

**Tulare Local Health Care District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 6:30 PM  
Evolutions Plaza Conference Room  
1425 E. Prosperity Ave., Tulare, CA  
(Use Prosperity Avenue entrance on north side of Plaza)**

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## MINUTES

### **Tulare Local Health Care District Board Members:**

Kevin Northcraft	President	District 4
Mike Jamaica	Vice President	District 2
Senovia Gutierrez	Secretary	District 3
Steve Harrell	Treasurer	District 1

#### **1. Call to Order**

- a. President Northcraft called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

#### **2. Public Comment**

None.

#### **3. Announcements – Board**

Kevin Northcraft announced the Board has concluded negotiations with the new owners of Re.Vive and noted the 10% monthly discount will apply until Evolutions re-opens.

#### **4. Election of Officers of the Board of Directors**

Legal Counsel Jason Howard presented options for the election of Board officers. Motion was made by Steve Harrell and seconded by Senovia Gutierrez to keep officers the same with exception of nominating Xavier Avila as Secretary. However, if Xavier declines the nomination, Senovia Gutierrez will remain as Secretary. Motion approved 4-0 with Xavier Avila absent.

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

- a. 12/16/2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. 12/23/2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Steve Harrell and seconded by Senovia Gutierrez to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

#### **6. Tulare Hospital Foundation Update – Jan Smith**

In the absence of Jan Smith, Kevin Mooney provided a brief update on current Foundation activity. Mooney also reported there is a lot of community support for a bond effort if it is in conjunction with grants. Mooney stated Adventist Health needs to inform the community just how heavily invested they are in Tulare.

#### **7. Evolutions Fitness & Wellness Center**

- a. Gym Status Update – EVO Management Company
- b. Transition Update – Sandra Ormonde reported the gym is still closed and will not re-open until the State orders are lifted. Evo Management has applied for a second PPP loan and awaiting approval.
- c. Discussion and Action to Approve Support Payment Amount for February 2021  
Motion was made by Senovia Gutierrez and seconded by Mike Jamaica to approve the \$21,651.71 support payment for February. Motion approved 4-0.

- 8. Adventist Health Tulare Update – Sheri Pereira, Site Administrator**  
Sheri Pereira reported the daily census is steady at 28; the first and second floors are open; hospital is providing urgent surgeries as of this week; residency program will begin this summer along with a dental residency; Orthopedic Associates is now a part of AH clinics and they will now be able to perform spine and joint surgeries; OB is steady; AH has started a recruitment for OB doctors; and vaccine clinics were available to employees. Sheri has informed Kaweah Delta and Sierra View Hospital in Porterville that Adventist Health Tulare has capacity to take Covid-19 patients.
- 9. Adventist Health Tulare – Capital Improvements**
- a. NPC-2 Emergency Lighting – Ormonde reported there is an issue with illumination degradation in the OR area. Staff will seek bids to remedy.
  - b. NPC-2 Exit Signs – AH has a solution and will have this remedied within a couple months.
  - c. IT Server Room AC Upgrade
  - d. Miscellaneous Projects – Still waiting on archive project.
- 10. Hospital Tower Construction Committee**
- a. Update – Ormonde reported nine applications have been received.
  - b. Discussion and Action Related to Status of Selection Process for Committee Members – It was the consensus of the Board to hold Tower Construction Committee interviews during a Special meeting in open session.
- 11. Discussion and Action Related to Scheduling Board Meetings**  
It was the consensus of the Board to keep Board meetings at current time. No action taken.
- 12. Chief Executive Officer Report**
- a. Property Management Update
    - i. Leases
    - ii. Property Repairs – Ormonde reported property repairs are being made and preventative maintenance performed at the VA, Microcorre and Evolutions
    - iii. Sales/Use of Properties Update – Ormonde stated the Merritt building needs to be cleaned before the Architect can inspect the premises.
  - b. IT Update – Still waiting to get into the Cloud.
  - c. Tower – Inspector of Record is working with Morris Levin & Son to perform work.
- 13. Financial Report**  
**Discussion and Action to Approve Financials:**
- a. TLHCD Internal Financial Statements – December 2020
  - b. Cash Report Update – January 22, 2021
  - c. Budget Summary – FYE 6/30/2021 Q1

Motion was made by Senovia Gutierrez and seconded by Mike Jamaica to accept the financial report as presented. Motion approved 4-0.

- 14. Suspend Open Session at 7:38pm – Recess to Closed Session**
- 15. Closed Session at 7:40 pm.**
- a. Potential Litigation (*pursuant to Ca. Govt. Code § 54956.9*)
  - b. Conference with Interim Legal Counsel – Existing litigation (*pursuant to Ca. Govt. Code § 54956.9*):
    - i. *In re Tulare Local Healthcare District dba Tulare Regional Medical Center – United States Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of California Case No. 17-13797*
    - ii. *Tulare Local Health Care District v. Bruce R. Greene, et al., Superior Court for the State of California for Tulare County Case No. 278333*
  - c. Instructions to designated representative related to real property at 1425 E. Prosperity Avenue commonly known as Evolutions (*pursuant to Ca. Govt. Code § 54956.8*)
  - d. Instructions to designated representative related to leases of real property located in Evolutions Plaza at 1425 E. Prosperity Avenue (*pursuant to Ca. Govt. Code § 54956.8*)
  - e. End closed session at 7:55 pm.
- 16. Reconvene Open Session at 7:57pm – Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session (If Necessary) pursuant to Government Code 54957.1**
- Nothing to report.
- 17. Adjournment at 7:57pm – Next regular meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at Evolutions Plaza Conference Room.**

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Xavier Avila  
Secretary