

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

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

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Representative Larry O'Neal presented the Legislative Life Service Award to Dr. Inman C. "Buddy" English for his 35 years of service to our community and his dedication to the well-being of children of Middle Georgia. He is the first ever Houston County resident to receive this distinguished award.

Mr. Sonny Watson, Chairman of the Hospital Authority, presented a Resolution of Appreciation on behalf of the Authority to Dr. English in gratitude for the great and significant contributions he has made to Houston Medical Center, Houston County and the State of Georgia. The Authority also has named the Children's Play Area on the Houston Medical Center Pediatrics Unit in honor of Dr. English.

### **FINANCIAL/UTILIZATION REPORT**

Mr. Frank Powell, Chief Financial Officer, reported that inpatient admissions during the month of April increased by over eight percent at Perry Hospital and nearly seven percent at Houston Medical Center compared to budgeted volumes. Surgery volumes were slightly below budget at Houston Medical Center, while above budget by 42 percent at Perry Hospital. Births at Houston Medical Center were above budget by three percent for the month of April.

Net Patient Revenues for the month of April for Houston Healthcare exceeded \$16.8 million, slightly above the budgeted amount of \$16 million. The organization ended the month with Net Funds Available of \$4.7 million, equal to the budgeted amount of \$1.3 million.

During April, Houston Healthcare incurred more than \$2.4 million in uncollectible, indigent and charity care deductions, reflecting a decrease in comparison to a budget of \$3.2 million.

Capital equipment expenditures for the month totaled \$40,000 at Perry Hospital and \$149,233 at Houston Medical Center. Capital improvements equaled \$20,000 for the purchase of additional security cameras at Perry Hospital, and \$50,118 at Houston Medical Center for the purchase of a Removal/Fuel Tank and the HVAC system. Long-Range Strategic Planning purchases totaled \$60,000 for the purchase of CR Units at Pavilion and Houston Lake Med-Stops, and \$9,203 at Perry Hospital.

The accounting firm of Draffin & Tucker presented the annual financial audit for Fiscal Year Ending 2008 for Houston Healthcare.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Dan Deighton, HMC Chief of Staff, reported that the Medical Staff presented a \$5,000 donation to the Houston County Volunteer Medical Clinic in honor of Dr. David N. Harvey.

The Authority approved the application of Reverend George Masciarelli, Jr., pastor of Marshallville United Methodist Church, to the chaplaincy of Perry Hospital.

Ms. Mary Jane Kinnas, Executive Director of Marketing/Community Relations, presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008 Patient Satisfaction Survey results and the recent HCAHPS patient satisfaction survey results publicly reported through CMS. The Authority congratulated the outpatient surgery and endoscopy departments at Perry Hospital and Houston Medical Center, and also the staff of The Surgery Center, for their outstanding efforts in achieving the benchmark for Overall Quality of Care among VHA Georgia hospitals.

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 and is fully utilized. The Central Energy Plant at Houston Medical Center is completely operational. He thanked the Engineering Staff and Lynne Thomas Gordon for their work. The Authority approved plans to renovate the office building at 1600 Watson Boulevard.

Mr. Philips also reported that the retention rate for first year employees for the past 12 months is 90.2 percent, and that the retention rate for first year employees for the first four months of 2008 is 93 percent. He thanked the staff and managers for their efforts to retain employees.

The invocation for the meeting was given by Chaplain Thomas Qualls of Serenity Hospice Care.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.