

1 On a motion by Mr. Talmadge, seconded by Ms. Huey, and carried unanimously by a vote
2 of 4-0, the NLCHD board approved the audited annual financial statement for the year
3 ended September 30, 2016.

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5 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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7 Ms. Meredith Kirste, attorney for the board, related that pursuant to Chapter 212-258,
8 Section 4, Paragraph C, the agenda for the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall
9 include but is not limited to items 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 on the agenda, noting that one of those
10 items was the presentation of the annual report of the Board of Trustees comprising the
11 minutes of all of the meetings that have been held since the last annual meeting and
12 approved by the board.

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14 REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION 98-1

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16 Ms. Pat Sykes-Amos, accountant for the board, mentioned that the resolution is contained
17 in the packet of backup information, and she explained that it reaffirms that she can sign
18 the District's financial reports and file them with the state on the board's behalf.

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20 On a motion by Ms. Huey, seconded by Mr. Berkowitz, and carried unanimously by a vote
21 of 4-0, the NLCHD board approved the reaffirmation of Resolution 98-1 giving Ms. Sykes-
22 Amos authorization to sign and file the District's financial reports.

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24 ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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26 Ms. Hanson indicated that she wanted to step down as Chairman, since she believed that it
27 was time for some new leadership. She thanked Lake County for re-approving the hospital
28 tax by a large margin. She opened the floor up for the nomination and election of officers,
29 and she recommended that Mr. Talmadge be nominated as Chairman.

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31 On a motion by Ms. Huey, seconded by Mr. Berkowitz and carried unanimously by a vote
32 of 4-0, the NLCHD board elected Mr. Talmadge as Chairman.

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34 On a motion by Ms. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Huey and carried unanimously by a vote of
35 4-0, the NLCHD board elected Mr. Booth as Vice Chairman.

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37 On a motion by Ms. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Berkowitz and carried unanimously by a
38 vote of 4-0, the NLCHD board elected Ms. Huey as Treasurer.

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40 Ms. Sykes-Amos mentioned that she will be getting new signature cards to the members.

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42 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY AUDIT

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44 Mr. Farlen Halikman from Moore Stephens Lovelace explained that his role was to review
45 all of the submissions and make sure they meet all of the criteria necessary for them to be
46 paid. He drew the board's attention to the last page of the report which contained Schedule
47 A and opined that it consisted of a lot of good and useful information. He specified that

1 the first column listed the providers, with the hospitals broken into inpatient and outpatient
2 services; the annual budgeted amounts for each provider totaling \$9,173,000; the amounts
3 submitted to date for the first quarter; the amount remaining in the budget; and the amount
4 that was over-budgeted, which he noted was not applicable this early in the year. He opined
5 that it seemed that the amounts that have been submitted are on track for what was budgeted
6 for the year. He also pointed out a graph located on the right side of the page listing
7 submissions, number of encounters or visits, and the reimbursement per encounter
8 reflecting how much they were spending per visit or encounter. He commented that the
9 graph showed that an inpatient hospital stay was much more expensive than the \$113
10 charged for a visit to a primary care clinic. He mentioned that the procedures for the audit
11 were performed without exception, except for an amount submitted by one provider that
12 had to be reduced due to some issues with the submissions.

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14 Mr. Berkowitz mentioned that he had dealt with grants as a School Superintendent in New
15 York, where he was under obligation to demonstrate that he was supplementing and not
16 supplanting the revenue and to show that it was for additional service for those in need. He
17 asked whether these monies were supplementing what would ordinarily be available to the
18 agencies that perform those services for a population that was unable to afford it.

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20 Mr. Halikman responded that the mission of the NLCHD was to serve the medically
21 indigent rather than to fund the providers, and the providers get reimbursed for caring for
22 the medically indigent patients. He also assured Mr. Berkowitz that in order to be eligible,
23 this reimbursement would have to be the payer of last resort, where the patient was not
24 eligible for Medicaid or any other insurance or payer sources, and would be totally charity
25 care if not for the District's reimbursement.

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27 Mr. Berkowitz clarified that all remedies or resources would have been exhausted without
28 this resource.

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30 Mr. Halikman elaborated that there would be a lot of residents in the county that would not
31 have access to primary care and would lack the ability to pay for a doctor when needed
32 without this funding.

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34 Mr. Berkowitz commented that care was less expensive at the clinics than the emergency
35 rooms, and he opined that education of the medically indigent population was of paramount
36 importance to make them aware of this resource.

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38 Mr. Talmadge related that some of the providers try to educate the patients.

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40 Ms. Melissa Simmes, Manager of Florida Hospital Waterman Community Primary Health
41 Clinic, commented that their providers discuss their patients' needs extensively during the
42 visit, which is usually more lengthy than a typical doctor's office visit because of the
43 amount of education given to many of their patients that have not taken care of their health
44 in the past. She assured Mr. Berkowitz that they are also continuously tackling the task of
45 community outreach with various community organizations to inform the public about this
46 program, and she added that the care management team throughout the hospital tries to
47 direct patients upon discharge to the correct location to follow up for services. She

1 mentioned that they receive direct referrals from care management for patients who qualify,
2 and they follow up with those patients to get them in so they do not have to access the
3 emergency room for routine care.

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5 On a motion by Mr. Berkowitz, seconded by Ms. Hanson, and carried unanimously by a
6 vote of 4-0, the NLCHD board approved the quarterly audit.

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8 SCHEDULING OF BUDGET AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

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10 Ms. Sykes-Amos pointed out that the dates on the list that had been handed out to the board
11 members have been cleared with the Clerk's Office for the upcoming year's meetings,
12 which were March 30, May 25, August 24 for funding requests, September 14 and 28 for
13 the budget hearings, and January 25, 2018. She also reported that the required statement
14 of funds received and disbursed has been published in the newspaper, and the performance
15 review has been sent to the legislative delegation.

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17 On a motion by Ms. Huey, seconded by Mr. Berkowitz, and carried unanimously by a vote
18 of 4-0, the NLCHD board approved the dates of the meetings as presented.

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20 PUBLIC COMMENT

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22 Mr. Jochim thanked the board for approving the video recording of the meetings, and he
23 suggested that they create a YouTube channel in which to upload those meetings rather
24 than putting it on their own website.

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26 ADJOURNMENT

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28 The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Davis Talmadge, Chairman