

**Coastal Health & Wellness
Governing Board
April 30, 2020**

Board Members

Conference Call:

Samantha Robinson
Milton Howard, DDS,
Virginia Valentino
Dorothy Goodman
Flecia Charles
Victoria Dougharty
Aaron Akins
Barbara Thompson, MD

Staff:

Kathy Barroso, Executive Director
Cynthia Ripsin, MD
Hanna Lindskog, DDS
Eileen Dawley
Andrea Cortinas
Richard Mosquera

Mary Orange (phone)
Michelle Peacock (phone)
Amanda Wolff
Tikeshia Thompson Rollins

Excused: Jay Holland, Elizabeth Williams and Miroslava Bustamante

Items 1-5 Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Virginia Valentino to approve the consent agenda items one through five. Dorothy Goodman seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

Item #6 Executive Reports

Kathy Barroso, Executive Director, updated the Board on testing related to COVID19. Ms. Barroso informed the Board that the first mass testing site for Galveston County was opened in Texas City on April 9th, and the second mass testing site was opened in Galveston on April 16th at the fire station on 57th and Broadway. On April 23rd, a third mass testing site was added in League City. Ms. Barroso also informed the Board that 3,774 tests were conducted as of the close of business April 29th through the Galveston County Health District's mass screening efforts and that Coastal staff have played a key role in these testing efforts. Since March 9th, the phone bank has handled over 10,000 calls related to COVID19, assisting with questions related to symptoms, testing and appointment scheduling. On April 23rd, a budget was submitted to HRSA for coronavirus supplemental funding that was awarded March 19th. Another budget is due to HRSA May 8th for CARES Act funding received in the amount of \$971,360.

Eileen Dawley, Chief Nursing Officer, gave the Board an update on the site visit by Joint Commission on March 12th. The surveyor visited the dental and medical clinics at both sites and the results were excellent. There were no findings in infection control and sterilization and only two minor areas cited overall. Those issues were corrected and a plan for monitoring has been submitted and accepted by Joint Commission.

Dr. Ripsin, Medical Director, gave an update on the Coastal Health & Wellness Medical department as it relates to COVID-19 as follows:

Assistance with testing

4 medical, 2 dental providers and many members of the nursing, medical assistant, and administrative staff have been assisting daily with the coronavirus mass testing being managed by the Health District.

The majority of medical visits this month have been done via telephone and this has worked well and has helped maintain patient and staff safety, although volume is much lower than prior to the restrictions.

6-Week totals

Provider visits = 1433
Lab visits = 240
Nurse visits = 51

- We are still having acute clinic ½ day on Saturday
- We are still offering Behavioral Health visits via phone and behavioral health therapists have also been assisting in calling our vulnerable patients to check in and discuss COVID-related anxiety and fears
- Dr Nagorski has been the pediatrician here for 5 years and he has chosen to retire.
- Dr McDill, a board-certified family physician, has joined us and she and Dr. Ripsin will manage the majority of the youngest pediatric patients while the rest of the staff can manage children and adolescents.
- Injectable contraception and some Immunizations have been occurring through nurse visits
- Next week we will begin to phase in face to face visits again which will also significantly increase the number of lab and nurse visits.
 - Our focus will be on patient and staff safety while returning to comprehensive primary care
- Galveston is still formally closed but we are developing a plan to manage patients in Galveston at the Galveston clinic for those who cannot come to Texas City and we expect the building will be open soon. The SUD program is operational, and we will begin to phase in face to face visits next week and will add new patients as needed.

Dr. Lindskog, Dental Director, gave an update on the Coastal Health & Wellness Dental department as it relates to COVID-19. Dr. Lindskog informed the Board that dental is currently seeing patients as needed for emergency/acute visits and one dentist is assigned to the clinic each day to see acute patients and address any patient concerns/prescription request. Between March 19th and March 31st, Dental had 16 acute visits and 15 addressed phone calls/prescription requests and from April 1st to April 29th, Dental had 3 acute visits and 52 addressed phone calls/ prescription request. Dr. Lindskog also informed the Board that the staff is continuing to stay up to date with all recommendations for dental care from the TSDBE, CDC, OSHA, HRSA, TDA/ADA. Dental is currently working to obtain a PPE supply of N95, level 3 mask, bouffant, gowns, face shields, and gloves.

Item #7 Consider for Approval March 2020 Financial Report

Mary Orange, Business Office Manager, presented the March financial reports to the Board. A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Dr. Howard. Aaron Akins seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Item #8 Consider for Approval Quarterly Visit and Collection Report Including a Breakdown by Payor Source for Recent New Patients

Mary Orange, Business Office Manager, reported on the quarterly visits and collection report including a breakdown by payor source for recent new patients. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Virginia Valentino and seconded by Aaron Akins. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item #9 Consider for Approval Budget Submitted to HRSA for the FY2020 Coronavirus Supplemental Funding for Health Centers in the Amount of \$79,990

Mary Orange, Business Office Manager, asked the Board to consider for approval the budget submitted to HRSA for the FY2020 Coronavirus Supplemental Funding for Health Centers in the amount of \$79,990. This budget included supplies to assist with the COVID-19 response. A motion to accept the budget submitted to HRSA for FY2020 was made by Dorothy Goodman and seconded by Victoria Dougharty. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item #10 Consider for Approval Preliminary Plan of Proposed Expenditures for Health Center Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding in the Amount of \$971,360

Mary Orange, Business Office Manager, asked the Board to consider for approval the preliminary plan of proposed expenditures for health center coronavirus aid, relief, and economic security (CARES) act funding in the amount of \$971,360. Mary informed the Board that the plan is to use the money to cover payroll expenses based on revenue shortfalls and any other items which may be needed for COVID-19 response efforts. A motion to accept the plan as presented was made by Flecia Charles and seconded by Dorothy Goodman. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item #11 Consider for Approval Coastal Health & Wellness Medical Referral Tracking and Care Management Policy

Michelle Peacock, Nurse Case Manager, presented the Medical Referral Tracking and Care Management policy. Michelle discussed the changes that were incorporated into the policy to align with current practices. A motion to accept the policy as presented was made by Virginia Valentino and seconded by Victoria Dougharty. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Item #12 Consider for Approval Re-Privileging Rights for Premal Patel, MD

Dr. Ripsin, Medical Director, asked the Board to consider for approval re-privileging rights for Premal Patel, MD. A motion to accept re-privileging rights for Premal Patel, MD, was made by Virginia Valentino and seconded by Victoria Dougharty. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Howard and seconded by Dorothy Goodman. The Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Malton Howard, MD
Vice Chair
7-24-2020
Date

Virginia Valentino
Secretary/Treasurer
7-24-2020
Date