

**Board of Directors**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2007**

The Board of Directors of the Peninsula Health Care District met in Regular Session on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 1745 hours, in the Sierra Rooms at Peninsula Hospital , 1783 El Camino Real, Burlingame, California.

**ROLL CALL:** On roll call there were present: Directors: Daniel E. Ullyot, Vice Chair, Rick Navarro, Sue Smith and Helen Galligan.

Also present were: Staff: Rachel Marcial, Assistant Secretary; Collin J. Coffey, Legal Counsel, Adam Alberti, Executive Vice President, Singer Associates; Courtney Lodato, Account Supervisor, Singer Associates, Michael P. Lawson, FACHE, and Robert Merwin, CEO MPHS.

Absent and Excused: Donald E. Newman, Chair.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** Since Chair Newman was absent, Director Ullyot decided to skip the matter until Chair Newman returns.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Director Ullyot asked for public comment. There was no response. Director Smith recommended moving the Minutes for the Regular and Special Meetings to be approved during the next Regular meeting. This way, everyone has sufficient time to look over and correct the Minutes. Director Ullyot asked for public comment with none received. The Consent Calendar, consisting of the treasurer's report, check disbursement & cash receipt register, finance report, was moved by Director Smith and seconded by Director Navarro to approve as submitted. Motion unanimously carried with Chair Newman absent.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Director Ullyot called for any Oral Communications at this time, anything that members of the public may address the Board on any item not on the Agenda and on any other matter within the jurisdiction of the District. Speakers are customarily limited to three minutes.

Ruth Jacobs, Burlingame: Mrs. Jacobs asked if the Board had any bylaws and if the Board does, she would like a copy. Director Ullyot assured her that we do and informed her that they are online for her convenience.

Pat Giorni, Burlingame: Mrs. Giorni told the Board that she had brought her mother to the emergency room and that it took an extremely long amount of time for her mother to receive a bed to lie in. The same was true for her neighbor who had also visited the emergency room last week. She wanted to know if the beds were being sold to a corporation and if that is the reason for the lack of beds available. Director Ullyot responded that the Board is not ready to answer that question but it will be duly noted.

**MPHS UPDATE:** Mr. Robert Merwin, CEO of MPHS provided a slide show to share with the Board and the public the financial report of MPHS, as well as the activities MPHS is holding. He explained that MPHS ended the year with \$378,298,000.000 in revenue. He boasted the patient satisfaction to be in the top 73% for inpatient in the US, and 65% for emergency in the US. His *Growth* slide proved that OB volume was done, as well as emergency room visits. Director Ulliyot asked if the OB volume being down had to do with less people having babies. Mr. Merwin responded that he was not sure and that they are still looking into the factors. Director Smith noted that MPHS had a big workman's compensation rebate. She asked if that was a one-time thing or reoccurring. According to Mr. Merwin, they had an enormous reduction in worker injuries. They compute worker's compensation every six months. He continued his presentation by noting that the parking garage is completed. He returned to Ms. Giorni's question about the beds. He noted that the sleep study is owned by their pulmonologists, and because sleep apnea is an acute problem, the beds they have are not accessible to inpatients. He also noted that right now MPHS are full at 230 beds. They are licensed for 275, but due to gender conflicts as well as disease conflicts, not all beds can be taken up. The new hospital will have 245 private rooms, as well as an empty floor that can accommodate 70 more beds.

**Pat Giorni, Burlingame:** Mrs. Giorni commended Mr. Merwin on MPHS's emergency room visits being down, but inquired about how often diverts happen. Mr. Merwin explained that he did not know the exact diversion rate at the moment and that diversion is a big issue around the county.

**Luciana Kincer, Millbrae:** Ms. Kincer noted that they are extremely busy and every room is occupied. In her perspective, MPHS may be behind where they actually should be. Mr. Merwin responded in saying that the total census everyday is around 220. Ms. Kincer pointed out that 220 is a false number due to the fact that that is counted at midnight. She believes that there should be a clearer picture as to what the actual hospital occupancy is.

