

Memo

To: Board Members
From: Christian Wallis
Date: September 12, 2024
Subject: Government, Legal & Legislative Relations Committee Minutes – **August 7, 2024**

The Committee met on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Members of the public were able to participate by telephone, Zoom, or in-person at the Grossmont Healthcare District Conference Center, located at 9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa, CA.

Attendees: Director Virginia Hall, Chair
Gloria Chadwick, Member
Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer
Amy Abrams, Chief Community Health Officer
Tim Madden, Madden + Quinonez Advocacy (via Zoom)
Elly Maienschein, Sharp Healthcare (via Zoom)
Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel (via Zoom)
Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital

- A. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Director Hall at 1:10 p.m. Ms. Maienschein introduced new Sharp Healthcare employee, Pam Eisen, new Director of Local Government Relations (with a focus on City of San Diego and East County).
- B. Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was approved as posted.
- C. Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
- D. Reports/Discussion/Possible Action Items**

- 1. Legislative Update – Tim Madden

Mr. Madden gave the Committee a legislature update, which does not consist of much change since last Committee meeting. Legislature is out of summer recess and is back in session. The Appropriations Committee is currently going through nearly 300 bills. August 31 is the deadline for any bill to pass. Thereafter, the Governor has 30 days to take action on bills that have passed through the Appropriations Committee.

2. SB 1432 and AB 869 – 2030 Seismic Update

AB 869 is sponsored by ACHD regarding seismic standards and is only relative to small rural hospitals (not Sharp Grossmont). Both AB 869 and SB 1432 continue to move forward and both have been placed on the suspense file (where bills are sent after the state budget has been prepared and the committee better understands the revenue position).

SB 1432 is sponsored by the California Hospital Association. There have been no changes to the bill, as currently written, however, Sharp Grossmont Hospital is currently in negotiations with the Governor's office to amend. The bill as it currently stands only allows seismic extensions on a case-by-case basis. Negotiations would determine what those case-by-case bases look like. The Committee is willing to submit a letter of support and work with Ms. Maienschein and Mr. Madden to submit before August 19, 2024; if requested.

3. SB 1238 – Involuntary Hold/Substance Abuse Disorder

This bill is a follow-up to SB 43 that was signed last year. SB 43 allowed for involuntary holds on those individuals who were already diagnosed with a mental health disorder, currently having a substance abuse crisis for the gravely disabled. However, due to a lack of space within emergency departments, SB 1238 allows for counties to designate additional facilities to accept patients that are on a 5150 hold for severe substance abuse. San Diego County voted to delay the implementation of SB 1238, pending it moves forward. There is concern regarding voluntary vs. involuntary medical reimbursement. This bill is currently on the suspense file within the legislature.

4. SB 895 – BSN Pilot at Community College (AB 2104 Mirrored Bill)

SB 895 is similar to AB 2104. It allows for the state to appoint up to 15 community colleges in order to conduct a bachelor's degree nursing pilot program. Both bills are currently on the suspense file within the legislature. We should know more next Thursday as to their outcome.

5. SB 963 – Human Trafficking

This bill would require medical facilities to establish a process in order to track patients with potential human trafficking or domestic violence. The bill does not currently require the information be reported to the state but may later. This bill passed through the Appropriations Committee today and is expected to be signed by the Governor.

6. Legislative/Proposition Education Session Proposal

Roundtable discussion regarding the Committee proposed legislative information session. Proposed date is October 10 with a speaker from the Voter of Registration on how to vote/voting deadlines, along with a third party to describe healthcare-related propositions objectively. The event would be promoted through the District's newsletter, programs calendar, social media, etc. Attorney Scott shed light on how to approach this type of event.

- E. **Next Meeting** – The next regularly scheduled meeting is on calendar for Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Director Hall will be out of town this date, so it will be rescheduled.
- F. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.