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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING
JUNE 15, 2009

On Monday, June 15, 2009, the Collin County Health Care Foundation Board of Trustees met in Special Session in the Wylie Municipal Complex, 2000 Highway 78 North, Wylie, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 9:43 p.m. The following members of the Board were present, and participated, to wit::

President Keith Self	Present
Trustee Matt Shaheen	Present
Trustee Jerry Hoagland	Present
Trustee Joe Jaynes	Present
Trustee Kathy Ward	Present

President Self called the **Collin County Health Care Foundation** meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

AI-30100 Application, Guidelines and Instructions for the 2010 Health Care Foundation grant funds with the non-profit agencies to provide health related services (budgeted), Health Care.

President Self announced General Discussion Item No. 4 on the Commissioners Court agenda would be pulled.

President Self thanked Mayor Eric Hogue and the City of Wylie for hosting tonight's meeting.

President Self gave an overview of the procedures that would be followed, stating that each speaker would have the podium for three minutes, after which Trustee Hoagland gave a history of the Health Care Foundation.

Candy Blair and Michelle Patrick, Health Care Services, came forward. Ms. Blair stated following an April 16, 2009, meeting of the Collin County Health Care Advisory Board, the following issues were being brought before the Health Care Foundation Board of Trustees: Should low income or indigent be defined in the application? By an 8-1 vote, the Health Care Advisory Board recommended that low income individuals be defined as 100% of the federal poverty level and that funding for services will only be reimbursed for clients whose income is under 100% of the federal poverty level. Additionally, should any changes be made to the application format, guidelines, or instructions?

Ms. Patrick showed the Board a Power Point presentation highlighting Collin County's indigent health care programs. A discussion of the services offered by Prima Care followed. Ms. Blair answered questions from President Self.

John Ernst, Executive Director of the Collin County Adult Clinic, Plano, Texas, thanked the Board for their support. Mr. Ernst stated the Collin County Adult Clinic was volunteer operated and did not turn anyone away who needed care. They decide who fits their parameters, and he urged the Board to allow individual clinics to make those decisions for themselves. Mr. Ernst answered questions from Trustee Jaynes on their income guidelines and budget.

Mitch Stow, Wylie, Texas, was against the Board changing the parameters for qualifications for indigent health care, adding "poor people are voting". Mr. Stow wondered how there could be a discussion of health care in a Christian country.

Russell Wheeler, Wylie, Texas, is a Vietnam veteran who is against these changes. Mr. Wheeler stated we are the richest nation in the world, yet people are struggling. Trustee Hoagland asked Mr. Wheeler if he would be in favor of a tax increase in order to accomplish his request. Mr. Wheeler replied he was not in favor of a tax increase.

Kelley Van Auken, Allen, Texas, spoke next. Ms. Van Auken has muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis and she wondered where she would be today if she had been born into a family who was just above 100% of the

federal poverty level. Ms. Van Auken has been able to lead a successful life because she had access to medical machines, prescriptions, specialists and quality health care. Ms. Van Auken wanted others to have access to the same good medical care she has received.

Reverend Patrick Price, Community Unitarian Church, Plano, Texas, stated his congregation had concerns about health care and they are against the issues proposed. Reverend Price stated churches do what they can, but charity does not relieve a community's government of its responsibilities to all citizens.

Bob Martin, Allen, Texas, is part of the membership team of the Health Care Committee of Collin County. HCCC is a group of Collin County residents and health care professionals who want to be advocates for improving health care services in Collin County. They want to ensure that all residents of Collin County have full access to medical and mental health resources. Mr. Martin said HCCC would like to work with the Board, and then urged the Board to vote against the issue before them tonight.

Marge Langteau, Plano, Texas, is part of the leadership team of Health Care Committee of Collin County. Ms. Langteau stated our health care system is broken and she would like to partner with the Board to create a coalition to explore the needs of the community.

Don Pinkos, Plano, Texas, urged the Board to provide good stewardship of taxpayer dollars, but felt he was outnumbered. Mr. Pinkos challenged those who want to support indigent health care to raise funds and use those funds however they see fit.

Marcy Henson, Prosper, Texas, is a nurse practitioner who works 30 hours a week at the Children's and Community Health Clinic in McKinney seeing a lot of patients who otherwise would "fall through the cracks". Her clinic receives no reimbursements from the County as they have an income requirement of 200% of the federal poverty level. Ms. Henson noted that making requirements more restrictive would only place more of a burden on clinics like hers. Ms. Henson answered questions from the Board.

Reverend Henry V. Petter, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Plano, Texas, shared his concerns. Reverend Petter urged that no further restrictions be placed on people in this time of economic stress. In response to a question from Trustee Hoagland, Reverend Petter stated his church gives aid in excess of $100,000 per year. President Self explained that even though 60% of the County's budget is spent on justice through law enforcement and the court system, Collin County is one of the few counties in the state that goes over and above what is required by statute. President Self continued, adding

governments are not charitable organizations; they have to obtain their funds from somewhere

Priscilla Kimery has been a resident of Plano, Texas, for thirty-one years. Ms. Kimery stated citizens are receiving better services at non-profits that do not get reimbursed from the County. She felt non-profit clinics should be reimbursed for their costs. President Self talked about $120 million in uncompensated health care costs incurred by Collin County hospitals, although not all due to indigent care.

Reverend David Batchelder, West Plano Presbyterian Church, Plano, Texas, stated he wished to be in a community whose government did not turn a deaf ear to those caught in the undertow of an economic downturn. Reverend Bachelder gave examples of families experiencing tough times, but he could not answer President Self's question as to what he thinks an average contribution should be, stating it was too complex a question.

