

## CHAVES COUNTY INDIGENT

### Hospital/Healthcare Board Meeting December 21, 2023 Minutes

#### Members:

Mr. Jeff Bilberry, Chairman  
Mr. T. Calder Ezzell Jr., Vice Chairman  
Mrs. Dara Dana, Member  
Mr. Richard C. Taylor, Member  
Mr. Michael Perry, Member

#### Staff:

Mr. Bill Williams  
Ms. Anabel Barraza  
Mr. Jeff Ortega  
Mrs. Maria Kautz

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Chairman Jeff Bilberry called the Indigent Hospital/Health Care Board meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

There were 3 commissioners present. Commissioner T. Calder Ezzell Jr., and Commissioner Richard C. Taylor were absent.

Commissioner Jeff Billberry opened ***Section I: Approval of minutes.***

Commissioner Dara Dana made the motion to approve the September 21, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Michael Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

***Section II: Presentation of Claims*** "A" Non-Sole Providers (approval for payment), Exhibits A & B and C for a grand total of \$21,435.02. (115 claims).

Commissioner Dara Dana made the motion to approve Exhibits A, B, and C for a grand total of \$21,435.02. (115 claims). Commissioner Michael Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### ***Section III: Financial Reports***

Total IHC Gross Receipts for November: \$564,914.05.  
Total Revenues for November: \$665,326.83.  
Total Expenditures for November: \$295,415.08.  
Total Cash Balance: \$4,853,428.09  
Fund is in balance.

#### ***Commission Communication:***

Commissioner Dana inquired if La Casa claims are up to date and when are they summited and paid. Mr. Ortega confirmed La Casa claims are current, and we can accept claims up to 90 days after service. The claims are paid quarterly after the Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Dana asked Mr. Ortega about UNM Hospital, Eastern New Mexico Medical Center, and Lovelace claims. Mr. Ortega stated we have had an agreement with UNM for quite some time, but we don't get many claims from them. Currently we don't have an agreement with Eastern New Mexico Medical Center or Lovelace Regional Hospital, but we do continue to process claims for the inmates.


Commissioner Dana stated that in the Behavioral Health Subcommittee Meeting it was brought up about who should be paying medical claims for City of Roswell arrestees. Mr. Ortega stated that according to the Ordinance we only pay for claims when an arrestee is in our custody. Mr. Bill Williams stated it's the arresting agency's responsibility. He also stated that they are still working on that due to some discrepancies. He stated that the arresting agency needs to get a medical clearance before they are booked into the detention center as a protection to the county of any potential lawsuits. Ms. Anabel Barraza also explained how the sheriff's arrestees' claims are paid out of the General Fund for medical clearance and not the Indigent Fund until they are in CCDC custody. Commissioner Dana asked if the Ordinance can be changed. Mr. Ortega stated that the ordinance can be changed by resolution and proper advertising. Commissioner Dana asked if the fund was at risk of being depleted should we start paying the city arrestees' medical costs. Mr. Ortega stated that was a potential risk. Commissioner Dana also inquired if we negotiate claims. Per County Ordinance claims are paid at the Medicaid rate unless there is an agreement with the provider.

Ms. Anabel Barraza went over December GRT, which was received on December 15<sup>th</sup>, and explained the report that was provided to the Commissioners. For December we are at 50% of our Budget with a 23.67% positive variance over what was originally budgeted. Year-to-day actuals for December are 7.91% higher than what we received last year at this time. Trends seem to be higher in the retail sales category, online sales have been contributing to this.

Ms. Barraza stated the county hasn't received cannabis tax yet since we don't have any dispensaries in the county. Ms. Barraza stated that the City of Roswell has been receiving cannabis tax.

Chairman Billberry adjourned the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ACCEPTED this March 17, 2024.

  
Jeff Bilberry, Chairman

  
Anabel Barraza, CEO

(Note: The official minutes of this meeting are kept on file in the Chaves County IHC Administration office for review.)

**Presentation of Claims**

**Following is a record of approval for payment of all contract providers as recommended by the IHC Board:**

**Non-Sole Providers**

<b>Provider: American Medical Response</b>	<b>\$2,440.05</b>	<b>(7) Claims</b>
Commissioner Dana made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Perry. Motion carried 3-0.		
<b>Provider: La Casa De Buena Salud</b>	<b>\$18,442.45</b>	<b>(106) Claims</b>
Commissioner Dana made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Perry. Motion carried 3-0.		
<b>Provider: UNM Hospital (UNM Health Sciences Ctr)</b>	<b>\$552.52</b>	<b>(2) Claims</b>
Commissioner Dana made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Perry. Motion carried 3-0.		
<b>Non-Sole Provider Total</b>	<b>\$21,435.02</b>	<b>(115) Claims</b>