

Hospital Authority of Houston County – Meeting Summary, August 2007

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

RECOGNITIONS

The Authority recognized Mr. Jerry West, Ms. Thaina Brown-Brake, Ms. Marilyn Peterson and Ms. Cindy Ireland for their outstanding leadership for Houston Healthcare's participation in this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Houston Healthcare's team raised more than \$16,000 for the American Cancer Society. Ms. Brown-Brake was recognized for her efforts in raising the most money by an individual in the county.

FACILITIES REPORT

Ms. Lora Davis, Administrator, reported that the new 16-slice CT scanner has been installed at Perry Hospital.

UTILIZATION/FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Frank Powell, Chief Financial Officer, reported that inpatient admissions during the month of July increased by more than six percent at Perry Hospital and while decreasing approximately three percent at Houston Medical Center, as compared to budget. Surgery and endoscopy were above budget level by over 10 percent at Houston Medical Center and over three percent above budget at Perry Hospital. Births at Houston Medical Center were less than budgeted with 141 births compared to a budgeted volume of 172. Emergency department visits were more than two percent above budget at Perry Hospital and over five percent above budget at Houston Medical Center.

Year to date, inpatient admissions are up over one percent at HMC and over six percent at Perry Hospital. Outpatient visits are down three percent at HMC while up over four percent at Perry Hospital. Surgery volumes are up by nearly three percent at HMC though down by 12 percent at PH. Births are down approximately three percent for the year. Cardiac cath at Houston Heart Insitute are up by 15 percent.

Net Patient Revenues for the month of July for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$14.8 million, above the budgeted amount of \$14.1 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$59,193, as compared to a budgeted amount of \$1.0 million.

During the first five months of the fiscal year, Houston Healthcare's net patient revenues totaled \$76.3 million, compared to a budgeted amount of \$74.0 million. Year-to-date Net Funds Available equaled \$7.4 million as compared to a budget of \$6.5 million.

During July, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$2.5 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, reflecting a decrease in comparison to a budget of \$2.4 million.

Capital equipment expenditures for the month totaled \$42,200 at HMC and \$84,939 at Perry Hospital.

Mr. Powell also reported that days in Accounts Receivable (AR) averaged 53 days during the month which is lower than the average during the past fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

The Authority approved a resolution to reorganize and restructure the Authority into a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation to better serve the healthcare needs of the community. The Hospital Authority of Houston County is one of the last hospital authorities in the state to reorganize.

Ms. Linda Watson, Executive Director of Human Resources, reported that Town Hall Talks sessions will be held in September.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Sonny Watson, Chairman, thanked the Authority members for their time in participating in numerous meetings on behalf of the Authority and for their continued leadership.

Mr. Fred Graham, Authority member, shared with the Authority the positive comments regarding Houston Medical Center which were spoken by family members during a recent funeral service for Mr. Hattaway of Warner Robins.

Dr. Tony Alford, CEO, stated his appreciation to the Authority and the Leadership Team for their efforts over the past 15 months which resulted in a successful rating and bond issue.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.