

Hospital Authority of Houston County – Meeting Summary, May 2007

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

OLD BUSINESS

Houston Medical Center Parking Lot

Mr. Skip Philips, HMC Administrator, updated the Authority on the progress of the new parking lot on Sunset Drive. Upon completion in later this Summer, the lot will provide 137 additional spaces and will allow the hospital to begin offering valet parking services. Houses are currently being removed from the lot, and construction will begin next week.

Warner Robins Police Officer - HMC ED

Mr. Philips reported that several Warner Robins Police Department officers began orientation today in preparation for being stationed in the HMC Emergency Department. The officers will rotate working shifts to provide security from 4 pm until 4 am Wednesday through Sunday.

Perry Hospital CT Scanner

Ms. Lora Davis, Administrator, reported that the Purchase Order had been issued for the 16-slice CT scanner to be installed in late August/early September at Perry Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Frank Powell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the annual audit report conducted by Draffin & Tucker, CPA.

Mr. Powell also reported that Houston Healthcare inpatient patient volumes during the month of April increased by more than nine percent at Houston Medical Center and over four percent at Perry Hospital. Surgery volumes at Houston Medical Center were over six percent above budget level, while approximately 11 percent below budget at Perry Hospital. Births at Houston Medical Center were above budget by more than 11 percent.

Net Patient Revenues for the month of April for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$15.2 million, above the budgeted amount of \$14.5 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$3.1 million, as compared to a budgeted amount of \$1.3 million.

During April, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$2.3 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, reflecting a slight decrease in comparison to a budget of \$2.4 million.

Capital equipment expenditures for the month totaled \$251,824 at Houston Medical Center, \$58,125 at Perry Hospital; \$382,035 as part of Long Range Strategic Planning; and \$431,000 for information systems.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Todd Kinnebrew, Vice Chief of Staff at HMC, and Dr. Horatio Cabasares, Chief of Staff at Perry Hospital, presented the medical staff reports.

QUALITY

Ms. Davis presented the Perry Hospital Environment of Care Q1 2007 report. She reported that the security camera installation at Perry Hospital is complete.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Authority approved the recommendation of Thomas R. Qualls, Chaplain of Heart of Georgia Hospice, to the Perry Hospital Chaplaincy.

Ms. Mary Jane Kinnas, Executive Director of Marketing and Community Relations, updated the Authority on recent community events and programs sponsored by Houston Healthcare, including the organization's participation in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life under the leadership of Jerry West, Cindy Ireland and Marilyn Peterson. The Houston Healthcare team raised approximately \$16,000 and was awarded by the ACS as one of the top teams with most money raised. Ms. Thaina Brown-Brake, EduCare, was awarded the individual with most money raised with \$5217.

HMC CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Philips gave an update on the Central Energy Plan construction, thanking the city and county for their support. He also reported on the Patient Care Area expansion within the HMC Emergency Department. This 3,300-square-foot area will provide a 10-bay patient care unit. A temporary entrance into the ED will be constructed over the next several weeks. Completion of the new area is anticipated in November.

Mr. Philips and Ms. Davis also reported to the Authority on recent Hospital Week activities held to extend appreciation to all of our staff for their hard work and dedication in providing care to our patients, their families and our community.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Sonny Watson, Chairman of the Authority, introduced Dr. Sam Johnson, Executive Director of Medical Affairs. Mr. Watson also recognized Mr. Ned Sanders, Chairman of the Houston County Commissioners who provided an update on road construction under the SPLOST funding, as well as the landfill and airport expansions.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.