

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

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Thomas Qualls of Serenity Hospice and member of the Houston Medical Center and Perry Hospital Chaplains.

The Authority recognized several departments at Houston Healthcare that have achieved a level of excellence for patient satisfaction.

The Outpatient Surgery and Endoscopy Departments throughout Houston Healthcare, including Perry Hospital, Houston Medical Center and The Surgery Center, were the benchmark among VHA Georgia hospitals participating in the Outpatient Surgery patient satisfaction survey for first quarter 2008. Additionally, the Perry Hospital Endoscopy department earned perfect scores of 100 in Overall Quality of Nurses and Willingness to Recommend.

In the Outpatient Services survey, HMC Neurology scored 100 in Staff Dignity and Respect. Houston Lake Rehab scored 100 in 17 categories including Overall Quality of Staff, Visit Experience, Customer Service and Willingness to Recommend.

### **UTILIZATION/FINANCE REPORT**

Houston Healthcare inpatient patient volumes during the month of May increased by more than five percent at Houston Medical Center and over 26 percent at Perry Hospital, as compared to budget. Surgery and endoscopy volumes at Houston Medical Center were slightly below budget level, while above budget by nearly 12 percent at Perry Hospital. Births at Houston Medical Center were below budget by two percent.

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

- Houston Lake Rehab visits up by 25.22%
- Houston Lake Med-Stop visits up by 12.48%
- Outpatient Visits at HMC up by 3%
- Outpatient Visits at Perry Hospital up by 8.72%

Net Patient Revenues for the month of May for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$16.8 million, above the budgeted amount of \$116.6 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$2.8 million, as compared to a budgeted amount of \$1.7 million.

For the three months of FYE 09, Net Patient Revenues for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$50.6 million, above the budgeted amount of \$49.8 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$8.9 million, as compared to a budgeted amount of \$4.5 million.

During May, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$3.05 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, reflecting a slight decrease in comparison to a budget of \$3.25 million.

Capital equipment expenditures equaled \$128,628 at HMC and \$39,500 at Perry Hospital. Long range strategic planning expenditures equaled \$312,190 at Houston Medical Center.

### **MEDICAL STAFF REPORTS**

Dr. Dan Deighton, Vice Chairman of the Authority and Chief of Staff at Houston Medical Center, reported that the HMC Medical Executive Committee will not meet in July due to the July 4th Holiday. The next General Medical Staff meeting will be held July 14th.

Dr. Horatio Cabasares, Chief of Staff at Perry Hospital, reported that Dr. Kimberli Carpenter, Anesthesiologist, has replaced Dr. Terry Ham on the Medical Executive Committee.

### **FACILITIES UPDATE**

Mr. Skip Philips reported that site work has begun on the Highway 96 property in preparation for construction of a medical office building. He also reported that a building permit is being issued for renovation work on the building at 1600 Watson Boulevard which will house Human Resources and other support services. The Authority approved \$348,000 for renovation costs for the building.

### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Authority presented a contract for Mr. Philips as Chief Executive Officer for Houston Healthcare.

### **CEO's COMMENTS**

Mr. Philips announced two leadership changes: Mr. David Campbell has been named Administrator of Perry Hospital effective immediately. Mr. Michael O'Hara will be joining Houston Healthcare on July 7th as Senior Executive Director of Human Resources.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.