**CALL TO ORDER**

* 1. The Board of Directors of the North Sonoma County Healthcare District met in person at 1381 University Avenue, Conf. Room 1, 2nd Floor, Healdsburg, CA and via Zoom Teleconference. Chair, Hector Galvan called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.
  2. Board Clerk, Juliana Dougan called the roll. The following Board members were present constituting a quorum:

**Hector Galvan**, Chair

**Sue Campbell**, Vice-Chair/Board Treasurer - Remote

**David Anderson, MD** – Director

**Erin Gore**, Secretary - Remote

**Brian Callahan,** Director - **Absent**

Also present: **Erica Gonzalez, Esq.**, District Counsel

Guests:

Chair Galvan asked if there were any conflicts in regard to the Agenda. There were none. Chair Galvan asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. **Consent Calendar**

* March 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda
* February 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
* February 28, 2025 Financial Statements

Chair Galvan asked if there were any comments on the items on the Consent Calendar. Ms. Dougan asked for legal guidance as an Ordinance pertaining to the District office move was to be considered and voted upon, but both officers were not in attendance to sign the Ordinance if passed. Ms. Erica Gonzalez stated that the matter can remain on the agenda and voted upon, and signed at a later date. There were no further comments.

**Chair Galvan called for a motion. Director Anderson MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Campbell SECONDED the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Vote: Anderson: Y; Campbell: Y; Galvan: Y; Callahan: Abs; Gore: Y**. **The motion was approved 4-0. 1 Absent.**

1. **Discussion / Informational / Action: Ordinance 2025-001: An Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the North Sonoma County Healthcare District Specifying the Mailing Address for Presentation of Government Tort Claims and all Other Written Notice**

Ms. Gonzalez described the requirements of a public agency, that any claims against that agency, is required to submit those claims to a designated address. Any change to that address needs to be reflected in an Ordinance. The District, therefore, has created Ordinance 2025-001, reflecting the new address for the Board Clerk of 5401 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 105. A similar Ordinance was adopted when the District offices were moved from the Windsor location to the previous Petaluma address. The approved Ordinance is then provided to the Registrar of Voters.

There being no further discussion,

**Chair Galvan called for a motion. Director Campbell MOVED to approve Ordinance 2025-001. Director Galvan SECONDED the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:**

**Vote: Anderson: Y; Campbell: Y; Galvan: Y; Callahan: Abs; Gore: Y**. **The motion was approved 4-0. 1 Absent.**

Chair Galvan will sign two originals at the meeting, and Ms. Gonzalez will determine if scanning the document for signature to Director Gore is acceptable.

1. **Discussion / Informational / Possible Action: Possible Donation to Healdsburg Hospital – 3D Mammogram Unit**

Director Anderson shared information of the need that Healdsburg Hospital is requesting the purchase of a 3D Mammogram Unit. Dr. Anusuya Mokashi provided Director Anderson statistical benefits of the device in early diagnosis and increased accuracy of the readings. The 3D Mammogram is similar to the quality of a cat scan. The new technology reduces false positive results up to 40%, reducing the number of unnecessary biopsies. Increases the cancer diagnosis by 27-50%.

All other facilities in Sonoma County have 3D mammogram units. Healdsburg Hospital is the exception. The current approximate cost is $458K. Director Anderson suggested that the District contribute $100K to the new Healdsburg Hospital Foundation towards the purchase of a 3D Mammogram Unit.

Director Campbell asked if any data is available on the number of mammograms performed at the Hospital since it was her understanding that there was no longer a program. Director Anderson suggested that with a new device there would be more procedures performed. The contribution may also lead to additional financial support from the Community. Discussion continued on whether this contribution would be matched. Director Campbell expressed support of the concept, however suggested that this type of financial discussion be postponed until Treasurer Callahan is able to participate, especially in light of the recent $100K contribution to the Healthcare Foundation. Director Callahan would likely reach out to the District’s investment team to determine affordability. Additionally, Director Callahan is the Grant’s Committee representative and should be part of these conversations.

Director Gore would like to assure that there is a strategic goal in supporting this type of restrictive gifting. For example, if the District asked the Healthcare Foundation to apply the District’s $100K toward a capital campaign for this project and use those funds as a seed gift, it could be a great project, collaborating between the Healthcare Foundation, the Hospital and the District. If the District would consider a restrictive gift, there would need to be a clear understanding of where these funds would be given, how the additional monies would be raised, etc. Director Gore agreed that these conversations should include Director Callahan so that a strong strategy can be established prior to moving forward with the project. The Board agreed. Chair Galvan suggested moving this topic to a future Board meeting (May). Prior to the May meeting, additional due diligence can be performed.

Director Campbell suggested that Director Anderson speak with Mr. Brett Shinn in collaboration with Ms. Amy Ramirez to determine interest in this project. It was also suggested that these conversations include Director Callahan. Revisiting this project in May would provide ample time for Director Callahan to work with the investment team. The Board agreed that this could be perceived as a reasonable goal.

Ms. Dougan will be scanning the e-mail that Director Anderson referred to during the meeting.

