

**AMENDED MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WINNIE-STOWELL HOSPITAL
DISTRICT**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Winnie-Stowell Hospital District (“District”) was noticed and filed pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act a full 72 hours prior to the opening of said meeting for 6:00 p.m., January 19, 2022 at the District’s Offices located at 520 Broadway, Winnie, Texas 77665, (a copy of said Notice being placed amongst the files of the District). An electronic copy of this meeting is available upon request.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

At approximately 6:11 p.m., the meeting was convened, and the roll was called of the members of the Board, to wit:

Mr. Ed Murrell	President
Mr. Anthony Stramecki	Vice-President
Robert “Bobby” Way	Treasurer
Jeff Rollo	Secretary
Kacey Vratis	Director

All said Board members were present, except Director Rollo. In addition, to the above-named Board members, also present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Sherrie Norris	Administrator
Mrs. Patricia Ojeda	Indigent Care Director
Mr. Hubert Oxford, IV	General Counsel for the District
Mr. David Sticker	District CPA
Mr. Mo Danishmund	Chief Financial Officer, Winnie Community Hospital (“Hospital”)
Mr. Chris Portner	Counsel, for Riceland Hospital
Mr. Saad Javed	Co-Chief Operating Officer, Hospital
Mr. Eddie Williams	Marcelous-Williams Resource Center
Ms. Ramonia Williams	Marcelous-Williams Resource Center
Mr. Laurence Daspit	Healthmark Group (“HMG”)

Ms. Amber Lucia	Winnie Stowell Emergency Medical Services (“WSEMS”)
Mr. Nolan George	Winnie Stowell Emergency Medical Services (“WSEMS”)
Mr. Steven Thummel	Durbin & Co.
Mr. Tommy Davis	Durbin & Co.
Mr. Wade Thibodeaux	The Hometown Press
Mrs. Gloria Roamer	Seabreeze Beacon

2. Introduction of Guest

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to Texas Flag

After the introduction of the guests, President Murrell called on those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance to the State Flag of Texas.

4. Public Comment

This month, there was no public comment.

5. Review and Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): December 15, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting.

President Murrell then called on the Board to return to review and approve the minutes from the December 15, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. The Board reviewed the minutes and had no further changes.

Consequently, Director Vratis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting . This motion was seconded by Director Way, and unanimously approved by all the Board members.

13. Discuss and take-action, if necessary, on assignment of QIPP DY-5 Revenue for Mission Nursing and Rehabilitation and Red Oak Nursing and Rehabilitation.

After the approval of the minutes, President Murrell asked the Board to move to Agenda Item 13 and asked Mr. Daspit, with the Healthmark Group (“HMG”) to discuss Agenda Item No. 13. According to Mr. Daspit, he was at the meeting to discuss the payment of Quality Incentive Payment Funds (“QIPP”) funds for Red Oak and Mission. Mr. Daspit explained that these two (2) facilities were acquired as part of the eleven (11) new facilities purchased from Senior Care. However, unlike the other facilities in this group, the Mission Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (“Mission”) and Red Oak Health and Rehabilitation Center (“Red Oak”) were already enrolled in the QIPP program as private facilities. Since acquiring these facilities on October 1, 2021, the District has received notice that it was scheduled to receive Component 1 funds and Component 2 funds for Mission but not Red Oak.

Mr. Daspit’s request was to allow the two (2) facilities keep 100% of any QIPP funds received for Year 5, including payments for Component 4 and lapse funds. Per Mr. Daspit, if the facilities were allowed to keep the funds, it was HMG’s intent to utilize all the QIPP funds to make capital improvements for all eleven (11) facilities recently acquired from Senior Care.

In response, Attorney Oxford provided the estimated opportunity cost the District would forgo through incentive payments set forth in the existing Management Agreements for each facility. Attorney Oxford also stated that LTC was checking with the State of Texas to find out whether the facilities could keep Component 1, 4, and lapsing funds since the District did not make an Intergovernmental Transfer (“IGT”) on behalf of Red Oak and Mission for the first half of Year 6. Lastly, Attorney Oxford advised the Board that if the funds were contributed to Mission and Red Oak, this would have no impact on the District’s annual budget because the revenue was not anticipated.

