

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WINNIE-STOWELL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Winnie-Stowell Hospital District (“District”) was noticed and filed pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act a full 72 hours prior to the opening of said meeting for 9:00 a.m. on the 11th day of February 2015, at the La Quinta Inn-Austin Capital Lobby, 300 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701 (a copy of said Notice being placed amongst the files of the District).

The roll was called of the members of the Board, to wit:

Elroy Henry, Chair
Jeff Rollo, Vice-Chair
Sharon Burgess, Director
Ed Murrell, Director
Raul Espinosa, Director

All said Board members were present with the exception of Director Burgess and Director Murrell. In addition, to the above named Board members, also present at the meeting was: Sherrie Norris, District Administrator; Hubert Oxford, IV, District Attorney; Connie Berry with the Texas Department of State Health Services; and Jennifer Pate with Senator Brandon Creighton’s office.

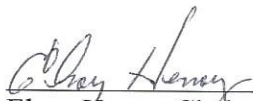
At approximately 9:00 a.m., a quorum was established and Chairman Henry made introductions which were followed by a request for public comment. There being no public comment, Chairman Henry asked Attorney Oxford to address Agenda Item No. 3 to discuss the Status of the Winnie Stowell Hospital District’s Indigent Health Care Program. Attorney Oxford again introduced Connie Berry and Jennifer Pate and explained to all parties the status and history of the Winnie Stowell Hospital District as well as some of the issues concerning the District’s history and current Indigent Care Assistance Program (“ICAP”).

Following this rather lengthy explanation, the Board was able to get feedback from Ms. Berry on the proposed Indigent Policy Statement that had been submitted to her for review. According to Ms. Berry, she was pleased with the proposed policy but asked Attorney Oxford to go back and check on the citizenship requirements and length of stay requirement as her interpretation of the Chapter 61 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (i.e., Indigent Health Care Act) stated that a county or hospital district's policy cannot be more exclusive than the statute and there was no were in the statute that requires a program participant to be a citizen of the United States and there is nothing in the statute that requires a minimum length of residency before a person could qualify for the program.


In addition, the group discussed issues with the current prescription plan and agreed the most favorable solution for the District's indigent was to establish a minimum of three prescriptions every thirty (30) days regardless of the price of the medication, excluding experimental or cancer medications, but in the event three prescriptions were filled and there remained a balance of funds between the three prescription cost and \$150.00, the client should be allowed to capture this fund balance in the form of filling additional prescriptions.

Lastly, Ms. Berry advised the Board that there was an indigent care workshop but on her office in Austin, Texas scheduled for the later part of March 2015 and she strongly encouraged the Board to hire a Director in time so that the person can attend the statewide conference.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Director Rollo and was seconded by Director Espinoza, with the unanimous consent of all Board members to adjourn at 11:35 a.m.



Elroy Henry, Chairman



Jeff Rollo, Vice-Chairman