

STATE OF TEXAS

HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

MEETING MINUTES

COUNTY OF COLLIN

JULY 14, 2014

On Monday, July 14, 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 Chris Hill, Precinct 3
Trustee Duncan Webb, Precinct 4

Absent: Trustee Cheryl Williams, Precinct 2

1. President Self called to order the meeting of the Collin County Health Care Foundation at 1:31 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: 1:31 p.m.)

Motion by: Trustee Chris Hill
Second by: Trustee Mark Reid
Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

a. AI-38501 Disbursements for the period ending July 8, 2014, Auditor.

H.C.F RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2077-07-14

b. AI-38481 Filing of the June 23, 2014, Minutes, County Clerk.

H.C.F RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2078-07-14

GENERAL DISCUSSION

3. AI-38479 Project Access Annual Presentation for 2014, Health Care.

Candy Blair, Health Care Services, introduced Joshua James, M.D., Medical Director for Project Access-Collin County (PACC). Dr. James presented the annual update on the progress and goals of the program. The number of volunteer physicians grew since the program's inception in 2011 from 80 to 129 physicians in 2013. Currently, there are 150 physician volunteers with 55 being primary care and 95 being specialists.

Getting the tertiary and ancillary providers such as Envision Imaging and North Star Diagnostic Imaging on board has been a major factor in the program's success. Diagnostic centers, laboratories, heart and sleep centers have saved money for both PACC and hospitals by providing free diagnostic services. This makes it easier to recruit hospitals into the program. All of the hospitals within the area have participated in the program in the past two years with the majority having committed to continue to support PACC. Dr. James anticipates the few who have yet to commit will be on board after seeing the benefit and value PACC gives the hospitals.

The total number of patients who are actively being seen by physicians has grown from 75 patients in 2011 to 185 patients in 2013. The cumulative number of patients that have been served by the program since 2011 is 381 patients. Patients come from three pools: county referred, physician referred and hospital referred, assuming the patient meets the financial qualifications. Dr. James explained once a patient is accepted into the program, they are assigned to a primary care physician. Based on this physician's evaluation, the patient may be referred to a diagnostic facility or specialist within PACC. The PACC staff has done an excellent job in organizing the referrals and spreading the responsibility among the physicians and facilities.

Dr. James discussed the patient care values for 2013. The values are of actual services rendered through the program and not money saved. Patient care reported in 2013 was \$949,741. Pharmacy assistance secured totaled \$188,610 with \$88,450 paid out in 2013. The total care value for 2013 was \$1,226,801.

Trustee Webb asked Dr. James if there is a ceiling on the number of patients this group of volunteer physicians can treat. Melissa Castillo, PACC Operations Manager, came forward to address the question. Ms. Castillo stated, at this point, the program is not close to the maximum number of patients. When a physician volunteers to the program, they are asked to commit to a certain number of new patients. Some physicians commit to one new patient a month, some commit to six new patients a year and there are physicians who are on a case by case basis. In certain specialties there are many openings available, while for other specialties and subspecialties it is harder to find openings. This is due to the infrequent use of the specialty or not having those types of specialists in the area. Ms. Castillo felt there is significant capacity left within the current pool of physicians.

Dr. James said, from a humanity point of view, the impact the program has had on Collin County is immeasurable. A price cannot be put on providing health care to uninsured and indigent residents who would not have received care otherwise. Dr. James thanked the Court for their support of PACC. Without the Court's support and the close-knit community this program would not be possible.

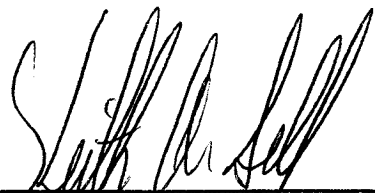
Trustee Hill commended the PACC team for what they are doing for Collin County and asked Dr. James what the advantage is to the ancillary providers who participate in this program. Dr. James stated on the surface there is none. However, the ancillary providers understand if they support the physicians who refer uninsured or indigent patients, those same physicians will continue to refer insured or private-pay individuals to those providers. The Trustee also asked if Dr. James believes the ancillary providers are pleased with the relationship they have with PACC. Dr. James believed they are pleased and said the key is to have many ancillary providers to spread out patient referrals which make it tolerable for the ancillary providers to take on uninsured and indigent patients.

Judge Self noted the McKinney Fire Department has instituted a similar program for the community. He urged Ms. Blair to obtain the fire department's percentages on relative savings in order to look at measuring the percentage of savings for the PACC program. (Time: 1:48 p.m.)

NO ACTION TAKEN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not recess into Executive Session. There being no further business of the Board, President Self adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.


Keith Self, President

ATTEST:


Chris Hill, Trustee/Secretary