Mr. Daspit then replied to the Board and advised that if the District approved his request, the District would be showing good faith in its commitment to the betterment of all eleven (11) facilities. Moreover, he stated that HMG would commit to the following:

- a. All QIPP funds the District was scheduled to receive per the Management Agreements for Mission and Red Oak shall be put in a Capital Account and must be spent on capital improvement for all eleven (11) facilities that were subject to the In Re Abri matter. In addition, HMG has agreed to provide monthly, or quarterly reports showing how these funds were spent.
- b. Reimbursement to the District for the legal fees incurred in the In Re Abri Bankruptcy, which was estimated to be in excess of approximately \$120,000.00.
- c. HMG would commit to CHOW seven (7) additional nursing facilities not owned by the District prior QIPP Year 7 CHOW deadline.
- d. HMG will repay the State of Texas for any QIPP funds received for Red Oak and Mission, if the State of Texas demands repayment. Additionally, HMG will secure an agreement with the landlord for these facilities to guarantee the repayment of any QIPP funds paid to Red Oak and Mission.

After some discussion, the Board agreed that it would be in the best interest of all eleven (11) facilities A motion was made by Director Stramecki to enter into an agreement with Mission and Red Oak facilities to allow them to keep 100% of the QIPP Year 5 proceeds in exchange for guarantees that: 1) any funds that would have been paid to the District pursuant to the Management Agreement would be deposited into an account and spent on capital improvements for all eleven (11) facilities formerly owned by Senior Care; 2) HMG would repay the District for the legal cost incurred by participating in the In Re Abri Bankruptcy matter; and 3) the management companies for Red Oak and Mission as well as landlord, LTC, would enter into an agreement that guaranteed the repayment of any Year 5 QIPP Funds for these facilities if it is determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission that the facilities were not entitled to Component 1, 4, and lapsing funds. The motion was seconded by Director Way, and unanimously approved by all the Board members.

9. Discuss and take-action, if necessary, on accepting 2020 audit.

President Murrell President Murrell then called on Mr. Steven Thummel and Mr. Tommy Davis with Durbin and Co. to present the District's 2020 audit. Mr. Thummel took the lead as he was in charge of the audit. Mr. Thummel then asked the Board to review the draft financial aspect of the audit and a PowerPoint set forth as [Exhibit "A"](#).

According to Mr. Thummel, as with previous years, the District was in sound financial shape. However, the auditors did mention a substantial adjustment that had to be made of approximately \$4,500,000.00. However, there was little explanation for the adjustment nor was there any discussion of the adjustment being a material deficiency.

In response to the status of the Management Letter, Mr. Thummel stated that the auditors could provide the Management Letter and final audit after receiving the District's Representation Letter. Once again, there was no mention of any material deficiency in the 2020 audit.

Upon the conclusion of the review of the draft financials and the presentation by Mr. Thummel, a motion was made by Director Stramecki to accept the draft Audit for 2020 subject to the receipt of a Management Letter. (See [Exhibit "A"](#)). This motion was seconded by Director Way and unanimously approved by all Board.

10. Discuss and take-action, if necessary, on approving grant request.

President Murrell then called on the Finance Committee to address any grant request. Director Stramecki then presented the Board with a grant request by the Winnie Stowell Emergency Medical Services ("WSEMS") for three (3) Life Pack 15.5 to monitors to replace three (3) monitors on their ambulances that are failing. (See [Exhibit "B"](#)). According to the grant request, the cost of the monitors was going to be \$104,815.71.

Before the Board took-action on the grant request, President Murrell addressed the transfer ambulance procedures. According to President Murrell, it was brought to his attention that the transfer ambulance purchased by the District was not being utilized for transfers from the Hospital and that someone he knows was refused use of the ambulance. A lengthy discussion ensued between the Board members, the WSEMS personnel present, and the Hospital about the need for the Hospital to utilize the WSEMS for transfers and to clarify that the purpose of the ambulance was to assist with all transfers from the Hospital, not just emergency transfers, or transfers in life-threatening situations. After the discussion, all parties

agreed that the Hospital will work with the WSEMS to coordinate all transfers going forward.

