



CHAVES COUNTY INDIGENT
Hospital/Healthcare Board Meeting
June 23, 2022 Minutes

Members:

Mr. William E. Cavin, Chairman
Mr. Jeff Bilberry, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Dara Dana, Member
Mr. T. Calder Ezzell Jr., Member
Mr. Richard C. Taylor, Member

Staff:

Mr. Bill Williams
Ms. Lucia Serrano
Ms. Anabel Barraza
Mrs. Maria V. Kautz

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

There were 3 commissioners present. Chairman William E. Cavin and Commissioner Richard C. Taylor were absent.

Vice Commissioner Jeff Bilberry opened with *Section I: Approval of minutes*

Commissioner Dana made the motion to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes.
Commissioner Ezzell 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 \$26,035.94 (149 claims).

Commissioner Dana made the motion to approve Exhibits A, B, and C for a grand total of \$26,035.94 (149 claims). Commissioner Ezzell seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Section III: Financial Reports

Total IHC Gross Receipts for May: \$390,808.96
Total revenues for May: \$489,535.90
Total expenditures for May: \$288,317.78
Total cash balance: \$2,467,171.02
Fund is in balance.

Commission Communication:

Commissioner Dana asked if we were seeing an increase in claims. Ms. Barraza stated we have been seeing an increase in some claims but others that have not seen much of an increase. Dental claims have been down compared to last year. The claims that have had a big increase this year is indigent burial compared to previous years.

Commissioner Dana inquired into the concerns Dr. Ahghar had with Carabelli Dental's contract. Anabel stated staff had a meeting in October 2021 with Dr. Ahghar to address his concerns. One of the concerns was with one patient who told us they were being charged for services beyond the \$4,000.00 threshold. We notified Carabelli Dental per their agreement they would write off anything over the threshold. The patient was reimbursed but an increase to the threshold was requested by Dr. Ahghar. He was told the ordinance would need to be changed for this to occur. Staff requested a report of patients they believed were over the \$4,000.00 threshold which they never provided. In May 2022 Carabelli Dental sent us a letter stating they would not be renewing their contract.

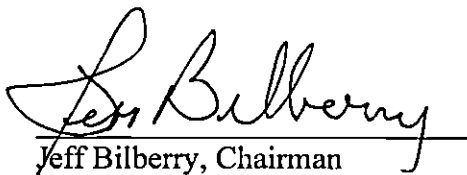
Currently La Casa Dental is our only dental provider and they have not raised any concerns regarding the \$4,000.00 threshold.

Anabel stated that at some point she would like to discuss the county income schedule. The last time the schedule was updated was in 2008. She stated the income guidelines are relatively low compared to the current federal poverty guidelines.

Commissioner Ezzell asked what the difference was between the 2008 and the current poverty guidelines. Ms. Barraza stated for a family of one the 2008 guideline is \$19,248.00 and the new guideline for 2022 is 25,142.00.

Chairman Bilberry adjourned the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ACCEPTED this September 15, 2022.


Jeff Bilberry, Chairman


Lucia Serrano, Asst Finance Director

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(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

Provider: American Medical Response Ambulance	\$1,842.39	(9) Claims
Commissioner Dara Dana made the motion, seconded by Commissioner T. Calder Ezzell Jr. Motion 4-0.		
Provider: Carabelli Dental	\$4,014.40	(17) Claims
Commissioner Dara Dana made the motion, seconded by Commissioner T. Calder Ezzell Jr. Motion carried 4-0.		
Provider: La Casa De Buena Salud	\$20,179.15	(123) Claims
Commissioner Dara Dana made the motion, seconded by Commissioner T. Calder Ezzell Jr. Motion carried 4-0		
Non-Sole Provider Total	\$26,035.94	(149) Claims