**Terry Huebner, Burlingame:** Ms. Huebner asked if there was any list that keeps in time and out time of patients in the emergency room. Mr. Merwin explained to her that the critical care unit is full and it is a multi factorial problem that gets back to the issue of rapid turn around. She also wanted to commend MPHS's shuttle drivers stating that they are very nice gentlemen. She was wondering if MPHS was thinking of putting benches out for those waiting for the shuttle and the problem of patients wanting to use the shuttle after 4:00PM. Mr. Merwin assured her that they are purchasing benches very soon and that they actually have extended the shuttle hours to 8:00PM.

**LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Director Ulliyot noted that we the Board is still working on a mission statement. The Board is also doing needs assessments to see where the Board can address itself. He pointed out that one of the Board's consultants pointed out that we live in an affluent area where averages will obscure pockets of need, so the Board is ecstatic to provide leadership where is really is needed.

He also noted that we are scheduling another Special Meeting for March, and the date will be announced when agreed upon. Director Ullyot asked for public comment with none received.

**QUARTERLY REPORTS FROM YFES:** Director Ullyot stated that the quarterly report provided was very informational and seemed to be doing their job. Director Ullyot asked for public comment with none received.

**QUARTERLY REPORT FROM SAMARITAN HOUSE:** Director Ullyot pondered if the Samaritan House receives bargaining power for drugs. Director Smith agreed that it would be an appropriate question for their annual review. Director Ullyot asked for public comment.

**Ruth Jacobs, Burlingame:** Ms. Jacob asked the Board if we pay towards the dental clinic. Director Galligan assured her that the Boards financing covers both the medical and dental clinic. Director Ullyot stated that he believed its one of the best expenditures the Board could make because it is such an important issue.

**COMMUNICATIONS OVERSIGHT REPORT:** Mr. Adam Alberti assured the Board that he would send a copy of the drafted newsletter by the end of the week, which will hopefully in turn, be at the doorsteps of households in 3-4 weeks time. Director Ullyot asked for public comment with none received.

**PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Director Navarro reported nothing at this time. Director Ullyot asked for public comment with none received.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was noted and order filed.

A) Correspondence received:

- (1) Invitation from Health Services Agency re: Meeting scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2007 from 9:00am-1200pm to discuss EMS system performance.
- (2) Letter, dated 1/17/2007 from Linda Calrson, Executive Director, Women's Recovery Association, re: Thank you for your continued support for Tracey's Place of Hope.
- (3) Letter, dated 1/16/2007 from Tippy Irwin, Executive Director, Ombudsman Services of San Mateo County, re: Thank you for ongoing support of the Program.
- (4) Agenda, Meeting of the San Mateo County Chapter, California Special Districts Association scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 7:00pm in San Carlos.

(5) Letter, dated 1/22/2007 from Kitty Lopez, Executive Director, Samaritan House, re: Thank you for the very generous Community Health Care Grant

(6) Letter, dated 1/31/2007 from L. Craig Britton, General Manager, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, re: Community Meeting of the District's Board of Directors.

(7) agenda, Special Meeting of Board of Directors, Midpeninsula Open Space District scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 7:00PM in Half Moon Bay.

**CLOSED SESSION:** As posted on the Agenda, Director Ulliyot announced the Board would go into Closed Session for a conference with Mr. Donald Whiteside regarding personnel matter, executive director recruitment and candidates pursuant with Government Code Section 54956.8 at 6:15PM.

**OPEN SESSION:** Director Ulliyot announced open session at 7:50PM. Attorney Coffey stated there was nothing to report and no action was taken during closed session.

There being no further business, on a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:508PM.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RACHEL MARCIAL, Assistant Secretary

Approved:

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HELEN GALLIGAN, Secretary

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DONALD. E. NEWMAN, Chair