Upon the completion of the discussion of the transfers, Director Stramecki made a motion to approve the grant request by WSEMS for three (3) monitors at a cost of \$104, 815.71. Director Stramecki's motion was seconded by Director Vratis and unanimously approved by all the Directors.

6. Review and approve financials report; payment of invoices; receive Accountant's report, and amend budget, if necessary.

Turning to the District's financial reports, Mr. David Sticker was asked to discuss the District's 2021 year to date Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual. (See [Exhibit "C-1"](#)). Mr. Sticker then reviewed the Balance Sheet and asked to discuss the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual. According to Mr. Sticker, everything was in order for the Budget except Line Item 637, the interest payments to Salt Creek Capital, which were higher than budgeted. However, Mr. Sticker explained that immediately before the meeting, he determined that interest payments for December 2020 were included since they were actually paid at the beginning of January 2021. Therefore, he told the Board that he was going to go and make an adjustment for the line item to remove the December 2020 interest payments from the 2021 expenses incurred.

Upon the conclusion of the discussion of the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement, Attorney Oxford was asked to discuss the financials by addressing the Treasurer's Report, check register, and outstanding invoices to be considered. (See [Exhibit "C-2"](#)). Attorney Oxford stated that the total invoices to be paid amounted to \$33,521.74. However, after reviewing the invoices, President Murrell questioned that need for flood insurance since the District's offices was not in a flood zone and was elevated. The Board agreed and advised staff that when the invoices were approved, this invoice was not going to be paid. Staff then advised that the total for the invoices would be reduced to \$31,971.74 if the flood insurance payment was removed. A complete list of the invoices to be paid is as follows:

Pending Expenses	For	Amount
Brookshire Brothers	Indigent Care	\$1,201.00
Wilcox Pharmacy	Indigent Care	\$1,359.85
UTMB at Galveston	Indigent Care	
UTMB Faculty Group	Indigent Care	
Barrier Reef Emergency Physician	Indigent Care	\$128.90
Chambers Cnty Phd #1 Dental	IC Dental	\$1,228.00
Indigent Healthcare Solutions	IC Inv #73070	\$1,109.00
American Education Services	S Stern-Student Loan	\$150.14
Penelope (Polly) Butler	Youth Counseling	\$85.00
Nicki Holtzman	Youth Counseling	\$255.00
Kalos Counseling (Benjamin Odom)	Youth Counseling	\$850.00
Benckenstein & Oxford	Inv #50287	\$20,389.10
Hubert Oxford	Legal Retainer	\$1,000.00
David Sticker	Inv #68	\$2,718.75
Technology Solutions of Tx	Inv #1653	\$75.00
Felipe Ojedia-Yard Service	Invs #1021	\$300.00
Graciela Chavez-Office Cleaning	Inv #8018604	\$120.00
The Hometown Press	Inv#s 3186 & 3269	\$348.00
The Seabreeze Beacon	Inv#s 5671 & 5700	\$600.00
Wright National Flood Ins	Renewal Notice (Opt A)	\$1,604.00
Total Pending Expenses		\$31,917.74

Attorney Oxford then referred the Board to the First Financial Bank Reconciliation section of the report. Per Attorney Oxford, the balance in the District's Commercial Account at First Financial Bank was \$15,003,862.31. Of the total funds deposited in this account, the District's unrestricted funds balance was \$7,485,112.65.

