

**Coastal Health & Wellness  
Governing Board  
March 26, 2020**

**Board Members**

**Present:**

Samantha Robinson  
Milton Howard, DDS,  
Jay Holland  
Elizabeth Williams  
Virginia Valentino  
Dorothy Goodman  
Flecia Charles  
Victoria Dougharty  
Miroslava Bustamante  
Barbara Thompson, MD

**Staff:**

Kathy Barroso, Executive Director  
Cynthia Ripsin, MD  
Hanna Lindskog, DDS  
Eileen Dawley  
Andrea Cortinas  
Richard Mosquera  
Mary Orange  
Amanda Wolff  
Tikeshia Thompson Rollins

**Unexcused:** Aaron Akins

**Items 1-5 Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Virginia Valentino to approve the consent agenda items one through five. Miroslava Bustamante 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 Coastal Health & Wellness was awarded \$79,000 in Coronavirus supplemental funds and is anticipating receiving additional funding from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). The Galveston County Health District (GCHD) was also notified of funding to support public health services. These funds will allow GCHD funding to support an additional Epidemiologist, a Webmaster, and test kits for mass testing related to COVID19, primarily focusing on first responders, and those in the high-risk category. Ms. Barroso also informed the Board that the Mid-County Annex is currently closed to the public and staff is either working remotely or performing limited on-site services due to the stay at home order. Ms. Barroso also informed the Board that the Galveston Housing Authority closed the Galveston location due to the stay at home order, so all services in the Galveston Clinic have been directed to the Texas City location.

Dr. Ripsin, Medical Director, gave an update on the Coastal Health & Wellness Medical department as it relates to COVID-19. Dr. Ripsin explained that our focus during this time is 3-fold and included the following:

1. All patients can access primary care needs including chronic care and acute care. Preventive care is on hold.
2. We are carefully screening for and properly managing suspected COVID 19 testing while managing our current resources properly.
3. Communicate with our patients via phone calls to monitor their healthcare needs.

**Provider Phone visits:** Providers are calling patients at the scheduled time and managing just as if it is a face to face visit, but no labs are ordered at this time unless necessary.

Beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>, we transitioned all vulnerable patients to phone visits.

As of Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, all patients scheduled for routine visits are being managed by telephone visits.

All patients calling for acute visits, regardless of the complaint, are being called by a provider to discuss their complaint and manage it by phone if possible.

After initial phone visits, providers are placing orders to have patients called one or more times by our nursing and medical assistant staff when there are any respiratory complaints that don't need a visit. This helps reduce patient anxiety regarding COVID 19.

Providers are having patients called by our behavior health therapists when there is any suggestion at all of anxiety or other concerns of a mental health nature.

**Patients in the clinic:**

If we need to see a patient in the clinic, strict distancing is being observed. They are seen only by appointment. Due to the loosening of requirements we are now able to Face time with a patient if needed. This will be helpful for rashes and abscesses.

During a crisis, the rate of unwanted pregnancies goes up. Depo Provera injections are being done for contraception, but all patients are being screened before they enter the building and are managed as all patients are.

We have our prenatal patients managed through UTMB Family Medicine. We are continuing to manage our SUD patients by still using our tele-psychiatrist and patching the patient through via phone so all of us are connected together. We are not accepting new SUD patients at this time.

**Lab services** are available for necessary lab draws. Patients cannot currently walk in, but they are called by a lab staff member and told a time to come, and they are screened and then managed as all other patients.

**COVID 19 TESTING:** we have an area in the large garage space that has a door on each end that we're using for COVID 19 testing. This area is open each afternoon if necessary, Monday through Friday.

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 only seeing emergency visits as of March 18<sup>th</sup> in the Texas City Clinic. Emergencies were seen in Galveston through March 24<sup>th</sup>. As of March 25<sup>th</sup>, the dental staff has been reduced to one dentist and two dental assistants each day to handle phone calls from patients as well as acute visits. All other staff are currently being utilized in other areas of the Galveston County Health District to support the COVID-19 response. Dr. Lindskog also informed the Board that dental is currently not accepting new patients or signing any dental contracts.

**Item #7 Consider for Approval February 2020 Financial Report**

Mary Orange, Business Office Manager, presented the February financial reports to the Board. A motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Jay Holland. Virginia Valentino seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

**Item #8 Consider for Approval Updates to Shared Service Agreement Between Galveston County Health District and Coastal Health & Wellness**

Richard Mosquera, Chief Compliance Officer, asked the Board to consider for approval updates to the shared services agreement between Galveston County Health District and Coastal Health & Wellness. A motion to accept the agreement as presented was made by Virginia Valentino and seconded by Victoria Dougharty. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Item #9 Consider for Approval Re-Privileging Rights for Jason Borillo, PA-C**

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

**Item #10 Consider for Approval Re-Privileging Rights for Jacklyn Morgan, PA-C**

Dr. Ripsin, Medical Director, asked the Board to consider for approval privileging rights for Jacklyn Morgan, PA-C. A motion to accept privileging rights for Jacklyn Morgan, PA-C, was made by Dr. Howard and seconded by Virginia Valentino. The board unanimously approved the motion.

**Item #11 Consider for Approval Privileging Rights for Tandace McDill, MD**

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

**Item #12 Consider for Approval Privileging Rights for the following UTMB Residents**

Dr. Ripsin, Medical Director, asked the Board to consider for approval privileging rights for the following UTMB resident:

- Rediet Haileselassie, MD

A motion to accept privileging rights for the UTMB resident was made by Dr. Howard and seconded by Virginia Valentino. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Miroslava Bustamante and seconded by Elizabeth Williams. The Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Samantha Robinson  
Chair  
4-30-20  
Date

Virginia Valente  
Secretary/Treasurer  
4-30-20  
Date