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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER &
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Michael Wallace
Board Member |
| II. | ROLL CALL | Christine Flores
District Clerk |
| III. | COMMUNICATIONS
A. Oral
B. Written | |
| IV. | CLOSED SESSION
A. Report involving a trade secret
pursuant to Health & Safety Code
section 32106
New Program
Estimated date of public disclosure:
April 2017 | Nancy Farber
Chief Executive Officer |
| V. | OPEN SESSION
Report on Closed Session | Michael Wallace
Board Member |
| VI. | ACTION
A. Consideration of Claim: Sargiotto | <i>Motion Required</i> |
| VII. | ADJOURNMENT | Michael Wallace
Board Member |

STRATEGIC PLANNING
PRIORITIES & PROGRESS REPORT
April 22, 2016

I. LEGISLATION

Federal and Local Economic Update

The national economic outlook is guarded. Domestic economic indicators are indicating an overall economic slowdown during the first quarter of 2016, as the national economy has been hampered by a strong dollar and weak global demand, which have weighed on exports. Lower oil prices have also been a drag on energy firm profits, which curtails spending on capital projects. Initial estimates are the national economy grew at the meager annualized rate of as low as 0.2% during the first quarter of 2016. National employment figures, however, remain healthy. The Federal Reserve continues to weigh possible interest rate increases, and the general consensus is we will likely see a 0.25 percent increase during the June time period.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics job report showed the U.S. economy added 215,000 jobs in March, as the unemployment rate ticked up to 5.0%, increasing from 4.9%. The increase in the unemployment rate resulted from the fact that more people started looking for work. This is the fifth time in the past six months that the proportion of Americans working or looking for work has increased, which is an encouraging trend after that figure fell to a four-decade low last year. Claims for U.S. jobless benefits rose moderately recently, increasing by 6,000 to a seasonally adjusted 265,000. The four-week moving average, a less volatile measure, increased slightly by 250 to 259,750. The national housing market is starting to see an increase in activity, as is expected at this time of the year. Last month, the number of properties that received a foreclosure filing in the U.S. was 11% higher than the previous month and 11% lower than the same time last year. Home sales were up 34% compared with the previous month, and up 53% compared with a year ago.

The California economy continues to grow, as the latest jobs report showed payroll jobs increased in February (state unemployment data lags national data by a month) by 39,900 jobs as the unemployment rate decreased to 5.5%, down from 5.7% a month earlier. The latest economic forecast from the UCLA Anderson Forecast projects that California's economy will grow at a faster pace than the rest of the United States over the next two years, and the state will continue to see steady gains in employment. Last month, the number of properties that received a foreclosure filing in the state was 25% higher than the previous month and 10% lower than the same time last year. Home sales were up 65% compared with the previous month, and up 32% compared with a year ago.

Locally, the District's unemployment rate held steady in February, (local unemployment data lags national data by a month) remaining at 3.6%. Just fewer than 6,700 District residents in the labor force are unemployed. Foreclosure activity in the District was down last month at 20 foreclosures, and home sales figures in the District mirrored the pace seen at the national and state levels.

Analysis of all of the economic measures included above is ongoing and carefully monitored for potential impacts to hospitals and opportunities for Washington to contribute expertise and advocacy through our elected officials.

State and Federal Legislative Update

CA Legislature

The deadline for bills to pass out of policy committees in their house of origin is April 22, 2016, after which they will be referred to the relevant fiscal committee. Bills must pass out of the fiscal committees in their house of origin by May 27, 2016. Staff is currently in the process of reviewing introduced legislation that may impact the Health Care District, and will continue to monitor this legislation over the next several months as the bills progress through committees.

Some of the introduced legislation worth noting includes:

AB 1707 (Linder) Public Records: Response to Request

This bill remains in the Assembly policy committee and has until the end of the day on April 22, 2016, to pass out of this committee. The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make public records available for inspection, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. The act requires a response to a written request for public records that includes a denial of the request, in whole or in part, to be in writing. This bill instead would require that response to be in writing regardless of whether the request was in writing. The bill would require that written response additionally to include a list that contains the title or other identification of each record requested, but withheld due to an exemption and the specific exemption that applies to that record.

SB 1076 (Hernandez) General Acute Care Hospitals: Observation Services

This bill has passed out of the Senate policy committee and now sits in the Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill would require a general acute care hospital that provides observation services to comply with the same licensed nurse-to-patient ratios as supplemental emergency services. The bill would require that a patient receiving observation services receive written notice, as prescribed, that his or her care is being provided on an outpatient basis, which may affect the patient's health coverage reimbursement.

Sponsored Legislation

As reported previously, Staff had been working with Assembly Member Rodriguez to author a bill that would require peace officers, when bringing a patient to a health care facility whose identity is known, to disclose to staff whether the patient has a violent criminal history. The goal of the bill was to help ensure the safety of health care staff and patients. Based on the feedback received from the Assembly Public Safety committee, staff has determined to withdraw the bill for this Session and will resume efforts to submit the bill next year during the next Legislative Session. This will allow more time to work through issues with the language in the bill and to gain wider support.

II. FOUNDATION

Capital Campaign

CCS, the consulting group working with the Foundation on a capital campaign for the Critical Care Pavilion, has begun its six-month engagement. Work is progressing on identifying prospects for leadership positions in the campaign cabinet, as well as prospects for leadership gifts.

Golf Tournament

The golf tournament will take place at Castlewood Country Club on Monday, April 25, 2016. As of today, 196 golfers will be playing and \$86,000 has been raised in sponsorships.

Top Hat

At the April quarterly meeting, the trustees of the Foundation voted to designate the Prenatal Diagnostic Center as the beneficiary of Top Hat XXX. Discussions are on-going with co-chair candidates for the event.



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