

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FUND FOR HOSPITAL CARE TO
INDIGENT PERSONS (BOARD)
Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 428.195
February 14, 2018

ADOPTED MINUTES

Attendance: Chairman Jim French, Nye County Commissioner Wichman, Clark County Human Services Administrator Mike Pawlak and Eureka County Commissioner Sharkozy (NACO Staff; Dagny Stapleton and Amanda Evans)

Other Attendees: Bill Welch, Nevada Hospital Association; Chris Bosse, Renown Regional Medical Center; Deb Sisco and Sara Lamb, Nevada Division of Health and Human Services Division of Healthcare, Finance and Policy; Mary Jane Ostrander, Carson City Health and Human Services; Chris Smith, Nye County Health and Human Services; Jeff Fontaine

The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wichman with second by Mr. Pawlak.
3. **Approval of Minutes for the September 21, 2017 Meeting of the Board.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Wichman with second by Mr. Pawlak.
4. **Update on the Status of the Fund for Hospital Care to Indigent Persons.** Dagny referenced the sources and uses spreadsheet included in the agenda packet and reviewed the information included in the document. She also reminded the Board that the Fund had been repurposed in part to contribute to the State's non-federal Medicaid match obligations, but remained available for the payment of hospital claims for care of indigent persons involved in motor vehicle accidents (IAF), and for counties to apply for reimbursement of indigent expenses related to long term care for Medicaid patients. She noted that \$2 million had been set aside for possible reimbursement to counties for long term care applications and \$1.7 million had been budgeted for IAF claims. Sara Lamb further explained the sources and uses document and gave additional detail on the sources of income and uses of the Fund, including the contract with NACO to administer the fund.
5. **Review and Possible Approval of Claims from Hospitals for Reimbursement from the Fund for Hospital Care to Indigent Persons (Fund) for Unpaid Charges for Hospital Care for Indigent Persons Injured in a Motor Vehicle Accident (NRS 428.245).** Dagny informed the Board that two claims were received from Renown Regional Medical Center and referenced the spreadsheet included in the agenda packet which included the details of the claims. She noted that Amanda reviews the claims when

submitted for completion and accuracy and noted that the total of both claims is \$141,000. Mr. Pawlak inquired regarding claim no. 4296, which noted that there was no indication of attempts to collect from sources other than Medicaid, and if the legislation required those attempts. Amanda clarified that the NAC requires that there are attempts to collect through other sources such as motor vehicle insurance and that the claim did not include any proof of attempts to collect through those sources. Dagny suggested a contingent approval upon receipt of proof of attempts to collect. Commissioner Wichman moved to approve claim no. 4295 and approve 4296 contingent upon receipt of additional documents proving attempts to collect from other sources as outlined in the NAC. The motion passed on a second by Commissioner Sharkozy.

6. **Review and Possible Approval of Requests from Counties for Reimbursement from the Fund to Satisfy a Portion of the Counties' Obligation to Pay the Nonfederal Share of Expenditures for Long-Term Care Pursuant to the State Plan for Medicaid (NRS 428.206).** Dagny informed the Board that applications had been received from Nye County, Carson City and Mineral County. She referenced the updated backup included in the agenda packet sent the previous day, including the breakdown of direct and indirect expenses and noted that Nye County and Carson City's expenses did not exceed their revenue's from indigent tax levy's and were therefore not eligible for reimbursement. She outlined Mineral County's application and informed the Board that Mineral County would qualify for reimbursement in the amount of \$48,460.76. Mineral County's application for reimbursement was approved on a motion by Mr. Pawlak with second by Commissioner Wichman.

Following the motion, Dagny informed the Board that staff recommends allowing for additional applications from the County's for FY15/16 or 16/17 because it was not clear when the request for claims was sent that both years were eligible for application for reimbursement. Commissioner Sharkozy inquired if the counties would be able to adjust their costs. Chairman French clarified that counties would be able to submit claims for the year that they had not previously applied for. Dagny also informed the Board that the County Human Service's Administrators have indicated that they are expecting costs to increase and that the Board may consider reviewing the criteria for application for reimbursement under the fund. The Board agreed to consider re-examination of the criteria at a future meeting by consensus.

7. **Public Comment.** Chairman French inquired as to future agenda items and noted that he would like to see staff research the Board by-laws regarding Chair transition. He noted that he is happy to continue to serve but anyone else having a desire to serve should let staff know. He also referenced a previous discussion on having a round table with the rural counties to inform them of the statutes and how they can apply for dollars under the fund. Commissioner Sharkozy noted the hospital/bed requirement and Dagny noted that requirement for free-care obligation is set by statute. She did however, indicate that there are areas that the Board has purview of criteria set outside of statute.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35PM