

STATE OF TEXAS

HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION  
MEETING MINUTES

COUNTY OF COLLIN

JUNE 23, 2014

On Monday, June 23, 2014, the Collin County Health Care Foundation Board of Trustees met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Jack Hatchell Collin County Administration Building, 4th Floor, 2300 Bloomdale Road, City of McKinney, Texas, with the following members present, and participating, to wit:

President Keith Self  
Trustee Mark Reid, Precinct 1  
Trustee Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2  
Trustee Chris Hill, Precinct 3  
Trustee Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

1. President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 1:58 p.m.

2. **Consent agenda to approve:** President Self asked for comments on the consent agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made to approve the consent agenda. (Time: 2:20 p.m.)

Motion by: Trustee Cheryl Williams  
Second by: Trustee Chris Hill  
Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

a. AI-38389 Disbursements for the period ending June 17, 2014, Auditor.

H.C.F. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2067-06-23

b. AI-38381 Professional Services Contract with PIA (Public Information Associates) to administer RHP 18 anchor duties required by the Medicaid 1115 Waiver, grant exemption from the bidding process per Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4) and further authorize the Board President to finalize and execute same, Administrative Services.

H.C.F. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2068-06-23

c. **AI-38323** Acceptance of the FY2014 Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease – Foodborne Illness Program Grant in the amount of \$30,774; Contract No. 2014-045641 with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) beginning May 1, 2014 through and including August 31, 2014 and further authorize the Board President to finalize and execute same, Health Care.

Candy Blair, Healthcare Services, explained epidemiology is the science of public health and the distribution of that health. Epidemiologists determine who, what, where, when, how and why a disease occurred. There is a law in Texas called Texas Notifiable Conditions which includes 82 illnesses with reporting requirements which must be met to be in compliance.

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) estimates 48 million Americans domestically acquire a foodborne or waterborne illness each year. These illnesses generally require a visit to the hospital or a doctor. Ms. Blair gave a brief description of the foodborne/waterborne epidemiologist's role in monitoring, defining, targeting prevention measures and providing data and analyses regarding food safety action and policy. According to CDC statistics for 2013, the incidence of these illnesses is rising. For every case that is identified, there are at least 30 cases not diagnosed. While foodborne and waterborne illnesses will never be eliminated completely, the CDC has set target rates for 2020.

Foodborne and waterborne disease reports come in on a daily basis and can take from hours to months to fully complete and close. Some individual investigations can be linked to multi-state outbreaks and lead to recalls. Facility illnesses (assisted living/nursing homes, schools, daycares, etc.) report small outbreaks on a weekly basis. When two or more people get the same illness from the same contaminated food or drink, the event is called a foodborne outbreak. The size and scope of an outbreak can vary based on which pathogen or toxin is involved, how much food is contaminated, where in the food production chain contamination occurs, where the food is served and how many people eat it. Ms. Blair reported the statistics on recent multistate outbreaks of foodborne illnesses. Forecasted statistics for foodborne and waterborne illnesses show a projected increase for 2015.

The communication demands on the Epidemiology Department average 1,500 calls per month. This includes communication with the patient, their family members, grocers, restaurants, hospitals, lab technicians, physicians, and people calling with concerns. The DFW area staff comparisons show Denton County with three epidemiologists, Collin County with two, Tarrant County with 13 and Dallas County with 19. The population ratio shows Collin County should have five to seven epidemiologists.

The aggregated annual cost associated with foodborne and waterborne illnesses in the U.S. was \$77.7 billion last year. These illnesses create an economic burden in the communities they infect. This is why the (DSHS) Department of State Health and Human Services has offered to fund one Collin County epidemiologist position for foodborne and waterborne illness. Ms. Blair received the call regarding this grant on April 25, 2014 and the grant was due on April 29, 2014. The initial grant is from May 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014 and includes continued funding for an epidemiologist from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015 and may continue from DSHS after 2015. The funding includes salary and fringe benefits and all related expenses for the position. Ms. Blair feels this position is needed due to the ongoing need to control and prevent public health diseases in our growing community.

Due to the availability of this funding, Ms. Blair was able to remove a request for one epidemiologist position in the 2015 budget. Ms. Blair asked the Court for approval to accept the initial grant of \$30,774 and the follow-up grant of \$79,280 for 2015. The funding includes training and mileage, general office supplies, reference guides and materials, a computer and software, desk, chair, printer, scanner, desk and cell phones, and monthly service for the cell phone.

Trustee Webb said he could not find the contract for the next year. Ms. Blair has not received that contract yet, but she did receive an email with the grant amount. When that contract is received, it will be put on the Court agenda for approval. With no further discussion, a motion was made to approve the initial grant. (Time: 2:20 p.m.)

Motion by: Trustee Cheryl Williams  
Second by: Trustee Chris Hill  
Vote: 5 - 0 Passed

**H.C.F. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2069-06-23**

d. **AI-38368** Filing of the June 2, 2014, Minutes, County Clerk.

**H.C.F. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2070-06-23**

e. **Receive and File, Monthly Financial Report(s), Auditor:**

1. **AI-38400** January 2014.

**H.C.F. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2071-06-23**

2. **AI-38401** February 2014.

**H.C.F. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2072-06-23**

3. **AI-38402** March 2014.

**H.C.F. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2073-06-23**

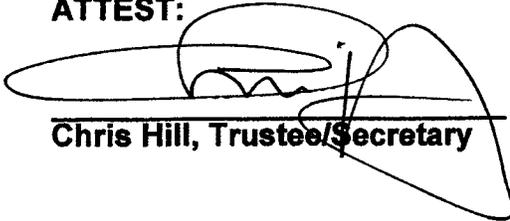
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Board, President Self adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.



**Keith Self, President**

**ATTEST:**



**Chris Hill, Trustee/Secretary**