Board of Trustees



Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands 1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950



CHCC Board of Trustee Meeting Monday, January 29, 2018 at 5:30 pm in Conference Room #3

Present:

Lauri Ogumoro, Chair/David Rosario, Vice-Chair/Leticia Reyes, Trustee (excused for the Executive Session)/William Cing, Trustee (via telephone) /Nancy Gottfried, Legal Counsel/Trinidad Diaz, Recorder/Charles Brasington, AAG/Shirley Camacho/Juan Reyes/Felipe Atalig

Absent:

Dr. Lorenzo Hocog

- I. Call to Order at 12:00 pm
- II. Determination of Quorum There was a quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda The Agenda was approved with motion to renumber the lineup. To move the Executive Session to number VI, and to move New Business V, and Old Business A and B to number VII. Moved and seconded. Was Approved with new order of number.
- IV. Public Comments: No public comments
- V. New Business: None
- VI. Executive Session: Started 12:10 pm. Concluded 12:40 pm

VII. Old Business:

A. Application for Privileges – This is the first time that this Board will vote on privileges. Privileges will be affirmed if a majority votes in favor. Will vote on each one separately as follows: 1) Dr. Daniel Shead – requesting for two year contract – approved for privileges; 2) Dr. Salman Rahman – requesting for one month locum; is a resident from UCSF – approved for privileges; 3) Dr. Mauzzam Shah – requesting for one month locum; is a resident from UCSF – approved for privileges; 4) Dr. Stan Chao, Surgeon – requesting for three months locum with the potential of staying should things work out – approved for privileges; 5) Dr. Gregory Gardner, IM and Rheumatologist – requesting for two years privilege – will be coming and going. Will be here for two weeks, but can consult through phone if needed – approved for privileges; 8) Leticia Reyes, Nurse Practitioner – requesting for two-year privileges at the Hemodialysis Unit – approved for privileges. 6) Dr. John Tudela, IM – requesting for two-year renewal

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- privileges approved for privileges; 7) Sylvia Taggart, Physician Assistant for the ER requesting for two-year renewal privileges approved for privileges.
- B. To vote and approve on an evaluation tool for the CEO: Nancy will recuse herself from this part of the meeting. Ned Brasington, AAG is sitting in for Chris Timmons, AAG. Any questions regarding the evaluation tool, Mr. Brasington will answer. Nancy will remain in this meeting as it is open to the public.

Chair received some input from Trustee Reyes that were added to the evaluation tool. Trustee Cing asked if December 20 (when the Board became Governing) would be the start of the annual evaluation. Trustee Reyes opined that since the last evaluation done on the CEO was in 2015, the evaluation should not be based on as of July of last year, but on performance pattern. Chair asked that Mr. Brasington give an insight to the Board regarding their short term governance and their long term evaluation.

The evaluation tool is not official yet, but can be found online on the website for the American Hospital Association. It is called the American Hospital Association Assessment of Essential CEO Accountabilities – it is being tweaked to make it work with our situation here. Chair is asking the Board's input regarding the CEO Goals and objectives – need to include goals on the CMS survey.

Mr. Brasington - The Board is supposed to review and evaluate the CEO annually. The statute does not really have transitional provisions. The fact that the Board has only been in existence since December 16, 2017. Based on review of the statute the Board is afforded leeway. By giving an evaluation now is reasonable, as well as the Board waiting for a year, but really up to the Board interpreting its own enabling statute.

We are only discussing the tool and will not decide now. Of concern – under the medical staff qualification and relations – develops and adopt a process to annually evaluate performances of medical staff – questions: does the CEO do the evaluation or the medical executive committee? An evaluation has been developed for the medical staff. CEO does not do the evaluation, only makes sure that it gets done, then the Board reviews it. More time is needed to review the evaluation tool – some are repeated.

Nancy will review the evaluation tool to make sure there are no direct conflicts with current hospital policies and contracts. All comments made will be sent to Chris Timmons. Mr. Timmons will make the legal determination since Nancy has recused herself. All she will be doing is providing contracts or polices to Mr. Timmons not providing an opinion.

Chair motioned to table the evaluation tool until a legal review is done. Was seconded. Motion approved.

VIII. Announcements - none

IX. Adjournment: 1:10 pm

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