Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System held Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. This meeting was held by remote means only, in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

I. Attendance/Call to Order

Chair Reiter called the meeting to order.

Present: Chair Robert G. Reiter, Jr. and Directors Hon. Dennis Deer, LCPC, CCFC; Joseph M. Harrington; and David Ernesto Munar (4)

Board Chair M. Hill Hammock (ex-officio) and Directors Robert Currie; Mary Driscoll, RN, MPH; Ada Mary Gugenheim; and Mike Koetting

Absent: Director Otis L. Story, Sr. (1)

Additional attendees and/or presenters were:

Aaron Galeener – Interim Chief Executive Officer, CountyCare/Health Plan Services
Andrea M. Gibson – Interim Chief Business Officer
Charles Jones – Chief Procurement Officer

Jeff McCutchan – General Counsel
Israel Rocha, Jr. – Chief Executive Officer
Deborah Santana – Secretary to the Board

The next regular meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

II. Electronically Submitted Public Speaker Testimony (Attachment #1)

The following testimony was read into the record:

1. Iqbal Shariff – Chief Executive Officer, Best Home Healthcare Network

III. Action Items

NOTE: action was taken on Agenda Items III(A), III(B), III(C) and III(D) in one (1) combined motion.

A. Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, November 23, 2020

Chair Reiter inquired whether any corrections needed to be made to the Minutes.

B. Receive and file CCH requests to accept grant award-related items (Attachment #2)

Jeff McCutchan, General Counsel, provided an introduction to the item. He stated that there has been a slight change to the way grant-related items are being presented to this Board. These are now being presented for the action of receiving and filing, as approval of these matters is now done at the County level, pursuant to the County’s recent appropriation ordinance and resolution. The County Board now approves CCH grant-related items over $150,000, and the County Budget Director has the authority to approve grant-related matters under $150,000. Given the timing of the meetings, there will be instances where the grant has already been approved by the County Board before it is presented to be received and filed by this Board.

Charles Jones, Chief Procurement Officer, provided an overview of the grant-related items.
III. Action Items (continued)

C. Contracts and Procurement Items (Attachment #3)

Mr. Jones provided an overview of the contractual requests presented for the Committee’s consideration. The Committee reviewed and discussed the requests.

During the discussion of the requests related to nurse staffing, Director Deer inquired regarding the Vizient contract for contract management and nursing registry services, which went live in December; he asked when the Committee can expect to receive a report on that contract. Mr. Jones estimated that a report will be provided in June or July. Director Deer inquired whether SojourNurse LLC is a Minority-Owned Business Enterprise. Mr. Jones responded in the negative, but noted that a number of the vendors contained in the requests to increase/extend contracts are Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs). Director Deer asked where information can be found regarding those details. Israel Rocha, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, responded that a report containing that information will be provided. He added that the organization will be bringing on board an Equity Officer who will serve as the lead on M/WBE participation. They will provide reports on M/WBE participation and will strengthen the organization’s efforts to diversify its contracting.

With regard to request number 4, Director Gugenheim stressed the need to coordinate public information on Covid-19 vaccines across the local and state governments. Mr. Rocha indicated that coordination is happening with the City regarding the public information campaigns, vaccine dosing, etc. Chair Reiter stated that perhaps more discussions on the subject should be held off-line; he is involved with the State and City’s efforts on vaccination outreach, and it does not appear to him that the Cook County Department of Public Health is involved in that discussion.

Director Driscoll inquired regarding services that were previously done in-house that are now being provided contractually; she asked whether those contracts are being monitored. Mr. Rocha responded that the administration will be implementing a robust contract review process. An internal committee will be created, and their reports will be presented to the Board.

D. Proposed Resolutions authorizing signatory changes to CCH bank accounts at J.P. Morgan Chase Bank (Attachment #4)

Andrea M. Gibson, Interim Chief Business Officer, provided an overview of the proposed Resolutions.

E. Any items listed under Section III

Chair Reiter, seconded by Director Munar, moved the following:

- To accept Item III(A) 11/23/20 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes;
- To receive and file Item III(B) CCH Requests to accept grant award-related items;
- To approve Contracts and Procurement Items containing request numbers 1 through 21, subject to completion of review by Contract Compliance; and
- To approve Item III(D) Proposed Resolutions authorizing signatory changes to CCH Bank accounts at JP Morgan Chase Bank.

Yeas: Chair Reiter and Directors Deer, Harrington and Munar (4)
Nays: None (0)
Absent: Director Story (1)

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
IV. **Report from Chief Procurement Officer** (Attachment #5)

   A. **Report on Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Participation**
   B. **4th Quarter FY2020 Report of Purchases made under the authority of the Interim Chief Executive Officer**
   C. **Report of Emergency Purchases**

Mr. Jones provided an overview of the three (3) Reports presented. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

Mr. Jones provided additional information on the contract with Anna Carvalho listed under the 4th Quarter Report of Purchases made under the authority of the Interim Chief Executive Officer. For purposes of transparency, she is the wife of a former CCH Board Chair. She is a noted professional and possesses a high level of experience and knowledge in this area, and there were no political considerations involved in selecting her to provide these services.

V. **Report from the Interim Chief Business Officer** (Attachment #6)

   - **Interim FY2020 Financials**

Ms. Gibson provided an overview of the Interim FY2020 Financials. The Committee reviewed and discussed the information.

The presentation included information on the following subjects:

   - Executive Summary: Statement of Financial Condition
   - Interim Financial Results – November 30, 2020 FYTD
   - CARES Provider Relief Funding
   - CCH Health Providers Revenue – November 30, 2020 FYTD: Revenue Operating Indicators
   - CCH 12 Month Patient Activity Levels
   - Patient Activity Indicators – November 2020
   - CCH Health Providers Revenue – November 30, 2020 FYTD: Payer Mix Analysis
   - Case Mix Index Adjusted (Acuity) Average Length of Stay
   - Financial Key Performance Indicators – 2020 FY
   - Denials – November, 2020
   - Health Plan Services Financial Results – November 30, 2020 FYTD

During the discussion of the information on Health Plan Services Financial Results with Aaron Galeener, Interim Chief Executive Officer, CountyCare/Health Plan Services, Board Chair Hammock noted that he has a sense that a lot of the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) in the marketplace are making a profit, while CountyCare is not. In the course of this year, he would like to see a careful analysis of the situation - if those others are making a profit, how can CountyCare achieve that kind of success?

In response to a question from Director Currie regarding data specifically on Medicare, Mr. Galeener stated that they can break out that information in future reports.

VI. **Adjourn**

As the agenda was exhausted, Chair Reiter declared the meeting ADJOURNED.
Respectfully submitted,
Finance Committee of the
Board of Directors of the
Cook County Health and Hospitals System

Attest:

Deborah Santana, Secretary

Follow-up / Requests:

Follow-up: A report on the Vizient contract for contract management and nursing registry services, which went live in December, is expected to be provided in June or July. Page 2

Request: Information was requested regarding the details on M/WBE participation for the contractual requests. Page 2

Follow-up: Data on Medicare services will be broken out from the aggregate Health Plan Services data in future reports. Page 3