Next, Attorney Oxford referred the Board to the Funds Summary section set forth in the following table:

Funds Summary	Totals
Prosperity Operating (Unrestricted)	\$657,284.15
First Financial (Unrestricted)	\$7,485,112.65
TexStar	\$690,478.84
Allegiance Bank LOC (Available)	\$6,020,261.18
First Financial (Restricted)	\$7,518,749.67
Total District Funds	\$22,371,886.48
Less First Financial (Restricted)	\$7,518,749.67
Less Committed Funds (Capital Acquisition and Grant Funding-See below)	\$2,450,688.00
Cash Position (Less First Financial Restricted)	\$12,402,448.82
Pending Expenses	(\$33,521.74)
Ending Balance (Less expenses)	\$12,368,927.08
Total Funds (Ending Balance+LOC)	\$12,368,927.08
Outstanding+QIPP Funds Outstanding)	

Attorney Oxford highlighted for the Board the Total District Funds of \$22,371,886.48; the restricted funds; and Total Unencumbered or Unrestricted Funds of \$12,402,448.82. However, Attorney Oxford did remind the Board that they needed to set aside \$16,000,000.00 for IGTs in May and December of 2022 and they needed to start analyzing the cash flow.

Lastly, Attorney Oxford referred to Board to the District’s check register and all the supporting information for the financials and asked them to review. If there were any questions, the Directors could review with staff and the CPA. (See [Exhibit “C-3”](#))

President Murrell then called for a motion to approve the financials for December 2021; the Treasurer’s Report; and payment of invoices. In response, Director Stramecki made a motion, which was seconded by Director Way, and with unanimous approval of the Board members to: a) approve the financials for December 2021; b) approve the Treasurer’s Report; and c) pay the invoices presented less the \$1,604.00 for windstorm insurance. (See [Exhibits “C-1”, “C-2”, and “C-3”](#)).

7. **Discuss and take-action on Committee Reports: a) Finance Committee; b) Indigent Healthcare Committee; c) Personnel Committee; and d) Hospital Liaison.**

President Murrell asked the Committees if there were any reports. There were none except Mr. Danishmund did request to address the Hospital Liaison. Mr. Danishmund stated that since things in the Hospital changed rapidly and were very fluid, he requested that the Hospital Liaison begin having routine meetings with hospital personnel. Director Vratis agreed and stated that she would arrange a meeting.

8. **Receive reports, by:**

- a. **Administrator's Report**

Mrs. Norris stated that she had no report.

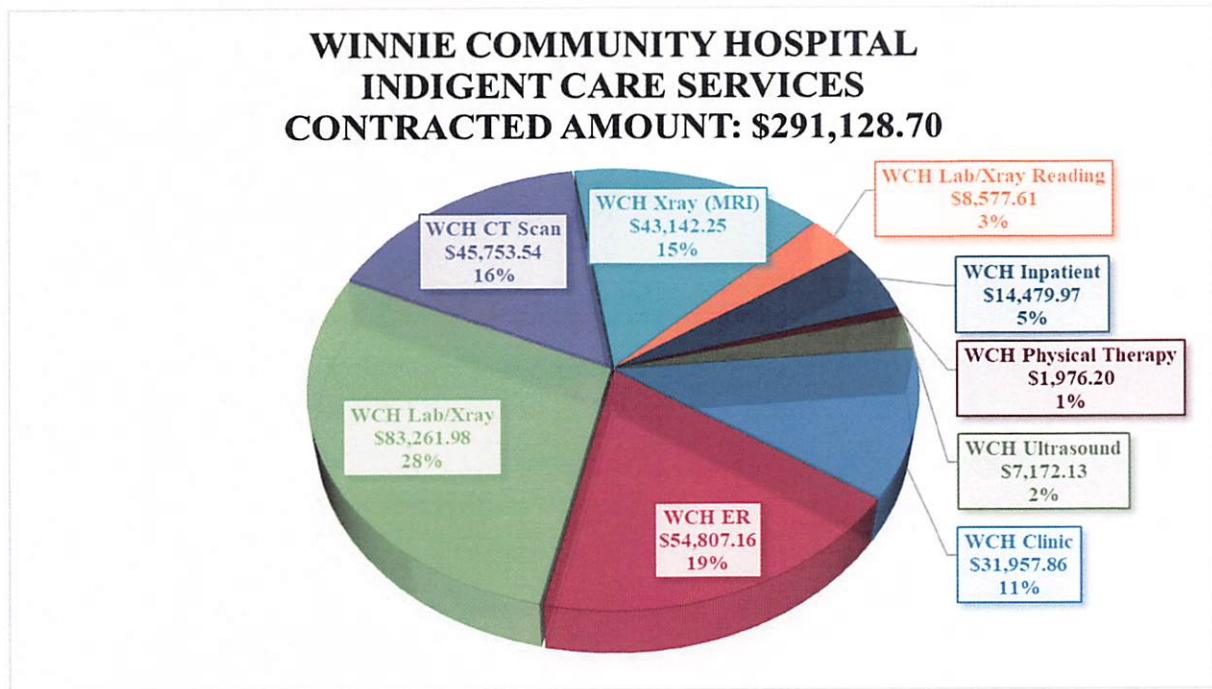
- b. **District Indigent Care Director Report**

