

FINAL: APPROVED

PLAQUEMINES MEDICAL CENTER REGULAR BOARD MEETING February 17, 2021

Item I. & II. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Call To Order And Roll Call - A Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Plaquemines Medical Center (Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One d/b/a Plaquemines Medical Center) was called to order by Chairman Dale Adams at 7:06 PM on February 21, 2021, via teleconference at the Plaquemines Medical Center, 27136 Hwy 23, Port Sulphur, LA. Hannaha Williams conducted the customary roll call of the Board Members and recorded and documented the minutes. The results were as follows:

Rechelle Ragas	<u>Absent</u>	Stanley Gaudet:	<u>Present</u>
Erin Braud:	<u>Present</u>	Norma Lafrance:	<u>Present</u>
Brigette Belair:	<u>Present</u>	Jane Tesvich:	<u>Present</u>
Mena Marinovich:	<u>Present</u>	Bonnie Thomas:	<u>Present</u>
Dale Adams:	<u>Present</u>		

A quorum was declared present.

Also in attendance were: Leslie Prest, Plaquemines Medical Center, Hannaha Williams, Plaquemines Medical Center, Colleen Fisher, Plaquemines Medical Center, Monica Martin, Plaquemines Medical Center, Jennifer Harris, Plaquemines Primary Care, Dr. Cartagena, Plaquemines Primary, Dr. Michael Kotler, Plaquemines Medical Center, Dr. Mohammad Naeem, Plaquemines Medical Center. Dr. William Kotler, Plaquemines Medical Center, Sandra Lode, Sandra Lode Consulting Group, Mary Ancar, Plaquemines Medical Center,

Item III. Pledge of Allegiance: (WAIVED)

Item IV. Review and Approval of Current Agenda: (Adams)

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Belair, to approve the current agenda.

Public Comments:
None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Item V. Approval of January 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. (Adams)

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. LaFrance, to approve the January 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Public Comments:
None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Item VI. Financials: (Fisher)

A. January 2021 Financial Reports

During the teleconference, Ms. Leslie Prest read through the January 2021 financial reports and asked the Board if anyone had questions. Mr. Adams asked if the cost of the COVID vaccine is charged to the patient's insurance, and Ms. Prest mentioned that if the patient has red, white, and blue Medicare, PMC can charge an administration fee for both doses. There were no additional questions and no items to discuss.

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Belair, to approve the January 2021 Financial Reports.

Public Comments:
None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

B. New Presentation of 2021 Budget for PMC

Ms. Prest provided a copy of the new 2021 budget for PMC to the Board before the meeting for their review for approval. Ms. Leslie Prest presented the new 2021 budget, which is on an accrual basis. There were no questions.

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. LaFrance, to accept the 2021 budget for PMC as presented.

Public Comments:
None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

C. New Presentation of 2021 Budget for PPC

Ms. Prest provided a copy of the new 2021 budget for PPC to the Board before the meeting for their review for approval. Ms. Leslie Prest presented the new 2021 budget, which is on an accrual basis. There were no questions.

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. LaFrance, to accept the 2021 budget for PPC as presented.

Public Comments:
None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Item VII. Medical Director/ Assistant Medical Director/Clinical Coordinator:
(Dr. Kotler/Dr. Naeem/Monica Martin)

During the Zoom call, Dr. Naeem, the new Assistant Medical Director, spoke about his work with Ms. Monica Martin and Ms. Leslie Prest. He discussed developing a staff committee of staff members to work with PMC and PPC and provide the best quality healthcare to residents and visitors of our community and surrounding areas. Ms. Prest said she appreciates Dr. Naeem's efforts to ensure PMC and PPC are utilized to their fullest potential.

Dr. William Kotler was present and said he's looking forward to working more with PMC. Dr. Kotler talked briefly about his and Dr. Naeem's relationship and shared his excitement about working with PMC.

Ms. Martin updated the Board regarding COVID testing for the month. As of February 17, 2021, we've tested eight hundred and forty-one (841) patients, and of that, one hundred and fifty-seven (157) tested positive. We've done two hundred (200) Influenza tests, and twenty-two (22) tested positive. She urged everyone to continue to mask-up, practice social distancing and good handwashing. There were no questions.

Ms. Martin also spoke about the COVID-19 vaccine and mentioned that the PMC & PPC staff had received their first and second dose of the Moderna vaccine. As of February 17, 2021, we have administered six hundred (600) vaccines. She said that she has been submitting a weekly request to the state and hopes to receive the next shipment to distribute to the community. There was a delay in the weekly shipment due to the inclement weather.

Public Comments:
None

Item VIII. New Business: (Adams)

None

Item IX. Old Business: (Adams)

A. Digital Optometrics

At last month's meeting, Ms. Prest phoned Dr. Kelly to discussed Digital Optometrics. Ms. Leslie and Dr. Kelly gave a brief overview regarding the Digital Optometrics process and the benefits of having these services at PMC. Ms. Prest talked about her conversation with Dr. Howard Fried regarding Digital Optometrics. She discussed briefly

some questions she had concerning the process. She plans to update at next month's Board meeting.

Public Comments:
None

A. Primary Care Update

Ms. Harris gave a brief update regarding PPC. She stated that Mrs. Cotton and Dr. Cartagena are working well together. PPC has seen a total of four hundred sixty-five (465) patients in January of that two hundred forty (240) were unduplicated patients. She also talked about the PPC clinic's flow and the testing for the Plaquemines Parish School Board.

For January, PPC tested ninety-five (95) patients, with a 33 % positivity rate. Ms. Harris talked about the recipients of the vaccines. She said that in coordination with PMC, PPC has been administering vaccines readily to the community residents and plans to continue to do so as long as the vaccine is available. Mrs. Harris said she continues to put in a weekly request for the vaccines.

Public Comments:
None

Item X. Hazard Pay

The Board discussed extending Hazard Pay.

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. LaFrance, to extend Hazard Pay.

Public Comments:
None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Ms. Prest read a Thank-you letter that PMC received from Sandy Sanders, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District's Executive Director. He thanked the staff of PMC for the professional care received and well-maintained facility. He stated that it was a great experience and thanked them again for adding significantly to our community.

Item XI. Adjournment: (Adams)

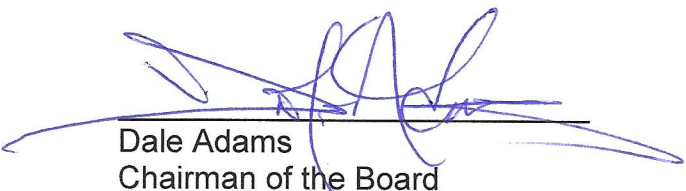
Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Mr. Gaudet, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Public Comments:
None

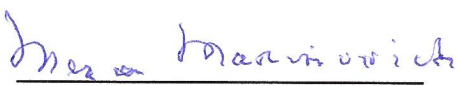
Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

Attestation

The above and foregoing is an accurate summary of the actions taken by the members of the Board of Commissioners of Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One d/b/a Plaquemines Medical Center, State of Louisiana, at its Regular Meeting on February 17, 2021.



Dale Adams
Chairman of the Board



Mena Marinovich
Secretary/Treasurer