



**North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2018**

Directors Present: Keith Heuser, Jeff Herman*, Dan Kelly*, Craig Lambrecht, MD, Reed Reyman, Alan O’Neil, Pat Branco, Andrew Lankowicz, Tim Saylor, and Tim Blasl.

*Present via telephone

Also Present: Jen Porter, John Flink*, Melissa Hauer, Kelly Cermak and Lori Schmautz

A regular meeting of the North Dakota Hospital Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Central Time, on September 14, 2018, by Keith Heuser, Chair of the Board, at the NDHA office located at 1622 E. Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND. A quorum of directors was present.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and no changes or additions were made.

NDHA Anti-Trust Statement: Melissa Hauer, General Counsel, reminded the Board of NDHA’s policy on compliance with anti-trust and trade regulation laws. A copy of the NDHA Anti-Trust Statement was included in the materials sent to Board members.

Action Items:

Board Minutes: Mr. Heuser presented to the Board for approval the minutes of the June 8, 2018, and July 16, 2018 meetings. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the minutes were approved.

Associate Membership Application: An associate membership application was received from CHG-Meridian, a company that offers expertise, consulting, and financial solutions to deploy and manage transformational healthcare technologies, was reviewed. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the associate membership application of CHG-Meridian was approved.

Financials: Kelly Cermak, Finance Manager, presented the June 30, 2018, financial statements. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the June 30, 2018, financial statement was approved.

2018/2019 Proposed Budget: Mr. Cermak presented the 2018/2019 Proposed Budget. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the 2018/2019 Proposed Budget was approved.

North Dakota Hospital Foundation Board of Directors Recommendation: The North Dakota Hospital Foundation (NDHF) Board of Directors recommends for approval by the NDHA Board of Directors the reappointment of Theo Stoller, CEO of Jacobson Memorial Hospital, Mike Zwicker, CEO of St. Aloisius Medical Center, and Glynda Troyo-Sauviac, CEO of Vibra Hospital of Central Dakotas to serve

another three year at-large term on the NDHF Board of Directors. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the NDHF Board recommendation was approved.

Information/Reports:

AHA Advocacy – Jen Porter, American Hospital Association (AHA) Region Six Executive, gave an update on federal advocacy and regulatory issues.

Washington Update – John Flink, NDHA Federal Affairs Consultant, gave an update on what is happening in Washington, D.C.

Legislative Committee: Reed Reyman, NDHA Legislative Committee Chair, provided a summary of the recent work of the Legislative Committee and reviewed the NDHA legislative positions for the 2019 legislative session. NDHA will keep close tabs on the upcoming elections and any shift in leadership. Mr. Reyman mentioned that it is important to have consistency in our legislative positions and that we all speak with one voice. Any concerns about a position should be brought to the Legislative Committee for discussion. Tim Blasl, President, will be sending another email reminder to members about meeting with their legislators before the NDHA annual convention next month.

Ms. Hauer brought forth two Legislative Committee recommendations.

- Tobacco Tax: The Legislative Committee recommended that NDHA support a tobacco tax increase bill based on the health implications of tobacco use. The proposed tobacco tax increase is expected to be \$1.50 per pack. The projected income from the tax increase is estimated to be \$5.83 million per year. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Legislative Committee's recommendation to support a tobacco tax increase was approved.
- Measure 3 Recreational Marijuana: The Legislative Committee recommends that NDHA oppose Measure 3 which would legalize recreational marijuana. Ms. Hauer gave an overview of the regulatory structure if Measure 3 should pass. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Legislative Committee's recommendation to oppose Measure 3 was approved.

Subsidiary Board Reports:

- Kim Granfor, Vice President of Hospital Services, Inc. (HSI), gave an update on changes in HSI's Board of Directors, its group purchasing organization, and its vendor partner program.
- Intalere Contract – Mr. Cermak provided an update on the status of the new Intalere contract and mentioned the hiring of John Schreier to handle supply chain needs of members. Mr. Schreier has over 30 years of supply chain experience.
- North Dakota Hospital Foundation – Mr. Blasl gave an update on the grants and projects of NDHF. The Board of Directors met last week and approved a study of the economic effects of Medicaid Expansion in North Dakota by North Dakota State University (NDSU). This report will be utilized in the upcoming legislative session to support advocacy efforts for continuation of the Medicaid Expansion program in our state.

Staff Reports:

President's Vision Report – Mr. Blasl presented his vision plan for the next 12 months for NDHA, NDHF, and HSI.

Legal Activities – Ms. Hauer brought forth for discussion a proposed revision to the NDHA conflict of interest policy to clarify excluding a director with a conflict from sensitive discussions. It was also discussed that if a director perceives a conflict, he or she should visit with the board chair or Ms. Hauer before the meeting. Ms. Hauer also discussed the draft Executive Committee charter. The Finance

Committee will be changed to an Executive Committee, which will require a By-laws change. Any additional changes that a director may have should be emailed to Ms. Hauer before the next board meeting.

Executive Session: The Board met in executive session beginning at 2:21 p.m. During the executive session, Mr. Heuser handed out the 2019 Chief Executive Performance Review questionnaire for Jerry Jurena. Each board member was asked to complete the form. Mr. Heuser will compile and go over the review with Mr. Jurena on September 25. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Board returned to full session at 2:26 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Lori Schmartz

Recording Secretary