Next, Mrs. Ojeda was called on to give the Indigent Care report. Mrs. Ojeda reported that in December 2021, there were seventy (70) indigent clients enrolled in the District's Indigent Care Program. In addition, the District provided Youth Counseling to eighteen (18) children, which was four (4) more than the prior month; the number of clients that received Irlen Services remained at ten (10) children; and there were three (3) indigent clients that utilized the District's dental benefits. ([See Exhibit "D"](#)).

Mrs. Ojeda then presented the Board with her monthly cost report. A summary of this report is set forth below.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Totals
	Paid Amount	Paid Amount	Paid Amount	Paid Amount	Paid Amount	Paid Amount	Paid Amount
Winnie Community Hospital	\$15,914.15	\$24,527.43	\$23,949.33	\$36,166.51	\$11,687.88	\$0.00	\$251,286.55
Pharmacy Total	\$2,091.54	\$3,475.91	\$2,617.58	\$3,186.32	\$3,126.62	\$2,560.85	\$32,146.30
UTMB Total	\$14,934.36	\$0.00	\$17,358.39	\$40,617.13	\$78,207.33	\$0.00	\$228,186.90
Youth Counseling	\$1,105.00	\$935.00	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$1,275.00	\$1,190.00	\$10,880.00
Irlen Services	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Dental & Vision Services	\$320.00	\$70.00	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$290.00	\$938.00	\$2,623.00
Non-Contracted Emergency Services	\$118.78	\$95.54	\$457.62	\$198.78	\$97.49	\$128.90	\$1,644.53
Medical Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
YTD TOTAL	\$36,383.83	\$29,103.88	\$47,092.92	\$81,018.74	\$94,684.32	\$4,817.75	\$532,907.28

Regarding the Hospital expenses, Mrs. Ojeda reported that the District incurred \$291,128.70 in indigent care services provided by the Hospital. A pie chart of the services provided is set forth below.



After her discussion of the indigent care report, Mrs. Ojeda asked the Board to review her complete report and contact her if there were any questions.

c. District General Counsel Report

Attorney Oxford stated that he did not have anything to report that was not going to be discussed in the agenda.

d. LTC Report

Staff presented the LTC Report for December 2021. (See [Exhibit “E”](#)). After the Board reviewed the reports, there were no questions. During this section, Attorney Oxford was asked to communicate with LTC to inquire whether they would attend the February or March meeting and to provide a report on the status of the efforts to assist the distressed homes discussed in August 2021.

e. Hospital Report

President Murrell then called on Mr. Javed to give the following Hospital report for December 2021 that is attached as [Exhibit “F”](#).

Census	2021						Totals	Average
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec		
ER Visits	265	248	270	204	185	238	2,643	220
Conversion to Inpatient/observation	31	31	20	21	17	24	250	21
<i>Percentage</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>10%</i>	1	9%
Transferred out	12	5	10	13	10	19	133	11
<i>Percentage</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>8%</i>	1	5%
ER shifts covered by doctors	56%	58%	70%	48%	60%	23%	7	56%
Number Inpatient days	115	262	472	179	106	227	2,294	191
Number Hospice days	18	19	0	0	0	14	105	9
Number Swingbed days	114	58	39	58	37	58	578	48
Number Observation days	36	20	19	20	22	24	302	25
Total All Inpt. Days	283	359	530	257	165	323	3,279	273
Average Inpatient days per day	9.13	11.58	17.67	8.29	5.50	10.42	107	8.96
CTs	68	47	74	54	53	75	765	64
Xrays	318	383	410	254	199	232	3,440	287
Ultrasounds	26	42	31	53	34	46	449	37
Encounters - Adult Clinic	497	490	405	663	522	451	5,834	486
Encounters - Pediatric Clinic	242	301	195	275	227	157	2,705	225
Behavioral Health patients	18	18	14	30	36	32	159	13
Physical Therapy	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

