

# MEMORANDUM

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**To: Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers Quality Committee**

**From: Sean Shelton**

**Date: March 4, 2021**

**Re: Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2021 Board of Managers Quality Committee Meeting  
Virtual Meeting**

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In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. In accordance with this suspension the Tarrant County Board of Managers Quality Committee held a virtual meeting on February 4, 2021. The agenda for this meeting was posted in the following locations:

1. Tarrant County Commissioner Court Web Site; and
2. Tarrant County Hospital District Web Site.



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**Governor's Office Clears Path for Governmental Bodies to Meet Telephonically or by  
Videoconference During Coronavirus Disaster**

AUSTIN - Governor Abbott's office today approved a request by the Office of the Attorney General to temporarily suspend a limited number of open meeting laws in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disaster. This action will allow governmental bodies to conduct meetings by telephone or video conference to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Importantly, however, this action does not suspend requirements that governmental bodies conduct meetings in a transparent and accessible manner. Specifically, governmental bodies are still be required to do the following:

- provide online written notice containing a public toll-free dial-in number or a free-of-charge videoconference link, as well as an electronic copy of any agenda packet, before conducting telephonic or video conference meetings;
- provide the public with access and a means to participate in those meetings, preferably through two-way audio or video connections; and
- provide the public with access to a recording of those meetings.

Please [click here](#) for a complete list of the open meeting provisions that have been temporarily suspended. State agencies and local governmental bodies may contact the Office of the Attorney General with question about the suspension order by telephone at (888) 672-6787 or via email at [TOMA@oag.texas.gov](mailto:TOMA@oag.texas.gov). Officials with questions about teleconference and videoconference capabilities offered by the Texas Department of Information Resources should visit [dir.texas.gov](http://dir.texas.gov) or call (512) 475-4700.

For information on the spread or treatment of Coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#).

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## GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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### I. **GOVERNOR ABBOTT ALLOWS VIRTUAL AND TELEPHONIC OPEN MEETINGS TO MAINTAIN GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY**

*Ensures continued government operation while preserving transparency*

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today acted to maintain government transparency and continued government operations while reducing face-to-face contact for government open meetings. As Texas works to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Governor granted the Office of the Attorney General's request for suspension of certain open-meeting statutes. This temporary suspension will allow for telephonic or videoconference meetings of governmental bodies that are accessible to the public in an effort to reduce in-person meetings that assemble large groups of people.

"Even as the State of Texas takes precautionary measures to contain the spread of COVID-19, we also have a responsibility to maintain government transparency," said Governor Abbott. "With today's action, Texas is reducing non-essential in-person contact for a limited period, while ensuring that state and local government entities continue to work to fulfill necessary functions and with full transparency for the people of Texas. I urge state and local officials to do their part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into large group settings."

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. This temporary suspension will leave important open-meeting protections in place:

- Members of the public will be entitled to participate and address the governmental body during any telephonic or videoconference meeting.
- To hold a telephonic or videoconference meeting, a governmental body must post a written notice that gives the public a way to participate remotely, such as a toll-free dial-in number, and that includes an electronic copy of any agenda packet that officials will consider at the meeting.
- A governmental body must provide the public with access to a recording of any telephonic or videoconference meeting.

State and local officials who have questions about open-meeting requirements after this suspension should submit them to the Office of the Attorney General via e-mail at [TOMA@oag.texas.gov](mailto:TOMA@oag.texas.gov), or by leaving a message at (888) 672-6787. Officials with questions about teleconference and videoconference capabilities offered by the Texas Department of Information Resources should visit [dir.texas.gov](http://dir.texas.gov) or call (512) 475-4700. Officials who hold videoconference meetings are encouraged to provide for participation via telephone for

members of the public without videoconferencing capability. If officials are not holding a telephonic or videoconference meeting, all open-meeting requirements apply.

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**TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT (TCHD)  
d/b/a JPS HEALTH NETWORK**

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT'S AND  
ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN PAXTON'S  
TEMPORARY MEETING SUSPENSION GUIDELINES  
THIS MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING VIA  
NORMAL JPS HEALTH NETWORK YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

**WEBEX-TCHD - Board of Managers Quality Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Tarrant County Hospital District ("District") Board of Managers Quality Committee met Thursday, February 4, 2021, via WebEx with the following members present:

Chuck Webber, M.D., Committee Chair  
Dorothy DeBose  
DT Nguyen  
Zim Zimmerman  
Amanda Arizola (arrived 4:07pm)  
Cheryl Hurd, M.D., President of Medical Staff  
Janet Miles, M.D.  
Brian Webb, M.D.

