

**NEW MEXICARE, INC. dba Guadalupe County Hospital
Hospital Conference Room**

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:12 am by Chairman Keith Ross.

ROLL CALL: Other board members present were Yvette Griego, Erasmo Bravo, and Yolanda Tenorio. Lee Vega was absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Staff present were Christina Campos, Administrator; and Frank Tenorio, Asst. Administrator. Guests were Marvin Marquez, Chairman and Emil Ross, Board Member, Vecinos Sanos Assisted Living Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Erasmo Bravo made a motion to approve the agenda with a reordering of the items to allow guest to speak first and move Assisted Living from Guadalupe County Hospital to New Mexicare Inc. Action Items. Yolanda Tenorio seconded the motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Erasmo Bravo made a motion to approve the minutes of July 28, 2021 as presented. Yvette Griego seconded the motion. Motion passed.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Mr. Marquez and Ms. Ross gave the board an update of the census, staffing and financial status of the local assisted living facility. Currently they have 15 residents (down from 23, 8 of who were transferred to a higher level of care). The board has been in place for the past 6 years trying to establish stability for this locally run facility on behalf of the community. They requested \$20,000 to help them transition over the next 60 days, to grow or to close, but make all their financial obligations, especially to staff.

DEPARTMENT AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT REPORTS:

- 1. County Report:** County was not in attendance.
- 2. Administrator's Report:** Christina presented the Census Report, and Balanced Scorecard reports (attached). Christina also gave kudos to Elena Tenorio, RCM manager for capturing uninsured COVID patients and billing them to HRSA successfully.
- 3. Laboratory, Infection Prevention and Risk Management Report:** Frank reported on laboratory COVID testing and positivity rates. He and Christina also led the board through online COVID countywide and statewide reporting metrics. The entire state is seeing a substantial COVID surge, due to the Delta variant. Guadalupe County is not faring as poorly as other counties and the majority of COVID hospitalizations are not local patients.

4. **Nursing Report:** Mandy was holding a vaccination clinic at the Santa Rosa Middle School.
5. **Medical Staff Report:** Dr. Brown was not in attendance. He is on vacation for the month of September.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. **Guadalupe County Hospital:** Christina presented the Guadalupe County Hospital financials for June 2021 (restated to include HAP funds) and July 2021 (attached), on behalf of Bret Goebel, CFO. **Erasmus Bravo made a motion to approve the financial reports for Guadalupe County Hospital for June 2021 (restated) and July 2021. Yolanda Tenorio seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
2. **New Mexicare Inc.:** Christina presented the New Mexicare Inc. financials for July 2021 (attached) on behalf of Bret Goebel, CFO. **Erasmus Bravo made a motion to approve the financial reports for New Mexicare Inc. for July 2021. Yvette Griego seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

GUADALUPE COUNTY HOSPITAL ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Hospital 10 Year Celebration:** The celebration scheduled for October 2, 2021 was cancelled due to the surge in COVID cases. A future date is yet to be determined.
2. **Employee COVID Vaccination Mandate Policy:** Christina and Frank presented the named policy for employees filing exemptions to the mandated vaccine. This policy was reviewed by the regional DOH medical director for appropriateness. **Erasmus Bravo made a motion to approve the policy. Yolanda Tenorio seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
3. **COVID Vaccine Employee Exemptions:** Christina informed the board that three of the three unvaccinated employees filed exemptions to the vaccine mandate based on religious objections. No action taken.

NEW MEXICARE INC. BOARD INITIATIVES AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Assisted Living - Erasmus Bravo made a motion to approve \$25,000 for the Vecinos Sanos Assisted Living Facility (501c3). Yolanda Tenorio seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
2. **2021 NM Youth Expo – Erasmus Bravo made a motion to approve \$1000 toward the purchase of an animal at the Roswell event. Yvette Griego seconded the motion. Yolanda Tenorio recused herself. Motion passed.**

CREDENTIALS AND PRIVILEGING: None.

NEXT MEETING – DATE AND TIME: A regularly scheduled meeting will be held at Guadalupe County Hospital on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 8 am.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Having completed the business at hand, Chairman Keith Ross adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted:
Christina Campos, Administrator

Yolanda Tenorio, Board Secretary

Date