In addition to the monthly statistics, Hospital personnel advised the Board that:

- the fusion clinic was no longer in operation since the Hospital was no longer able to receive any Monoclonal antibody treatment; and
- Mr. Danishmund advised the Board that he and the hospital staff have been reviewing the possibility of remodeling part of the Hospital for the purpose of creating a surgical center. He then asked that this be put on the agenda for the February 2022 meeting so that the Hospital could make a presentation for the surgical center in anticipation of coming back in the next couple of months with a grant request to assist with the cost to remodel and build the center. President Murrell agreed to have the item on the February 2022 agenda.

11. Discuss and take-action, if necessary, on request or recommendations by the Directors or Executive Director of the proposed clinic.

There was no discussion of this agenda item, and no action was taken.

12. Discuss and take-action, if necessary, on adopting a policy for nursing homes to be responsible ensuring that all Non-QIPP related grants are timely and accurately submitted to grantor entity.

There was no discussion of this agenda item, and no action was taken.

14. Discuss and take-action, if necessary, on acquiring additional nursing facilities for QIPP DY-6.

Attorney Oxford was called on to discuss his agenda item. Attorney Oxford explained that the District received a request by Caring Healthcare to acquire the Villa at Texarkana nursing facility and to participate in the QIPP program. According to Attorney Oxford, this facility was previously enrolled in the QIPP program as a private facility, but its Medicaid rate dropped slightly below the minimum threshold requirement to remain a private facility enrolled in QIPP and now needed to partner with governmental entity. Since the District already owned seven (7) Caring Healthcare facilities, Caring asked to partner with the District subject to the same terms as the other seven (7) caring facilities.

Attorney Oxford then informed the Board that if the District approved, the Change of Ownership (“CHOW”) for the facility would need to be filed by February 1, 2022 and the Facility would be enrolled in the Year 6 of the QIPP program. Furthermore, Attorney Oxford presented the Board with a draft bank resolution authorizing the establishment of accounts for this facility. (See [Exhibit “G”](#)). Lastly, Attorney Oxford reminded the Board that if this acquisition was approved, the District would have to share in the cost of the CHOW and the fair market value appraisal.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Director Stramecki to acquire the Villa at Texarkana, subject to the same terms as District’s other facilities operating by Caring Healthcare; to authorize staff to pay ½ of the CHOW cost and ½ of the fair market appraisal; and to approve the bank resolution set forth in [Exhibit “G”](#). The motion was seconded by Director Way, and unanimously approved by all the Board members.

15. Discuss and take-action, if necessary, on the approval of property acquisitions.

Since the potential acquisition of a piece of property was still in discussions, there was no discussion of this agenda item, and no action was taken.

16. Discuss and take-action, if necessary, on approving amendments to the District’s Indigent Care Agreement with the Hospital.

President Murrell then called on Attorney Oxford to discuss the need to amend the District’s Indigent Care Agreement (“Agreement”) to set the rate of the 2022 indigent care payment to the Hospital. According to Attorney Oxford, the year-to-date 2021 cost incurred to the District was \$291,128.70 but the contracted amount was \$225,810.35. Looking forward to next year, once the formula set forth in the Agreement is applied, the District obligation is to pay \$256,615.44 for indigent care healthcare services. (See [Exhibit “H”](#)).

The Board then asked Attorney Oxford if the District was obligated to pay the difference between the contracted rate in 2021 and the cost of the services incurred

(i.e., \$65,318.35). Attorney Oxford explained that there was no obligation per the Agreement because the difference was considered in the formula that called for dropping the lowest and highest amounts for the previous five (5) years. However, the Board was reminded that during the April 2020 Special Meeting, it was discussed that if there was a disparity, the Board would consider a true up of the difference.

