

## **Hospital Authority of Houston County – Meeting Summary, June 2007**

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

### **UTILIZATION/FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Frank Powell, Chief Financial Officer, reported that Houston Healthcare inpatient patient volumes during the month of May decreased by more than four percent at Houston Medical Center and two percent at Perry Hospital, as compared to budget. Surgery and endoscopy volumes at Houston Medical Center were over three percent above budget level, while over four percent below budget at Perry Hospital. Births at Houston Medical Center were above budget by nearly two percent.

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

- Houston Lake Rehab visits up by 4.98%
- Pavilion Diagnostic Center visits up by 7.04%
- Outpatient Visits at HMC up by 2.64%
- Outpatient Visits at Perry Hospital up by 3.54%

Net Patient Revenues for the month of May for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$15.1 million, slightly lower than the budgeted amount of \$15.4 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$1.3 million, as compared to a budgeted amount of \$1.4 million.

During May, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$2.4 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, reflecting a slight decrease in comparison to a budget of \$2.7 million.

Mr. Powell pointed out the significant improvement during the month in net AR days, primarily due to successful chart completion and outstanding work by Patient Accounts in collections. He stated that May was a record month for Houston Healthcare for collections.

Capital equipment expenditures for the month totaled \$62,175 at Houston Medical Center, \$21,916 at Perry Hospital and \$85,000 for a new ambulance for EMS. Capital improvement expenditures for the month totaled \$24,877 at Houston Medical Center for a new roof on the 122 Hospital Drive property.

### **PATIENT SATISFACTION**

Mary Jane Kinnas, Executive Director of Marketing and Community Relations, presented the first quarter 2007 inpatient and emergency department survey scores. Mrs. Kinnas reported that outpatient surgery patients and outpatients are now being surveyed, and a quarterly report will be provided for those areas by SatisQuest later this Summer.

## **ADMINISTRATION/LEADERSHIP UPDATES**

Mr. Skip Philips, HMC Administrator, reported that the new parking lot located on Sunset Drive behind HMC will be completed in mid-July, providing 137 parking spaces. He presented an update on several construction projects including the Northwest Patient Tower, Central Energy Plant, HHI expansion and the Patient Care Area expansion near the HMC ED. All projects are on schedule. He also reported that the presence of a Warner Robins Police officer in the HMC ED has been very positive.

Mrs. Lora Davis, PH Administrator, reported that the target date for installation of the 16-slice CT scanner at Perry Hospital is August 8th. Renovation on the CT room is currently underway.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Tony Alford, CEO, reported that Houston Medical Center has been recognized nationally by HealthGrades with the 2007 Distinguished Hospital Award for Patient Safety. The award will officially be presented to HMC by HealthGrades at a special celebration scheduled for July 17th.

The Authority voted to accept an offer to purchase the United Finance building located at 1600 Watson Boulevard across the street from Houston Medical Center.

The Authority also approved a policy that all Houston Healthcare vehicles will be white with the appropriate logo and information located on the side of the vehicle.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.