023 Committee minutes will stand in lieu of a written report. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

a) Presentation: Community Health Engagement (Amy Abrams, Christian Wallis) **(00:22:15)**

CCHO Abrams gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Community Health team and their engagement. The presentation included an overview of the staff, areas of responsibility, new health and wellness programs, local outreach events, relationship-building, site visits, public engagements, communication activities, social media, and strategic initiatives.

b) Recommendation: Consideration to Approve Rural Health Coalition Discharge Partnership Financial Request (\$60,000) **(00:54:55)**

CEO Wallis gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Rural Health Coalition Post-Discharge Follow-up Pilot Program. This presentation included an overview of the coalition history, participating organizations, initiatives, and pilot program details, including scope, process, readmission rates (for both urban and rural), and the defined rural zones (9 zip codes). Brief discussion surrounding the hiring of the nurse and the inquiry of Supervisor Fletcher's office participation. The District programs and outreach budget will fund this program.

Attorney Scott mentioned that a contract will need to be drafted with the County to define partnership details and legalities.

Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the Rural Health Coalition Discharge Partnership with Supervisor Anderson's office for the Post-Discharge Follow-Up Pilot Program of \$60,000.

4. Facilities Committee – Director Hall (1/25/23) **(01:30:20)**

Director Hall reported that the January 25, 2023 Committee minutes will stand in lieu of a written report. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Recommendation: Consideration to Approve the Repurpose of Funding for a A/C Unit and Shade Coverings in the Library of \$42,000

Motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the repurpose of funding for an A/C unit and shade coverings in the Library of \$42,000.

Funds will be taken from the flooring District budget line item. Shades will be used to keep sun damage away from the books.

5. Finance Committee – Director Lenac (2/8/23) **(01:32:10)**

Director Lenac reported that the Committee met on February 8, 2023. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Recommendation: Consideration to Authorize CEO to Engage Nigro & Nigro, PC to Perform Financial Statement Audit Services and Prepare State Controllers Report for Fiscal Years Ending 2023, 2024, and 2025 Not to Exceed \$20,500 per year

After a brief explanation from Director Lenac to the Board, **motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0), to authorize CEO to engage Nigro & Nigro, PC to perform financial statement audit services and prepare state controllers report for fiscal years ending 2023, 2024, and 2025 (not to exceed \$20,500 per year).**

Paul Kaymark with Nigro & Nigro, PC appeared before the Board and answered all questions. Attorney Scott discussed the ability of the District to disengage with the partnership and proposal. Mr. Kaymark expressed this would not be of concern.

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

6. Government, Legal & Legislative Relations Committee – Director Lenac (2/6/23)

7. Library Operations Committee – Director Chadwick (2/6/23)

G. Board Member Comments/Reports **(01:41:10)**

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

Director Hall recently attended events with the East County and Santee Chambers of Commerce and educated them on the differences between Sharp Grossmont Hospital and the District, as well as the District's scholarship programs. Director Hall also attended the UCSD reception for elected officials on February 3, 2023.

H. Information Items

1. Monthly Grant and Sponsorship Report for January 2023
2. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for January 2023
3. Monthly Financial Report for January 2023
4. 2023 Committee Assignments
5. San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Request for Nominations

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

1. Monday, March 6, 2023, 7:30 a.m.
2. Friday, March 17, 2023, 7:30 a.m.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:12 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Virginia Hall, RN, Board Secretary

Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Board President