

Hospital Authority of Houston County – Meeting Summary, July 2007

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

Mr. Sonny Watson, Chairman of the Authority, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Reverend Paula Hoffman, member of the Houston Medical Center Chaplaincy.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Tony Alford, Chief Executive Officer, provided information regarding the HealthGrades 2007 Distinguished Hospital Award presented last week to Houston Medical Center. This award ranks HMC in the top 5 percent of hospitals nationwide, as HMC is one of only 242 hospitals in the nation (only 8 in Georgia) to receive this award. HealthGrades rates approximately 5,000 hospitals in the US and reviews more than 40 million Medicare charts annually. Dr. Alford thanked the staff and physicians for their efforts in making patient safety a top priority for our hospitals.

BOND RESOLUTION

The Authority approved a resolution to issue revenue bonds to finance the \$75 million construction project underway at Houston Medical Center. The resolution was presented to the Authority by Mr. Jim Pannell of Oliver, Maner & Gray, bond counsel.

UTILIZATION/FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Frank Powell, Chief Financial Officer, reported that Houston Healthcare inpatient admissions during the month of June increased by more than 23 percent at Perry Hospital and over three percent at Houston Medical Center, as compared to budget. Surgery and endoscopy volumes at Houston Medical Center were below budget level by less than one percent, while approximately eleven percent below budget at Perry Hospital. Births at Houston Medical Center were slightly less than budgeted with 165 births compared to a budgeted volume of 168. Emergency department visits were more than 16 percent above budget at Perry Hospital and six percent above budget at Houston Medical Center.

Net Patient Revenues for the month of June for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$15.2 million, above the budgeted amount of \$14 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$979,153, as compared to a budgeted amount of \$1.1 million.

During the first four months of the fiscal year, Houston Healthcare's net patient revenues totaled \$61.4 million, compared to a budgeted amount of \$59.9 million. Year-to-date Net Funds Available equaled \$7.3 million as compared to a budget of \$5.4 million.

During June, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$2.36 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, reflecting a decrease in comparison to a budget of \$2.42 million.

Capital equipment purchases during the month totaled \$91,245 at HMC; \$66,100 at Perry Hospital; and \$65,000 at HMC as part of long range strategic planning.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Daniel Deighton, HMC Chief of Staff, reported that the medical staff recently gave a donation of \$7,500 to the Houston County Volunteer Medical Clinic. He also reported that Dr. Fabian Franco was recognized by the medical staff for his efforts in improving the inpatient discharge process.

Dr. Horatio Cabasares, PH Chief of Staff, voiced appreciation to the Authority on behalf of the medical staff for providing access to the UpToDate medical information system.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Watson recognized Ms. Beth Benefield for her contributions to Houston Healthcare during her 20+ years of service. He also welcomed Mr. Ned Sanders, Chairman of the Houston County Board of Commissioners, to the Authority meeting. Mr. Sanders provided a brief update on the 2006 SPLOST projects and voiced the support of the Commissioners for the healthcare system.

The Authority approved a \$12,500 donation to the 21st Century Partnership.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.