

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEQUOIA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
June 4, 2008
 Sequoia Room, Sequoia Hospital,
 170 Alameda de las Pulgas, Redwood City, CA 94062

Directors Present

Director Faro
 Director Hickey
 Director Horsley
 Director Kane

Directors Excused

Director MacNaughton

Also Present

Mr. Mahadevan, Interim
 Executive Director
 Mr. Hudak, Legal Counsel
 Ms. Johnson, Recorder

1. Call to Order

By: President Kane

Time: 4:05pm

2. Public Comment/Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Pamela Kurtzman, HeartSafe program manager, announced that a second life had been saved at Woodside High School using an AED placed there by Sequoia Healthcare District. Ms. Kurtzman introduced Richard Mitra who collapsed on the track at Woodside after completing a moderate workout with his supervisor, Lance Morrison and 3 colleagues. Ms. Kurtzman congratulated the group and presented them with commemorative pins.

President Kane acknowledged Ms. Stephani Scott, previous District CEO and continuing member of the HeartSafe Committee, for starting the HeartSafe program on behalf of the District.

Ms. Glenna Vaskelis provided a brief update on the hospital rebuild project and that the parking garage is under construction.

Mr. Kent Mickelson, executive director of the Center for Independent Development thanked the Board for their earlier grant to fund \$25,000 for three years for emergency preparedness. Mr. Mickelson stated that more than 1,000 people now have emergency kits and CID is collaborating with other nonprofits to work on emergency preparedness plans.

Director Don Horsley reported that he, President Kane, Director Faro and Mr. Mahadevan attended the recent annual Progress Seminar. One topic of interest was affordable housing for physicians, nurses, law enforcement and other first responders.

3.a. - 3.b. Consent Calendar

Director Hickey requested that Item 3.a. (April 2, 2008 minutes) be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Motion: To approve item 3.b. March and April 2008 Financial Statements.

By: Director Faro

Seconded by: Director Horsley

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

Director Hickey asked that item 5.g of the April 2nd minutes reflect that Mr. Mahadevan was to research placing audio recordings from the existing tape on the website and report his findings back to the Board.

Motion: To approve item 3.a (April 2, 2008 minutes) as revised.

By: Director Faro
Seconded by: Director Horsley
Vote: 4-0
Motion Passed

4. Executive Report

In addition to the report included in the Board packet, Mr. Mahadevan reported that All Bay Valuation informed him that the appraisal of 2900 Whipple Avenue provided by them on March 19, 2008 was a draft and that their analysis is now complete, which has resulted in a valuation of \$14,500,000 down from the \$15,000,000 reflected in the March draft. All Bay stated that its conclusions are based upon additional consideration of recent events in the real estate market and the addition of two more medical office building sales into the analysis. Mr. Mahadevan requested that All Bay's final report explain the process by which they prepared the final report. Mr. Mahadevan will advise the Board when All Bay's final report is received.

Mr. Mahadevan attended a Pension Plan Committee meeting and the funds performance exceeds its benchmarks. Any contribution to the Plan will most likely be less than in prior years.

5.a. Consider Grant Request of \$1.6 million for One Year to the San Mateo County Medical Clinic Fair Oaks

Mr. Mahadevan introduced Dr. Sang-ick Chang, Medical Director of the San Mateo County Medical Clinic. Dr. Chang introduced Mr. Jonathan Messinger, Manager of the Fair Oaks Clinic and Dr. Jeanette Aviles, Medical Director and practicing physician of the Fair Oaks Clinic.

Dr. Chang spoke to the County's shared vision to insure basic healthcare and safety for all and to help vulnerable people achieve a better quality of life. The Fair Oaks Clinic provides primary medical care, perinatal care and management of chronic diseases. In fiscal year 2007 the clinic had over 21,000 adult visit serving more than 3,500 adults. Forty percent of the 3,500 have no health insurance and rely on the county and District for health care. Virtually all Fair Oaks Clinic patients live within the Sequoia Healthcare District's boundaries and the majority are the working poor and their families. The Blue Ribbon Task force estimates there are 6,500-7,800 uninsured adults in the District and at \$3,540 per patient, District funds can cover over 470 uninsured individuals a year.

Dr. Aviles introduced two patients of the Fair Oaks Clinic who spoke to the high level of care they received and how that care made positive changes to their lives.

In response to questions from Directors, Dr. Chang said that the Clinic and Samaritan House do not overlap services as there are so many under or uninsured residents within the District. Patients who can afford payment are charged a fee based on their ability to pay.

Motion: To approve a one year grant of \$1.6 million to the San Mateo County Medical Fair Oaks Clinic.

