MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 HELD AT THE BAYSIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL CONFERENCE ROOM ON AUGUST 22, 2024, ANAHUAC, CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 was held at Bayside Community Hospital Conference Room in Anahuac, Texas on Thursday, August 22, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following Directors present:

Andy Legg, Chairperson Annette Abernathy, Vice Chairperson Linda Tinnerman, Secretary Eric Humphrey, Director

Pursuant to a Notice under the Open Meetings Act duly filed and posted a full 72 hours prior to the opening of said meeting.

Also present were Ann Newton, CEO; Kimberly Cooper, CFO; Elissa Lofgren, CCHC Executive Director; LaDuska James, Director of QA/ PI; Dr. John Redman; Sue Hawthorne, Anahuac Progress; Susan LeBlanc; Natalyn Royer.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Legg and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Dr. Redman gave the invocation.

Director Humphrey led the pledges.

Introduction of Guests, which are included in the list above.

No public comment.

#### **Executive Session**

Chairperson Legg requested we go into Executive Session under Section 161.032. Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to go into closed Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Humphrey made a motion to exit Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. Vice Chairperson Abernathy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss, Consider and Take Action of Executive Session Items.

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to approve the QAPI Report as presented. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda**

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Included in board packet.

Review and Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting July 18, 2024 Regular Meeting August 3, 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting

Administration Report HR Report Marketing Report

#### **Old Business**

**OIPP** 

Kimberly Cooper presented QIPP Program Highlights for the month of July 2024. There was some discussion on the need to only take on nursing homes that would meet required metrics (performance). Also, in the event a nursing home does not meet required metrics, the hospital district may terminate the contract. Kimberly Cooper also informed the Board of Directors that nursing homes are paying the hospital district 3.5% interest on money borrowed.

#### **New Business**

### Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, District Financial Report.

Kimberly Cooper presented an overview of the district financials.

Kimberly Cooper presented the statistical report.

Kimberly Cooper informed the Board of Directors the increase in revenue from July 31, 2024, to August 16, 2024, was due to the drawdown from the clinics. She also stated that the Sliced Health implementation should be completed within 30-60 days, new lab equipment should arrive on Monday and be operational by September 5, 2024.

Chairperson Legg expressed the need to have bad debt/charity amounts to present to Chambers County to possibly receive reimbursement.

Director Humphrey made a motion to approve the District Financial Report and Statistical Report as presented. Secretary Tinnerman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, FYE 2025 Proposed Tax Rate

Ann Newton presented the FYE 2025 Proposed Tax Rate information. She explained the no-new revenue tax rate versus the voter-approval tax rate. A motion was made by Vice Chairperson

Abernathy to approve the Voter-Approval Tax Rate in the amount of \$0.215376 per \$100. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Secretary Tinnerman opposed the motion.

## Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Multiview

Kimberly Cooper presented the final cost of implementing Multiview and informed the Board of Directors that the cost had already been included in the proposed budget.

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to approve the purchase of Multiview and Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, CCHC Co-Applicant Agreement

Elissa Lofgren presented the agreement between CCHC and Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1. The agreement is a requirement for the HRSA grant.

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to approve the CCHC Co-Applicant Agreement. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Policies and Procedures

The following policies were reviewed:

Compliance Plan – LaDuska James stated that the phone numbers were updated, updated some of the wording and moved the plan to Policy Stat. It was noted that Item 3 was blank and needs to be removed from the Compliance Plan.

Compliance Office and Committee – LaDuska James stated that the committee members had been updated.

Education and Training – LaDuska James stated that education and training should not be stored on the J drive.

Non-Retaliation and Reporting Compliance Matters – LaDuska James stated that this is the process to be followed for people making complaints and that the Board of Directors will be informed of all compliance issues.

Response to Allegations – LaDuska James stated that this is the process to be followed to respond to allegations. Allegations will first be presented to the Compliance Committee and then presented to the Board of Directors.

Reporting Suspected Fraud – LaDuska James stated that Attachment B was removed from the policy.

Vice Chairperson Annette Abernathy made a motion to approve the policies and procedures. Director Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

# Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, FYE 2025 Budget

Kimberly Cooper presented the FYE 2025 Operating Budget and Capital Budget.

There was discussion regarding revenue (actual vs projected), salaries and benefits.

Elissa Lofgren discussed the new positions included in the budget and stated that CCHC is funded by income and grants.

Dr. Redman explained how a med pod was utilized. He also stated the need for medical assistant positions to provide service at schools using the med pods.

There was discussion concerning clinic statistics and Elissa Lofgren will begin providing the Board of Directors with the monthly CCHC statistical report.

Kimberly Cooper advised the Board of Directors that the FYE 2025 Operating Budget and Capital Budget are balanced.

No action was taken on FYE 2024 Budget.

### **Executive Session**

Chairperson Legg requested we go into Executive Session under Section 551.074. Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to go into closed Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. Vice Chairperson Abernathy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Tinnerman made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. Vice Chairperson Abernathy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Return to Open Session**

Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on, if necessary, those items discussed and considered in Executive Session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Humphrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Vice Chairperson Abernathy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Andy Legg, Thairperson Board of Directors

### SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Linda Tinnerman, do here by certify that: I am the Secretary of Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 d/b/a Chambers Health (hereinafter the "District") that these are true and correct minutes reflecting the discussion and actions of the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting held on the date shown above and entered in the permanent records of the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this the 36th day of September 2024.

Linda Tinnerman, Secretary

**Board of Directors**