Dan Dodd, McKinney, Texas, felt there aren't enough hospital beds in Collin County. President Self stated the number of beds and emergency rooms is growing with the population. Mr. Dodd stated he would be willing to pay more taxes. A discussion followed between Mr. Dodd and Board members as to how the County would respond in the event of an epidemic.

Bill Baumbach, Wylie, Texas, spoke about the Task Force formed in 2005. He then asked the Board to open up a safety net to people who are contributing to the community. Questions and answers followed between Trustee Shaheen and Mr. Dodd, with Trustee Shaheen noting that Collin County does five times what is required by state statute. In the last three years the number of citizens provided health care by Collin County has increased from 132 to over 3,000. Trustee Ward had questions of Ms. Blair and Ms. Patrick, and gave explanation of the distribution of the $200,000. President Self added the Children's Medical Center of McKinney takes no government money; they operate solely on funds they raise.

Bill Mills, Fairview, Texas, felt government should not be dictating who gives what to whom.

President Self spoke about the Collin County Commission on Aging, which is funded by COG.

The Health Care Foundation Board of Trustees meeting was recessed at 7:45 p.m. and resumed at 7:54 p.m.

Mr. Blair returned to the podium to answer questions from Trustee Hoagland about the number of vaccinations given annually which contributed to the

overall health of the public.

Gus Delahoye, Murphy, Texas, said as a Christian, he is his brother's keeper. If the only way to provide more health care is to increase taxes, Mr. Delahoye said he would be willing to pay additional taxes. Trustee Jaynes pointed out that at the County level, Mr. Delahoye's taxes were frozen.

The next speaker was Mona Roise, McKinney, Texas, who supported the proposal. Ms. Roise commended the County for continuing to exceed state mandated requirements. Additionally, she was against paying higher taxes. Trustee Ward stated as part of a flat budget proposal, this would not involve a tax increase; it is just a difference in the way non-profit organizations are required to verify income.

President Self stated he had public comment cards from Charles Brown, Plano, Texas, and Marlene Mayer, Dallas, Texas, who did not want to speak but were against the proposal.

Betty Sharp, Anna, Texas, was against the proposal. She provided the Board with a thirty-two page cost analysis. Ms. Sharp felt the County needed to reorganize their priorities and stop asphalting county roads.

Kati Malarcher, Plano, Texas, is a dialysis social worker. Ms. Malarcher sees people who are happy to be in dialysis because it opens up Medicare to them. She is against the proposal.

President Self stated he had public comment cards from Fred Nasseri, Plano, Texas, and Linda Jenkins, McKinney, Texas, who did not want to speak but were for the proposal. Marlene Byndon, Prosper, Texas, and Mary Peebles, McKinney, Texas, were against the proposal but did not want to speak.

Brenda Taylor, Plano, Texas, wanted to talk about the Health Care Foundation and the proceeds from the sale of the hospital twenty-five years ago. Ms. Taylor then questioned the Board about rent paid for County offices. Finally, Ms. Taylor expressed thanks for Dr. Susan Shuler of the Plano Children's Medical Center.

Trustee Hoagland read a letter into the record from Dr. Shuler

President Self stated he had public comment cards from D. Shawn Stevens, Dallas, Texas, and Jeffrey Holloway and Sara Jo Mueller, both of Plano, Texas, who did not want to speak but were against the proposal. Sheryl Mills, Fairview, Texas, was for the proposal but did not want to speak.

Pamela Heath, Plano, Texas, appreciated the increase in the number of

indigents who have received care. Ms. Heath stated Dallas County provides care to families who are within the 200% federal poverty level. Ms. Heath also would be willing to pay increased taxes if necessary; however, she would like the option of choosing where her taxes go for other services provided by the County.

President Self had a public comment card from Khiva Brown who was for the proposal but did not wish to speak.

Victor Manuel, McKinney, Texas, stated we have a responsibility to take care of our poor. He is a democrat who believes fiscal responsibility is vitally important in our government. Mr. Manuel also stated hospitals are forced to charge insurance companies more money due to people they know will not pay their hospital bills.

Trustee Jaynes wanted to point out that this is not an increase in spending issue; it is a tightening up of restrictions.

Terrill Brandon, Murphy, Texas, thinks the reason for the Prima Care plan was a responsible and fiscal thing to do. Trustee Jaynes pointed out the difference between Prima Care and non-profits and a discussion followed.

Padraig O'Suilleabhain, Plano, Texas, is a volunteer at the Collin County Adult Clinic. Mr. O'Suilleabhain noted that the $35 reimbursement leverages volunteerism; it is not a reimbursement for care.

President Self stated he had public comment cards from Ray Ash, Murphy, Texas, Wanda and Wendy Alianell, Nevada, Texas, Randi Holloway, Plano, Texas, and Linda Magid, Allen, Texas, who were against the proposal but did not want to speak.

Trustee Ward thanked everyone for attending, then noted grant proposals have to be submitted this summer; therefore, non-profits need to know if they are being funded. Discussion followed among Board members.

Ms. Patrick returned to the podium to again state Health Care's requests. Trustee Shaheen made a motion to reduce the number of copies of attachments from eleven copies to one copy. Trustee Ward seconded. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote of the Board.

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Trustee Shaheen made a motion on the requirement to ask questions on income and to adjust the federal poverty level requirement to 100%. Trustee Hoagland seconded. Trustee Jaynes had a concern about non-profits'

abilities to check that information. Discussion followed among Board members. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote of the Board. Trustees Ward and Jaynes voted no.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Trustees did not recess into Executive Session.

There being no further business of the Board, President Self adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Keith Self, President

ATTEST:

Joe Jaynes, Trustee/Secretary