

**MINUTES
LOWER FLORIDA KEYS HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 30, 2021**

PRESENT: Mrs. Ovide, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Muir, Mr. Levin, Dr. Chambers,

ABSENT: Mr. Hammond

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Fishman (via phone), Mr. Clay, Mr. Yasin (via phone), Mr. Cates, Mr. Sterling and Mr. Schillinger

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Thompson led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on June 21, 2021 were reviewed as presented:

**Mrs. Ovide motioned to approve the minutes to be accepted as presented,
Mr. Muir seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: DR. THOMPSON

Dr. Thompson advised every one of the 2018 lawsuit that was filed and she forwarded it to all the board members.

HOSPITAL CEO REPORT: MR. CLAY

Mr. Clay presented his report to the board. The hospital continues to work hard to improve quality of care and The hospital is doing a great job handling the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 70% of Monroe County is vaccinated. The hospital is working with the Department of Health to setup some services for the community for infusion treatments

Currently have 36 covid patients in house and 7 of them are located in the Depoo facility. The hospital has a new policy starting September 6th, for any employee that is not vaccinated will be tested every 2 weeks.

A copy of Mr. Clay's report is attached to the official minutes.

DELEGATE TO CHS BOARD: MR. GREEN

Mr. Green didn't have much to add to Mr. Clay's report but wanted to let the board know that the hospital isn't doing a good enough job sharing information to the community. He thinks DOH and hospital could do a better job and more transparent. Mr. Green gave kudos to Dr. Norris for sharing all the information in the social media world.

A copy of Mr. Green's report is attached to the official minutes.

NURSING HOME CEO REPORT- MR. BERELOWITZ

Mr. Berelowitz was not present at the meeting and didn't supply a report

NURSING HOME ADVISORY BOARD REPORT- MR. HAMMOND

Mr. Hammond was not present at the meeting and didn't supply a report

AUDITOR'S REPORT: MR. HILL

Mr. Hill provided the engagement letter to the District and planning communication. The audit will be presented in February or March 2022.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: MR. FISHMAN:

Mr. Fishman had three items on his report which is the deemed assignment from PFM, the sidewalk lawsuit and the county/housing authority presentation.

Mr. Fishman gave the board a brief history of the district and in regards to the ambit of the enabling act. The County attorney wrote Mr. Fishman a letter asking the District to obtain a declaratory decree or seek an attorney general opinion for financial support of Poinciana Gardens. Mr. Sterling who is the Executive Director of the Housing Authority spoke to the District to explain the mutual agreements between the City, County and Housing authority and came to the District meeting to see if there was an additional funding source they could tap into.

The City of Key West and Monroe County committed funding of 2.7 million over the next 3 years. The County still owns Bayshore Manor and they will be in the process of moving those

residents over to the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority owns the land and the improvement of Poinciana Gardens.

Mr. Fishman stated based on the Poinciana Gardens website and his interpretation off assisted living under Florida statue and our enabling legislation it doesn't meet the definition of a healthcare facility.

Mrs. Ovide and Mr. Levin stated that they didn't believe the District was a source of revenue for this joint venture. Dr. Chambers felt like she was missing information to be make an informed decision. The District asked for Mr. Sterling to provide more information to Mr. Fishman for further review.

Mr. Levin asked if there was any movement on the appointments by the Governor. Ms. Ovide and Mrs. Cranney have both reached out and it's not very high priority on the list.

A copy of Mr. Fishman's report is attached to the official minutes

APPROVE FINANCE COMMITTEE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

All of the board members were present in the finance committee and listened to the financial report, PFM report and audit report.

Mr. Levin motioned to approve the financial reports from PFM and the quarterly financial report for the quarter ended June 30, 2021. Dr. Chambers seconded. The motion carried unanimously

APPROVE OF PFM DEEMED ASSIGNMENT:

Mrs. Ovide motioned to approve the PFM Deemed assignment document from PFM. Mr. Muir seconded. The motion carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the District Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Thompson at 4:20 pm.



Approved, Secretary



Date