

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

During their February 27, 2008 regular session meeting, the Hospital Authority of Houston County discussed the following agenda items:

### **RECOGNITIONS**

The Authority recognized the registration staff of the Houston Lake and Pavilion Med-Stops for their outstanding work. The Authority also recognized and thanked Mrs. Trudie Warren for her eight years of service to the Authority.

### **UTILIZATION/FINANCIAL REPORT**

Houston Healthcare experienced a decrease in inpatient admissions compared to budget during the month of January, with inpatient volumes decreasing nearly four percent at Houston Medical Center and nearly 17 percent at Perry Hospital. Emergency department visits during January were below budget level by more than eight percent at Perry Hospital, while nearly 17 percent below budget at Houston Medical Center. Inpatient and outpatient surgeries were below budget by approximately four percent at Houston Medical Center, while above budget by over 13 percent at Perry Hospital during the month. Newborn deliveries increased by more than three percent over budget at The Women's Center.

Many of Houston Healthcare's outpatient service areas experienced increases in patient volumes when comparing January 2008 to budgeted volumes:

- *Houston Lake Med-Stop visits up by .72%*
- *Pavilion Rehab visits up by 3.88%*
- *Houston Lake Rehab visits up by 5.90%*

Net Patient Revenues for the month of January for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$18.7 million, above the budgeted amount of \$14.9 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$989,123 million, as compared to a budgeted amount of \$1.4 million.

During January, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$3.9 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, close to the budgeted level of \$2.6 million.

Through eleven months of the fiscal year, net patient revenues exceeded \$179.2 million, compared to a budget of \$164.5 million. Net Funds Available for capital improvements exceeded \$20.3 million, compared to a budget of \$14.4 million.

Capital equipment expenditures for the month totaled \$37,400 at Houston Medical Center, \$50,963 for Perry Hospital and \$186,000 for the purchase of two new ambulances for the EMS. Capital improvement expenditures for the month totaled \$34,800 for the renovation of the Emergency Department admissions area.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Reports on Information Technology and Patient Satisfaction were presented to the Authority. Mrs. Linda Watson, Executive Director of Human Resources, presented an

update on the Health and Pharmacy Benefits Program. Houston Healthcare's Employee Healthcare costs totaled \$6.8 million in 2007, a reduction in comparison to \$6.9 million in 2006. Pharmacy costs totaled \$1.5 million in 2007, compared to \$1.6 million in 2006. The annual cost per employee averaged \$7,612 in 2007, compared to \$8,514 in 2006. The Employee Pharmacy, which opened in October 2007, has resulted in a 25 percent cost savings during its first three months of operation.

The Authority approved the appointment of Rev. Clarence "Nick" Randall (retired) and Rev. Jason "Ryan" Harrington, pastor of New Covenant Church of God in Perry, to the Perry Hospital Chaplaincy.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Skip Philips, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the construction projects at Houston Medical Center. Sitework and landscaping is continuing on the Central Energy Plant and the start up of major equipment is underway. The Northwest Bed Tower remains on schedule.

The Authority received and accepted with regret the resignation of Dr. Anthony L. Alford, Chief Executive Officer, to be effective March 1, 2008. Mr. Sonny Watson, Chairman of the Authority, acknowledged and thanked Dr. Alford for leading Houston Healthcare through a leadership transition while continuing to move the organization in a positive direction. Mr. Watson voiced his appreciation for the leadership Dr. Alford has provided to Houston Healthcare since 2001 as Executive Director of Medical Affairs and during his tenure as CEO.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.