



DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
HOSPITAL GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2019

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
Chair, Vice-President, Les Zendle, MD Chair, Carole Rogers, RN Director Karen Borja	Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, CFO Lisa Houston, COO Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Zendle.	
II. Introductions	Chair Zendle invited all in attendance to introduce themselves.	
III. Approval of Agenda	Chair Rogers asked for a motion to approve the agenda and tabling item VII.3.	Moved and seconded by Director Rogers and Vice-President Zendle to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment		
V. Approval of Meeting Minutes	Chair Zendle asked for approval of the December 20, 2018 meeting minutes. Ezra Kaufman, District resident, inquired on the board discussions and resolve from the December minutes on Desert Regional Medical Center's presentations for public distribution. Chair Zendle explained that the board discussed the matter and Tenet has the right not to publish any proprietary data.	Moved and seconded by Director Rogers and Vice-President Zendle to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
VI. Old Business		
VII. New Business	Christine Langenwaller, Chief Quality Officer, Desert Regional Medical, introduced Joe Hedley, LCSW, Manager, Social Work, Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC) concerning the policy for people experiencing homelessness arriving at the Emergency Department (ER).	



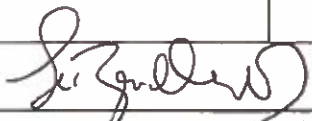
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<p>1. Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade Upgrade – Christine Langenwalter, MSN, RNC, CENP, Chief Quality Officer, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>2. Hospital Inspection Update – Desert Regional Medical Center</p>	<p>Mr. Hedley described in detail Desert Regional Medical Center’s compliance with the January 1, 2019 state law currently effective for the discharge of homeless patients, with some portions of the law requiring implementation by July 1, 2019. The specifics included clothing access, prescription medications, transportation, and medical follow-ups with community health and primary care clinics.</p> <p>Chair Zendle encouraged DRMC to make the statistics available to the public and the media about the discharge of homeless patients in the ER based on the positive aspects of the hospital’s compliance measures.</p> <p>Christine Langenwalter, Chief Quality Officer, Desert Regional Medical Center, explained that the Leapfrog grades are released twice a year. The current score is rated at a “C”. Ms. Lagenwalter outlined the measure from 2015 – 2017 for infections, surgical considerations, coding, the prevention of errors, and ranking changes from a B to a C due to patient falls. 2018 data has not yet affected the scores with the next reporting cycle in April 2019.</p> <p>Chair Zendle introduced Dale Barnhart, the hospital inspector. Mr. Barnhart described his long-term career at Desert Regional Medical Center in facilities,</p>	
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<p>3. Charity Care Policy and Estimated Dollar Amount Provided for Indigent Care</p>	<p>including other career hospital-related matters.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, explained the March 5 hospital inspection for the Sinatra Towers and Finance. A detailed report of the inspection will be available at the March committee meeting, as well as the Charity Care Policy and Estimated Dollar Amount Provided for Indigent Care.</p> <p>Director Borja explained the challenges of driving 40 minutes to the District on Thursday mornings; however, Director Borja is flexible, and the District can accommodate Director Borja with Webex participation.</p> <p>Director Rogers described more community adviser's participation in the committee, explaining transparency and her preference for more community members with a possible time change to accommodate all members of the committee.</p> <p>The matter was tabled to the March meeting.</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>		
<p>VIII. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair Zendle adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><i>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Hospital-Governance-Oversight-Committee</i></p>

ATTEST: 
 Les Zendle, MD, Chair/Vice-President
 Hospital Governance and Oversight and Committee

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board