1. **Discussion / Informational: Healdsburg City Council transition to District Elections**

Ms. Gonzalez summarized the challenges that some districts have had with legal challenges to the California Voting Rights Act. Last year, the District addressed this issue and opted not to re-district at the time, prior to the 2024 election, but to re-consider prior to the 2026 election. At the same time, the District adopted Resolution 05-2024 pertaining to engaging National Demographic Corporation as a way to stave off any potential lawsuits.

With the recent activities pertaining to the Healdsburg City Council, as well as the Sonoma City council, the Board was asked to revisit the issue. If the District would like to take action to re-district, the timeline to do so would be to have the re-districting complete six months prior to the November 2026 election. Therefore the engagement of NDC would commence this Fall or as late as early next Spring.

Director Campbell asked if the re-districting also affects Special Districts. Ms. Gonzalez confirmed that the recent actions occurring locally would mitigate the risk that is could also happen to Special Districts. Director Campbell would also like to get a clearer understanding of the timeline. Director Gore agreed that a timeline would be helpful. Additionally, there has not been a Healthcare District challenged election in a very long time. It would also be beneficial to understand how many districts in the area are going through this re-districting.

Ms. Dougan shared the timeline that the Healthy Petaluma District went through. Ms. Gonzalez cautioned that the CVRA does not just address general elections, but the equal representation of the Community provided by the elected officials. Chair Galvan agreed that reviewing a timeline as well as estimated legal fees would be beneficial for the next discussion.

Director Campbell asked for additional background information on the reasoning behind Healthy Petaluma’s decision to re-district. Ms. Dougan offered that it was a similar situation in that word circulated that warned of existing lawsuits and took a proactive approach. Director Campbell requested receiving additional information on just how many districts have been involved in these types of lawsuits. It was suggested that ACHD may have this information, including how many healthcare districts have gone through this process and how many lawsuits have been filed, are in process, etc. Ms. Dougan will review the presentation that NDC gave last year and will pull any data that was prepared and shared previously.

Ms. Gonzales will work with her team to perform a risk assessment and benefit analysis for the Board regarding potential threats to the District.

1. **Discussion / Informational: Finance Update**

Chair Galvan asked if anyone had any Financial updates in Director Callahan’s absence. Director Campbell shared that Director Callahan is working on reconciling the parcel tax distribution and is working with Providence on this issue. The audit is proceeding as well.

1. **Discussion / Informational: Grant Committee Update**

Director Campbell had nothing to report regarding the Grant Committee.

1. **Discussion / Informational: Hospital Matters**

* **Community Board Meetings**

Director Campbell reported that Emergency Department parking lot/driveway will be opened next month. Additionally, Ms. Michelle Oxford has attended many community events, including:

* Cloverdale Connect
* Drag Brunch
* Featured in the Newsletter
* Rotary
* Geyserville Chamber
* Press Conference to Mike Thompson

Director Campbell next reported that the Hospital staff (employees) voted to unionize. Director Anderson will share any feedback or concerns by Hospital staff that he receives on the decision. Discussion continued on the process that Hospital staff and Providence will go through during the ratification process.

* **Quality Committee**

Director Campbell next reported that the Joint Commission Survey window is now open. The Stroke Survey window will be this summer. Another topic being addressed is a focus on Work Place Violence. Metal detectors have been installed.

Director Campbell reached out to Dr. Jed Weissberg to ascertain if he would be interested in serving as the District representative on the Quality Committee to bring more clinical insight to the Committee’s work. He declined due to personal reasons.

* **Community Benefit Committee**

Director Gore reported that there has not been a meeting with regard to District 4’s impact/representation on the Benefit Committee. Ms. Oxford has reiterated her support. Director Gore met with Ms. Oxford and Ms. Amy Ramirez and asked if there was a opportunity for the Healthcare Foundation to provide a stronger voice for the District and have the Healthcare Foundation to be the Foundation for the Hospital. Director Gore suggested working with a marketing effort with the Foundation and the Hospital by utilizing the mailing list that the District owns and investing slightly in a marketing campaign – approximately $10K.

Discussion continued on the lack of representation on the Benefit Committee, and with partnering with the Foundation, the Hospital would have a stronger voice/influence on available grants for the District. Director Gore suggested that Director Campbell work with her on this endeavor.

1. **Discussion / Possible Action: Regarding District Housekeeping**

* **Future Agenda Items**

Strategic Planning – April

3D Mammography Project – May

Healdsburg Hospital Quarterly Report and Capital Investment Report – May

Botanical Bus – May

Add Philanthropy Board representation on each agenda – Director Anderson

1. **Legal Report**

Ms. Gonzalez stated there was nothing to report.

1. **Consideration of Materials Disseminated by Board Members.**

Director Anderson reported the impressive way Ms. Oxford is interacting with the Healdsburg Community.

Alliance Medical Center has received 2400 doses of Narcan for distribution. The doses have a two-year shelf life. The Harm Reduction Task Force will be distributing Narcan to the homeless population at two local churches. Additionally, 2,000 Fentanyl test strips has been received.

Director Gore continues to work on the summary for the Strategic Planning activities next month.

Director Campbell provided documentation that Ms. Oxford provides to the Hospital staff.

1. Chair Galvan adjourned the meeting at 5:21 PM.