

Hospital Authority of Houston County – Meeting Summary, March 2008

During their March 26, 2008 regular session meeting, the Hospital Authority of Houston County discussed the following agenda items:

UTILIZATION/FINANCIAL REPORT

Houston Medical Center experienced an increase in inpatient admissions during the month of February, with inpatient volumes increasing over 11 percent above budget at Houston Medical Center while approximately five percent below budget at Perry Hospital. Emergency department visits during February were above budget level by more than nine percent at Perry Hospital, while nearly 11 percent below budget at Houston Medical Center. Inpatient and outpatient surgeries exceeded budget by approximately two percent at Houston Medical Center and over 33 percent at Perry Hospital during the month. Newborn deliveries increased by more than 21 percent over budget at The Women's Center.

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

- Houston Lake Med-Stop visits up by 7.05%
- Pavilion Rehab visits up by 7.82%
- Outpatient Visits at Houston Medical Center up by 18.71%

Net Patient Revenues for the month of February for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$19 million, above the budgeted amount of \$14 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$3.9 million, as compared to a budgeted amount of \$1 million.

During February, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$3.1 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, close to the budgeted level of \$2.5 million. For the fiscal year ending February 29, 2008, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$35.1 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, as compared to a budgeted level of \$30.9 million.

Through the twelve months of the fiscal year (ending February 29, 2008), net patient revenues exceeded \$196.8 million, compared to a budget of \$176.9 million. Net Funds Available for capital improvements exceeded \$24.3 million, compared to a budget of \$15.4 million and reflecting an operating margin of 12 percent.

Capital equipment expenditures for the month totaled \$317,300 at Houston Medical Center and \$227,280 for Perry Hospital to include the purchase of replacement CR units at both facilities. Additionally, a Long Range Strategic Plan expenditure of \$124,600 was approved for the purchase of an Operating Room Management System for the Surgical Services departments at Houston Medical Center, Perry Hospital and The Surgery Center.

NEW BUSINESS

The Annual Community Relations and the Perry Hospital Environment of Care reports were presented to the Authority. David Campbell, Interim Administrator of Perry

Hospital, reported that the hand hygiene compliance rate at Perry Hospital improved to 91 percent during the month of February.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Authority approved the recommendation of Mr. Sonny Watson, Chairman, to change Mr. Skip Philips' title of Chief Operating Officer to Interim Chief Executive Officer with a salary adjustment effective March 1, 2008. Mr. Philips thanked the members of the Authority for their support during this time of transition and for their support of the Leadership Team and the staff of Houston Healthcare as they continued their focus on providing patient care.

Mr. Philips provided an update on the construction projects at Houston Medical Center. The Northwest Bed Tower remains on schedule with plans to move into the Lower Lobby and First Floor (including new Lobby, Dining Area, Admissions Area, etc.) in November. The Central Energy Plant is being brought online. Mr. Philips commented that both Flint Energies and the City of Warner Robins have been very supportive in helping the Central Energy Plant become operational. Mr. Watson commended the hospital staff working with Gilbane Construction in keeping the project on schedule and within budget.

Mr. Jack Ragland, Authority member, read a letter he received from a patient commending the Perry Hospital staff and Dr. Jonathan Velasquez for the care she received during a recent inpatient stay.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.