

Hospital Authority of Houston County – Meeting Summary, April 2007

During their regular session meeting, the Hospital Authority of Houston County discussed the following agenda items:

RECOGNITIONS

The Hospital Authority recognized the Volunteer Auxiliaries and Chaplaincy programs of Houston Medical Center and Perry Hospital for their dedication and service to our organization. During the past year, volunteers donated more than 34,500 hours in service as well as financial donations to the hospitals and the Volunteer Medical Clinic.

UTILIZATION AND FINANCE

Mr. Frank Powell, Chief Financial Officer, reported that inpatient volumes during the month of March increased by more than four percent at Perry Hospital and over two percent at Houston Medical Center. Surgery volumes at Houston Medical Center remained at budget level, while over 12 percent below budget at Perry Hospital. Births at Houston Medical Center were below budget by nearly four percent.

Many of Houston Healthcare's outpatient service areas experienced increases in patient volumes when comparing March 2007 to budgeted volumes:

Houston Lake Med-Stop visits up by 4.67%

Pavilion Med-Stop visits up by 7.46%

Outpatient Visits at Perry Hospital up by 1.55%

Net Patient Revenues for the month of March for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$15.8 million, slightly below the budgeted amount of \$15.9 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$1.9 million, as compared to a budgeted amount of \$1.6 million.

During March, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$2.3 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, reflecting a strong increase in comparison to a budget of \$2.8 million.

Capital equipment expenditures for the month of March totaled \$11,500 at Houston Medical Center and \$57,065 at Perry Hospital; Long Range Strategic Planning expenditures of \$43,795 at Houston Medical Center and \$692,216 for a CT scanner and other equipment at Perry Hospital; and \$160,080 for a new 137-space parking area on Sunset Drive at Houston Medical Center and \$22,189 for renovations for Pyxis equipment at Perry Hospital.

PATIENT SELECT

Mr. Sonny Watson, Chairman of the Authority, announced that Mr. Glynn Greenway and Mr. Fred Graham have been appointed to serve as members of the Patient Select Board.

ADMINISTRATION/LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Dr. Tony Alford, CEO, reported that a contract is being finalized with the City of Warner Robins Police Department to provide a police officer in the Houston Medical Center Emergency Department beginning in mid-May during peak times, Wednesday through Sunday from 2 p.m. until 2 a.m. The presence of a police officer will help ensure a safer environment for staff, patients and visitors.

Dr. Alford also reported that Dr. Samuel Johnson will join Houston Healthcare as Executive Director of Medical Affairs at the end of May. In this position, Dr. Johnson will serve as an advisor and liaison to the medical staffs and Chiefs of Staff of Houston Medical Center and Perry Hospital and oversee several departments within the organization. Dr. Johnson joins us from Tanner Health System in Carrollton, Georgia, where he is the Medical Director. He established his medical practice in Carrollton in 1996 and has served as Chief of Staff and as Chair of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia and a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Georgia. He completed his residency in Obstetrics/Gynecology at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah and was named Chief Resident in 1986.

Mr. Skip Philips, Houston Medical Center Administrator, presented the Houston Medical Center Environment of Care Quarterly Report.

Mr. Philips also reported that Reverend Hershel D. Standard of Oakland Baptist Church in Warner Robins has been appointed to the hospital's Chaplaincy program.

Dr. Alford reported that the Authority will attend an educational conference and strategic planning session next week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.