Jackson Parish Hospital Governing Board Minutes December 14, 2021

The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service at 115 Watts Street, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Board Members present were: Chris Bowman, Dr. Rebecca Crouch, Shontae Mims, and Angela Curtis. Medical Staff present were: Dr. Paula Parkerson, Dr. Edward Mariano, Dr. William Slusher, and Nurse Practitioner Nancy Busby. Hospital Staff present were: John Morgan, Bill Stansbury, Dr. Jason Thomas, Jerry Allen, Sunni Bougues, Shelley Malsam, and Mauri McBride.

Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., and Morgan gave the Invocation. There were 4 of the 5 members by Act 171 present; therefore, there was a quorum present.

Bowman entertained a motion to table item #8.8 to Review and Consider Adopting Items Surplus, items A through B and item #8.9 Resolution #2021-9 Declaring Items A through B Surplus. There was a motion by Mims and a second by Curtis, to amend the agenda and table items #8.8 and 8.9. There was a motion by Mims and second by Curtis to approve the agenda as amended. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Following a motion by Curtis and second by Mims, the minutes from the October 27, 2021, regular business meeting were unanimously approved.

There were no public present, therefore, there were no public comments.

Dr. Parkerson then presented the initial appointments, reappointments, and terminations as recommended by the Medical Staff. There was a motion by Mims and second by Curtis to approve the initial appointments, reappointments, and termination recommendations as presented. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

During the Chief Executive Officer's Report, Morgan provided the Board with an overview of positive movement within Jackson Parish Hospital and each of the Rural Health Clinics; while highlighting, the increase in visits in each Rural Health Clinic. Morgan addressed the current State of the Hospital while reviewing the accomplishments over the recent years with the Hospital Management, Board, and Staff at Jackson Parish Hospital. Morgan then introduced Edward Mariano, M.D. with over 25 plus years of experience, in both clinic and hospital settings with a reputation that is already established in our community as well as outlying communities. Morgan then introduced the new Rural Health Clinic Director, Jerry Allen, RN, noting his 25 plus years of experience as a house supervisor at a hospital in an outlying community. Morgan then thanked the Governing Board of Directors for the positive progress within the facility.

Thomas began by providing the Board with a separate packet of information, which included several policies for review and approval. He then presented the COVID-19 policy to the Board, while noting that this policy outlines the facility's response to the November 5<sup>th</sup> CMS vaccine mandate final rule, which must be implemented by December 6<sup>th</sup>. Thomas noted that these guidelines have since been suspended due to a court injunction. Thomas informed the Board, that on the first page of the policy it reads that as long as the CMS policy is stayed by the courts, JPH's policy will not go into effect. Therefore, JPH will not currently move forward with this policy; however, because CMS has not suspended or revoked this ruling JPH must have a policy in place in the event that the vaccine mandate does in fact move forward. Thomas then requested Board approval for the policy as is and noted that

this policy has already been approved by the JPH Medical Staff. Bowman entertained a motion to approve the policy subject to the injunction being lifted, while noting that as long as the injunction is in place the policy will not be enforced. There was a motion by Crouch and second by Mims to approve the policy as presented. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. He then informed the Board of HSLI conducting a walkthrough within the facility and reviewed JPH's current policies and it was recommended by HSLI that JPH establish or amend the following policies: Elopement from the Emergency Department, Leaving AMA, Fall Prevention, High Alert Medication Management, Occurrence Incident Reporting, and High Risk and/or Sentinel Event. Thomas informed the Board that all of the policies have been reviewed and approved by the hospital attorney as well as the JPH Medical Staff. Bowman entertained a motion to approve the policies as presented. There was a motion by Curtis and second by Crouch to approve items #8.2 through #8.7 listed on the agenda. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Thomas then provided the Board with an update on the 100-wing renovation project, noting that there were several quality issues with some of the work that was completed therefore this work must be re-done before it is considered acceptable. He informed the Board of some supply chain issues, noting that we have not received all the furniture for the patient rooms, while also noting that the rooms must be patient- ready for LDH to come and conduct their licensing survey for the 100-wing. Thomas informed the Board that he has an expected receive date for furniture of December 20th.

Stansbury began by requesting the ratification of payables for October 25, 2021, November 4, 2021, November 18, 2021, and December 1, 2021. Crouch raised a question referring to the Entergy ACH Debit on page 22, noting that the description states 602 Beech Springs Road, and the facility's address is 165 Beech Springs Road. There was a discussion on this topic. There was a motion by Curtis and second by Crouch to ratify the payables for October 25, 2021, November 4, 2021, November 18, 2021, and December 1, 2021. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Stansbury reviewed year end financials to the Board, while noting that the bank balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup> was \$13.5 million and as of today, December 14<sup>th</sup>, it is \$14 million. He then informed the Board of roughly \$600k of PRF grant monies that have been received. There was much discussion regarding the PRF grant monies and Rural Allocation grant monies. He then reported Accounts Receivable at \$1.8 million at year end while noting Cost Report Settlements at \$925k.

Stansbury reported Work In Progress (WIP) at \$1.9 mil at year end, noting that once the renovations are completed this will be reclassified as an asset and begin the depreciation process. He then reported Total Assets at \$24.8 million, Accounts Payable at roughly \$1 million, Accrued Salaries at \$876k, with Current Portion of Long-Term Debt at \$131k, noting that this is the current portion of leases. He then reported \$50k of capital leases. Stansbury the reported the Net Patient Services Revenues were slightly over \$18 mil, UCC monies being \$2 mil, and 340B monies at \$312k. Stansbury then briefed the Board of UPL monies, noting that we are finally collecting. He then reported the Total Operating Revenue at \$20.7 million, with Operating Expenses being \$23 million, Loss from Operations being roughly (\$2.3) million. Stansbury then reviewed the Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses reporting that \$2.1 million in Ad Valorem was received, while noting that we were forgiven for all PPP monies that were received and did submit all records for PRF monies therefore we were able to move all \$8.1 million of grant monies that were received to Grant Income which allows the \$8.1 million of grant monies to be counted as actual revenue. Stansbury then reported the Change in Net Position, which is a profit of \$7.8 million as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. He then informed the Board of Langlinais, Broussard, and Kohlenberg being on-site the first week of January.

Malsam then presented the Board with the Hospital Statistics.

At 6:21 p.m., there was a motion by Curtis and second by Mims to enter into an Executive Session to discuss Strategic Planning. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried. At 6:35 p.m., there

was a motion by Mims and second by Curtis to return to regular session. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried.

Mims and Bowman gave a kudos to the staff at Jackson Parish Hospital for a job well done. Bowman then welcomed Dr. Edward Mariano to Jackson Parish Hospital and then welcomed all Providers to the Medical Staff & Governing Board Christmas dinner immediately following the meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 12:00 noon in the hospital board room.

Upon motion by Mims and second by Curtis, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Chris Bowman, Esq. Governing Board Chairman Jackson Parish Hospital

John L. Morgan, MBA, RN Chief Executive Officer Jackson Parish Hospital