

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

During their meeting this evening, the Hospital Authority of Houston County discussed the following items:

### **RECOGNITION**

The Authority recognized individuals representing HIS, Nursing, Pharmacy and Respiratory Therapy for their time and efforts in implementing the Bedside Medication Verification system throughout Houston Medical Center and Perry Hospital.

### **UTILIZATION/FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Frank Powell, CFO, reported that Houston Healthcare inpatient patient volumes during the month of June increased by nearly 5 percent at Houston Medical Center and over 30 percent at Perry Hospital, as compared to budget. Surgery and endoscopy volumes at Houston Medical Center were below budget level by over eight percent, while above budget by five percent at Perry Hospital. Births at Houston Medical Center were above budget by over 12 percent.

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

- Houston Lake Rehab visits up by 27.13%
- Houston Lake Med-Stop visits up by 25.34%
- Pavilion Med-Stop visits up by 15.93%
- Pavilion Rehab visits up by 12.81%
- Pavilion Diagnostic Center visits up by 3.96%
- Outpatient Visits at HMC up by 7.36%
- Outpatient Visits at Perry Hospital up by 9.35%

For the month of June, Net Funds Available reflected a loss of \$3.9 million, compared to a budget of \$1.4 million. This was a result of a significant downward turn in the investment market, as Houston Healthcare's investment income declined by \$5.5 million for the month.

However, for the four months of FYE 09, Net Patient Revenues for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$66.7 million, above the budgeted amount of \$65.9 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$5 million, as compared to a budgeted amount of \$5.8 million.

During June, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$3.3 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, reflecting a slight increase in comparison to a budget of \$3.15 million.

The Authority approved capital improvement expenditures of \$31,320 at Houston Medical Center and capital expenditures as part of the long range strategic plan equaling \$1.6 million at Houston Medical Center and \$22,600 at Perry Hospital.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Skip Philips, CEO, provided an update to the Authority on facility construction projects including the Northwest Patient Tower at HMC and the renovations ongoing at 1600 Watson Boulevard. He expressed appreciation to the Engineering Department staff for their work on the Tower and Central Energy Plant projects. Mr. Philips also commented to the Authority on the growth in patient volumes (5% at Houston Medical Center and 20% at Perry Hospital). He recognized the tremendous efforts of the staff, physicians and volunteers in working very hard to meet the needs of our patients and the community during this very busy time.

Mr. Philips also welcomed Mr. Michael O'Hara, Sr. Executive Director of Human Resources, to the Authority meeting.

Mr. Sonny Watson, Chairman of the Authority, discussed the ED Task Force that has been established to address issues with patient throughput in the Emergency Departments. This group will be reporting back to the Authority at the August meeting. Mr. Fred Graham voiced his appreciation to the staff at both Emergency Departments and the Med-Stops for their hard work in dealing with the tremendous growth in the number of patients seen on a daily basis. Mr. Watson also thanked the ED staff at both facilities for doing an outstanding job in dealing with the high volume of patients.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.