Patient Advisors: None

Others Attending:

Robert Earley, President, Chief Executive Officer  
Dr. Karen Duncan, Sr. Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer  
Dr. Richard Miller, Chief Medical Officer  
Gerald Stephenson, M.D., Vice President, Chief Quality Officer  
Robert Browder, Vice President, Government Affairs and Special Projects  
David Mendenhall, Vice President, Chief Technology Officer  
Daphne Walker, Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Counsel  
Dina Dent, Vice President, Chief Nursing Officer  
Lara Burnside, Senior Vice President, Chief Experience Officer  
Joy Parker, Vice President, Community Health  
Sean Shelton, Recording Secretary  
Kevin Croy, Senior Counsel  
Saba Asad, M.D.  
Jim Graves  
Tabitha Lewis-Isbell  
Sandeep Kamath, M. D.

Ganesh Kumpati, M. D.  
Allison Windas  
Krissy Feinauer  
Elisabeth Rogers  
Debra Chote  
Suzanne Barnes  
Derek Williams  
Geoffrey Wright

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Charles Webber called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**II. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

There were no citizens requesting to address the Board.

**III. CONSIDER MATTERS REQUIRING COMMITTEE ACTION**

**A. Approval of minutes**

- 1 Dr. Webber made a correction to the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting to reflect that Amanda Arizola was present at the meeting.
- 2 Mr. Zimmerman motioned to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting, as corrected, seconded by Ms. DeBose, the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Approval of Tarrant County Hospital District Policies (TCHD) and/or Plans**

- 1 PC 2600 Adoptions - D. Dent
  - a. Ms. Debose motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, the motion carried unanimously.
- 2 2021 QAPI Plan – G. Stephenson
  - a. Dr. Webber asked that an update be made to the HR section, changing Pia Walker to Alex Dubuclet.
  - b. Mr. Zimmerman motioned to approve, as corrected, seconded by Mr. Nguyen, the motion carried unanimously.

**IV. CONSIDER PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT REPORTS/UPDATES – NOT REQUIRING COMMITTEE ACTION**

**A. Patient Experience- L. Burnside**

- a. Data - Ms. Burnside gave an update to the board on the work being accomplished by the Patient Experience division. This report included organizational goal tracking for inpatient, outpatient, and emergency care. New mastery course is to begin next week.
- b. Language Services- Ms. Burnside presented the board a five year review on the translations being completed at JPS. In 2015 3.2 million minutes of interpretation were completed. In 2020 6.8 million minutes were completed, over double.
- c. Chaplains of JPS – a video from a news story that featured the Chaplains of JPS was shown to the board.

**B. COVID-19 Update** – G. Stephenson- Dr. Stephenson provided an overview of the management of the COVID-19 pandemic by the District. This included hospital volumes, outpatient case management update, county data, and noted an increased amount of cases. Dr. Stephenson reported on the increasing numbers of other countries, specifically Canada. This report included an observation of the mortality rate in the US, Tarrant County, and JPS. Updates reported on the JPS approach to combating COVID-19 include, vaccinations to employees and high risk patients, halted elective surgeries, and providing various therapy options to patients.

a. Mr. Earley gave an update on vaccinations efforts being implemented by JPS. JPS is administering about 1000 vaccines per day. Emphasis is being placed on the Como, Stop Six, and Diamond Hill areas. JPS is using the Moderna vaccines in most locations. 8,500 vaccines have been provided to the Arlington facility within the last 14 days. We are aggressively administering vaccines at the True Worth facility as well as the Correctional facility. We are following the state guidelines for 1A and 1B standards.

**C. Service Line Presentation**

a. Sound Physician Group- S. Asad – Dr. Asad provided the board with an overview of the work being accomplished by the Sound Physicians Group. This included their patient centered approach consisting of, COVID Response, Transitions of Care, Patient Experience, Throughput, Quality, and Team Engagement.

**D. Innovation Corner**

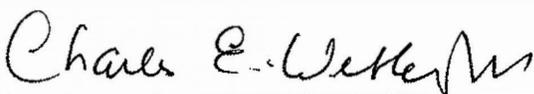
a. AMI (Acute Myocardial Infarction)- K. Feinauer/ J. Lokhandwala/ T. Lewis-Isbell- Ms. Feinauer provided the board an overview of the AMI program at JPS. She reviewed the leadership, mission, goals, highlights and achievements of the program. Ms. Feinauer remarked that the future goals of the department are to decrease time from FMC to intervention and EKG to intervention on inpatient STEMI's.

b. Heart Surgery- G. Kumpati- Dr. Kumpati provided the board with an update of the practices of Modern Cardiac Surgery at JPS. He remarked that modern standards aim to improve additional areas after surgery such as late survival (years), functional status, future events, and freedom from hospital admission.

c. Heart Failure- S. Kamath- Dr. Kamath provided the board an overview of the Heart Failure Program at JPS. Dr. Kamath remarked that CHF is a highly prevalent and highly morbid illness. 550,000 new cases of CHF are found in the USA each year. Dr. Kamath reviewed the volumes, work of the CHF clinic, as well as the guideline of the Heart Failure Registry. The CHF department was awarded the highest possible (for that qualifying year), the Silver designation for the 2020 year.

**V.. ADJOURN**

1. Ms. DeBose made a motion seconded by Mr. Nguyen to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.



Charles Webber, M.D.



Date