

**MINUTES  
LOWER FLORIDA KEYS HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 21, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Ovide, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Levin, Dr. Chambers,

**ABSENT:** Mr. Muir

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Fishman, Mr. Clay, Mr. Berelowitz, and Mr. Yasin  
(via phone)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Dr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:05 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 October 28, 2020 were reviewed as presented:

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: DR. THOMPSON**

Dr. Thompson stated she is getting ahead of the media source fires to keep the community calm and the truth out there.

**HOSPITAL CEO REPORT: MR. CLAY**

Mr. Clay stated there are still a 3 star hospital and they have just joined another rating company called Leapfrog. There was a joint commission survey for Lab and there was only 8 findings. Each finding was identified and actions plans to correct them. There has been over 1,800 days without a serious safety event. Employee moral seems to be much higher and the culture of the hospital has changed and employees seem to be happier.

Patient experience has 5 consecutive quarters of improved ratings. There is less than 3% COVID rate. There is a new OBGYN that has been recruited and starts part-time in September and will join Dr. Santiago's office. The hospital is still searching to recruit a midwife. Mr. Clay stated that Baptist was not buying the hospital and CHS will continue to serve.

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

**DELEGATE TO CHS BOARD: MR. GREEN**

Mr. Green gave a verbal report and said the hospital is still doing very well and not receiving many complaints. Mr. Green is concerned with the lack of information on the hospital's margin. Mr. Green would like to see more detail in accounting line items on account bills sent out.

**NURSING HOME CEO REPORT- MR. BERELOWITZ**

Mr. Berelowitz stated there was an annual survey and change of ownership occurred. As of May 2021 the nursing home came off the special facility focus list which is a good sign. There is no community meetings currently happening due to COVID. There are weekly calls that go out and give information to the families of the residents. The nursing home has received a lot of vaccinations and 60% of the employees are vaccinated and 90% of the residents have received.

**NURSING HOME ADVISORY BOARD REPORT- MR. HAMMOND**

Mr. Hammond didn't have a report at this time.

**NURSING HOME COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE- MRS. REEB:**

Mrs. Reeb wasn't present at the meeting.

A copy of Mrs. Reeb's report is attached to the official minutes.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT: MR. HILL**

Mr. Hill gave his full draft audit report for 9/30/20 to the full board in the finance meeting.

A copy of the audit report will be attached to the official minutes.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT: MR. FISHMAN:**

Mr. Fishman has two items on his report. Bob Schillinger who is the Monroe County Attorney called and wanted to give Lew a heads up about the county operated ALF and Senior Housing and that there was talk about approaching the District. The other was that John Padget had called him and inquired about the lease of the hospital and plans when the lease expires. Mr. Fishman stated that the lease isn't up until April 2029 and the board's plan was to discuss in the year 2025.

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 March 31, 2021. Mrs. Ovide seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Levin motioned to approve the FY 21 draft audit report as presented. Mrs. Ovide seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS: CHS REP**

Board wants to advertise CHS Rep in September to work on getting a replacement for Mr. Green.

**NEW BUSINESS: MEETING DATES**

The next meeting dates were scheduled for August 30th and December 6th.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business to come before the District Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Thompson at 4:15 pm.**

  
Approved, Secretary

8/30/21  
Date