



## North Dakota Hospital Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 1, 2021

**Directors Present:** Al Hurley\*, Alan O'Neil\*\*, Dan Kelly\*, Jeff Herman\*, Dr. Michael LeBeau\*, Nikki Johnson\*, Tim Blasl\* and Kurt Schley\*.

**Others Present:** Melissa Hauer\*, Kelly Cermak\*, Lori Schmautz\*, Dave Middaugh\*, Jim Kasper\*, and Jeff Cairns\*.

\*Participate by video conferencing.

\*\*Participated by phone.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA) was called to order at 5:02 p.m., Central time, on June 1, 2021, by Jeff Herman, Chair of the Board, at the NDHA office located at 1622 E. Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND. A quorum of directors was present.

Mr. Herman asked if there were any perceived or know conflicts of interest as per items listed on the agenda for this meeting. There were none.

**Agenda Approval:** Mr. Herman asked if there were any proposed changes to the meeting agenda. There were none. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the agenda was approved.

**NDHA Health Benefits Trust:** Tim Blasl, President, gave a recap of the NDHA Health Benefits Trust. Currently there are 15 member hospitals interested in participating in the health benefits trust plan. September 1, 2021 is the anticipated start date of the plan. Three items the board will need to take action on are: approval of the health benefits trust document, authorization of the President to sign documents that may be needed to initiate the trust, and approval of the initial five trustees. Mr. Blasl explained that an individual will be hired by NDHA and a portion of that position's time will be contracted to the Health Benefits Trust to assist in its administration.

### Action Items:

- a. Health Benefits Trust Plan – Melissa Hauer, General Counsel/VP, gave an overview of the terms of the trust agreement.
- b. Health Benefits Trust Trustees – Mr. Blasl mentioned there will be five trustees serving staggered terms of one year, two years, and three years consisting of the NDHA President, and four representatives from member hospitals. Mr. Blasl recommends Erik Christenson, CEO, Heart of America Medical Center, Rugby, Derek Schaff, CFO, Linton Hospital, Linton,

- Nathan Stadheim, CFO, West River Health Services, Hettinger, and Rachel Ray, CFO/HR Coordinator, Unity Medical Center, Grafton.
- c. Authorization for President to sign documents necessary to initiate the trust before trustees are acting.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the NDHA Health Benefits Trust agreement, the five proposed trustees, and authority for the NDHA President to sign initiating documents were approved.

There being no further business, the board meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m. Central time.

*Lori Schmautz*  
Recording Secretary