

## **Hospital Authority of Houston County – Meeting Summary, April 2008**

During their regular session meeting this evening, the Hospital Authority discussed the following information:

### **FINANCIAL/UTILIZATION REPORT**

Mr. Frank Powell, Chief Financial Officer, reported that inpatient admissions during the month of March increased by nearly nine percent at Perry Hospital while remained slightly below budgeted volumes at Houston Medical Center. Surgery volumes were below budget by over 13 percent at Houston Medical Center and seven percent at Perry Hospital. Births at Houston Medical Center were below budget by over six percent.

Houston Healthcare outpatient service areas experienced increases in patient volumes when comparing March 2008 to budgeted volumes:

- Houston Lake Med-Stop visits up by 5.43%
- Houston Lake Rehab visits up by 18.43%
- Pavilion Rehab visits up by 13.11%
- Outpatient Visits at Perry Hospital up by 16.18%

Net Patient Revenues for the month of March for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$16.8 million, slightly below the budgeted amount of \$17.2 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$1.48 million, equal to the budgeted amount of \$1.48 million.

During March, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$2.3 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, reflecting a decrease in comparison to a budget of \$3.4 million.

Net Accounts Receivable days for the month totaled 46.8 days. Capital equipment expenditures for the month totaled \$58,000 at Perry Hospital and \$41,000 at Houston Medical Center. Capital improvements equaled \$21,165 for the purchase of anesthesia equipment at Perry Hospital, and \$14,200 as part of long range strategic planning at Houston Medical Center.

The Authority also authorized the Finance Committee to make revisions to the Investment Policy for the organization.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Lynne Thomas Gordon, Administrator of Houston Medical Center, presented the Houston Medical Center quarterly Environment of Care report.

Dr. Dan Deighton, HMC Chief of Staff, reported that electronic signature has been fully implemented. He also that Dr. Dave Harvey has taken on a new position as Director of the District Public Health office.

Mr. Skip Philips, Interim Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on several facilities projects. The new Medical Office Building expansion at Perry Hospital has

been completed. The Northwest Tower project at Houston Medical Center remains on schedule with the Lower Lobby and first floor scheduled to open in November.

Mr. Philips also recognized Ms. Melissa Turrell, Director of Volunteer Services, and the volunteers of Houston Medical Center and Perry Hospital who will be recognized at a lunch next week in honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week. Over 175 volunteers at both hospitals gave more than 31,000 hours of service this past year. In addition, they also donated funds to the hospitals, including a \$10,000 donation to the Houston County Volunteer Medical Clinic and a recent donation of \$20,000 for pediatric life support kits for every EMS ambulance.

Ms. Tommi Gill, Chief Nurse Executive, gave an update on plans for National Nurses Week to be held May 6 - 12. The theme of Nurses Week this year is "Nurses: Making A Difference Every Day." A committee of nurses is planning events and activities to be held during the week to recognize nurses at Houston Medical Center, Perry Hospital, Houston Health Pavilion and Houston Lake Med-Stop/Occupational Health.

Mr. Philips informed the Authority that National Hospital Week will also be held in May with a theme of "Where Healing Happens Everyday." This week will honor and recognize the 1,900 employees working at Houston Healthcare and their efforts to provide quality medical care and access to care for our community.

The invocation for the meeting was given by Perry Hospital Chaplain Reverend Ryan Harrington of Perry Crossroads Church of God.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.