In addition, the Board asked Attorney Oxford about the amount of the credit the District had from the \$450,000.00 payment made in April of 2020. Attorney Oxford responded that there remained a credit of \$27,520.30. Attorney Oxford stated that after taking the credit account, the new balance due for the Agreement would be \$229,095.14.

Thereafter, the Board engaged in a lengthy conversation on whether to waive the credit and to provide a reconciliation payment to the Hospital for the difference between the cost of services incurred for 2021 and the 2021 contract payment amount. After some discussion, it was agreed to keep the payment for 2022 at \$256,615.44 but to waive the credit owed and to pay the Hospital and additional \$10,277.75 as reconciliation payment. The Board also asked Attorney Oxford to prepare an amendment to the Agreement that sets forth: 1) the 2022 payment amount; 2) provides for a reconciliation payment of \$37,798.05; and 3) establishes a provision in the Agreement that requires a variance payment, by either party, if there is a disparity between the contracted amount and cost of the services provided is greater than or less than 10% of the contracted amount.

All the parties agreed, and thereafter, a motion was made by Director Stramecki to: 1) the set the 2022 payment amount by the District at \$256,615.44; 2) pay the Hospital \$37,798.05 (i.e., \$27,520.30 plus \$10,277.75) to offset the difference between the 2021 cost of services provided by the Hospital and the contracted amount; and 3) to include a provision in the Agreement that requires a variance payment, by either party, if there is a disparity between the contracted amount and cost of the services provided is greater than or less than 10% of the contracted amount. The motion was seconded by Director Way, and unanimously approved by all the Board members.

17. Discuss and take-action, if necessary, to authorize an Intergovernmental Transfer for the DY-11 Uncompensated Care Program on behalf of the Hospital.

Staff reported that on February 9, 2022, the District was asked by the Hospital to make an intergovernmental transfer (“IGT”) on their behalf for the DY-11, 1115 Waiver Program-Uncompensated Care payment. According to the staff, this was the first of two (2) scheduled IGTs for the year and the amount of the IGT was \$38,528.49. Once made, the IGT will generate an Uncompensated Care payment of \$116,753.01. Lastly, since the amount of the IGTs sometimes change, staff asked for authority to make an IGT of up to \$42,000.00, if necessary.

The agreed and then a motion was made by Director Stramecki to authorize an IGT on behalf of the Hospital to participate in the DY-11, 1115 Waiver Program-Uncompensated Care in the amount of up to \$42,000.00. The motion was seconded by Director Way, and unanimously approved by all the Board members.

18. Discuss and take-action, if necessary, on approving an amendment to General Counsel’s retainer agreement.

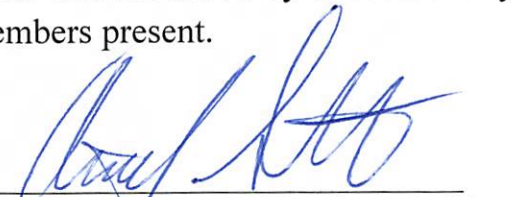
Turning to Agenda Item No. 18, Attorney Oxford asked that the District consider increasing his hourly rate to \$300.00 per hour as he has kept the same hourly rate of \$250.00 per hour since February of 2013. Regarding Mr. Oxford’s request, the Board members recognized Mr. Oxford’s contributions and efforts on behalf of the District since 201. and agreed to support his hour rate increase effective January 1, 2022. However, Director Way did ask Attorney Oxford to use his best efforts to get caught up a month or two (2) on his invoices.

At the end of the discussion Director Stramecki made a motion to authorize Attorney Oxford to increase his hourly rate to \$300.00 per hour effective January 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Way, and unanimously approved by all the Board members.

Thereafter, President Murrell then called for any other such matters before the Board. There being none, the Board then confirmed the date for the next Regular

Meeting on February 16, 2022. A motion was made by Director Stramecki at 9:31 p.m., to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Director Way and unanimously approved by all the Board members present.


Edward Murrell, President


Anthony Stramecki, Vice-President