By: Director Faro
Seconded by: President Kane
Vote: 3-1 with Director Hickey opposed
Motion Passed

**5.b. Community Grants Program 2007-2008: Approve Programs
Recommended for Funding**

Director Horsley, a member of the Community Grants Committee, introduced Ms. Diana Haigwood, manager of the Grants Program. Ms. Haigwood stated that the focus of this round of grants were on disaster preparedness, youth and elder services. The Committee took the Board's earlier comments seriously and cut back on the budget and eliminated a non-profit which could not prove that they served District residents. Director Horsley added that he and Mr. Mahadevan made several site visits with Ms. Haigwood and were impressed by the visits and the standards to which the organizations are held accountable.

Director Hickey suggested postponing the grants until after the District's strategic planning process is complete. President Kane responded that it had been decided at an earlier board meeting to move forward with the grants for 2007-2008.

Motion: To approve grants to 15 non-profit organizations totaling \$999,773 as recommended by the Community Grants Committee.

By: Director Faro

Seconded by: Director Horsley

Vote: 3-1 with Director Hickey opposed

Motion Passed

5.b.1. Redwood City School District Funding Request for Nurse

Mr. Mahadevan reported that this grant request did not follow the Community Grant process and was submitted too late to be included.

Two school district nurses spoke to the grant request clarifying that it was submitted late due to a misunderstanding of the Memorandum of Understanding for an earlier three year grant to fund school nurses. The Oral Health Education program seeks to improve the health of school age children by teaching them how to prevent tooth decay by practicing good oral hygiene and maintaining a nutritious, healthy diet. A secondary outcome, decreased childhood obesity will ideally be achieved. They also refer students to CHI, San Mateo Medical Clinic and Samaritan House.

Motion: To approve a \$100,000 grant to the Redwood City School District to fund a school nurse for fiscal year 2008-2009.

By: Director Horsley

Seconded by: Director Faro

Vote: 3-1 with Director Hickey opposed

Motion Passed

Director Horsley suggested the program come up with better measurements and be included within the Community Grants program for monitoring purposes.

5.c. Consider Resolution 08-1 Urging Legislative Passage and Enactment of California Assembly Bill 1944 Authorizing Direct Employment of Physicians by Healthcare Districts

President Kane explained that ACHD is requesting support of Assembly Bill 1944 which would allow direct employment of physicians by California's public health care districts, enabling the district to recruit physicians and to establish and maintain clinics to serve uninsured, underinsured and other at-risk residents on a cost effective basis.

Motion: To waive reading of Resolution 08-1.

By: Director Faro

Seconded by: Director Horsley

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

Motion: To adopt Resolution 08-1.

By: Director Faro

Seconded by: Director Horsley

Vote: 3-1 with Director Hickey opposed.

Motion Passed

Director Hickey stated that the Board should also consider supporting AB 2743 in support of medical marijuana. President Kane will research the bill as part of her ACHD participation.

5.d. Resolution 08-2 Determining Date and Adopting Provisions for the 2008 Sequoia Healthcare District General Election

Mr. Hudak noted that the resolution recites the requirements of the County's Election Department for the November 2008 general election.

Director Hickey thought the District, rather than the candidates, should pay for the candidates' statements. Mr. Hudak replied that considering such a change would be more appropriate in a non-election year.

Motion: To waive reading of Resolution 08-2.

By: Director Faro

Seconded by: President Kane

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

Motion: To adopt Resolution 08-2.

By: Director Faro

Seconded by: Director Horsley

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

5.e. Consider Extending contract with Dev Mahadevan as Interim Executive Director

Motion: To extend Mr. Mahadevan's contract indefinitely until strategic planning process is complete.

By: President Kane

Seconded by: Director Horsley

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

6.a. Update From Board Subcommittee on Strategic Planning

Mr. Mahadevan reported that a series of in-person and telephone interviews were conducted by the Camden Group and they are now compiling the information and data to be presented to the Board at a public meeting on Wednesday, July 16 at 4:00.

Director Hickey suggested that the overarching concern relative to continuing the collection of taxes and the dissolution of the district should be included on the agenda for the meeting. The other board members did not agree and it would be appropriate to include such an item at the July 16 meeting.

6. b. Update from Board Subcommittee on 525 Veterans Blvd.

Ms. Kane stated that there are several problems that need to be repaired before tenant improvements can begin. Mr. Mahadevan reported that any structural issues to be addressed will be added to the tenant improvements (TI) project as part of the bidding. The architect is also working on options for the exterior of the building and if those approvals are delayed, the interior improvements will become a separate project.

7. Adjourn

Motion: At 6:00PM, adjourn meeting.

By: Director Faro

Seconded by: Director Horsley

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Sequoia Healthcare District's Board of Directors is Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 4:30pm, Sequoia Room, Sequoia Hospital.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Horsley, Secretary