Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of the Board of Managers of the Dallas County Hospital District, held Wednesday, September 6, 2023, scheduled for 12:30 p.m. in the WISH Building Executive Conference Room (02-175) at Parkland Health and via WebEx. These minutes do not constitute a certified agenda from the meeting.

I. Attendance and Call to Order

Committee Chair Todd Furniss, JD, noted that a quorum was physically present and called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Committee members Vincent Hall; Ramon Miguez, PE; and Elizabeth Palacios, MD, attended in-person.

Board Member attendees included: Chair Marjorie Petty, JD.

Staff Present (via Webex and in-person) included:

Amy LaBarge, Director Internal Audit
Brett Moran, SVP Associate Chief Medical Officer
Carmen Bowling, Interim SVP Nursing
David Alexander, SVP Nursing
Dawn Marchetto, SVP Nursing
DeLancey Johnson, SVP Associate Chief Talent Officer
Donna Richardson, EVP & Chief Nursing Executive
Edmundo Castañeda, EVP Chief Operating Officer
Felicia Miller, EVP Chief Talent Officer
Fred Cerise, President & Chief Executive Officer (in-person)
Gerry Baker, SVP Revenue Cycle
Heyab Asgedom, Administrative Resident
John Raish, SVP Support Services
Judy Herrington, SVP Nursing
Kathleen Doherty, VP Nursing
Kellee Boardingham, Executive Assistant (in-person)
Mandy Transou, Director HIM Quality Review
Marlin Suell, Chief of Police
Mary Lea-Holmes, VP Compliance Oversight
Melanie Roberts, SVP Chief Compliance & Ethics Officer
Michael Lane, SVP Chief Quality & Safety Officer
Nneka Egbuniwe, Deputy General Counsel (in-person)
Paula Denney, Associate General Counsel
Rick Humphrey, EVP Chief Financial Officer (in-person)
Roberto de la Cruz, EVP Chief Clinical Officer
Saul Cordero, Chief Governance & Strategy Officer (in-person)
Sue Hinerman Gile, Sr. Compliance Auditor
Tseday Melaku, VP Clinical Informatics
Vic Summers, SVP Internal Audit (in-person)
Vivian Johnson, SVP Clinical Services

II. Mission Statement

Committee Chair began the meeting by stating the mission statement:
Advance Wellness | Relieve Suffering | Develop and Educate

III. Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

No members of the public registered for comments regarding the agenda items.

IV. Conflicts of Interest

After review of the agenda, the Chair noted zero conflicts of interest for Board Members present.

V. Reports Requiring Deliberation(s) or Approval(s)

A. Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Plan Update

Vic Summers presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Plan Update to the Committee. He reviewed each audit and provided a status update.

The Committee asked questions and received further information related to the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Plan Update.

B. Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Plan

Vic Summers presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Plan. He reviewed the audits intended to continue into the new fiscal year as well as those audits which are conducted on an annual basis. Next, Vic presented the new audits which will commence in fiscal year 2024.

The Committee asked questions and received further information related to the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Plan. The Committee also asked questions and received further information related to the UTSW MSA Audit.

Ramon Miguez, PE, motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Plan with the changes as discussed. Vincent Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Open Session Audit Follow-up Reports

Vic Summers presented the Open Session Audit Follow-up Reports. He noted the new Closure Report in the packet. He also noted formatting changes to the Follow-up Report.

The Committee asked questions and received further information related to the Open Session Audit Follow-up Reports.

D. Audit Report Summary

Vic Summers presented the Audit Report Summary.

i. Patient Property Audit, Report No. 23-21
Vic Summers reviewed Report No. 23-21. He discussed the findings of the audit and the issues identified.

The Committee asked questions and received additional information related to the findings of Report No. 23-21.

ii. EPIC – Intelligent Documentation Methods Audit, Report No. 23-11
Vic Summers reviewed Report No. 23-11. He discussed the findings of the audit and the issues identified.

The Committee asked questions and received additional information related to the findings of Report No. 23-11.

VI. Executive Session

At 1:24 p.m., the Committee moved into Executive Session as permitted by the closed meeting exceptions specified on the agenda.

Members of management were excused from the discussion of topics as necessary.

Members of management in executive session attendance included:

Amy LaBarge, Donna Richardson, Edmundo Castañeda, Felicia Miller, Fred Cerise, Gerry Baker, John Raish, Kellee Boardingham, Mary Lea-Holmes, Melanie Roberts, Michael Lane, Nneka Egbuniwe, Paula Denney, Rick Humphrey, Saul Cordero, and Vic Summers

A. Executive Session Audit Follow-up Reports

B. Audit Report Summary
   i. Price Transparency Compliance Audit, Report No. 23-25

C. Independent Briefing with Audit Committee (Verbal)

The Committee adjourned the executive session at 1:50 p.m.

VII. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Committee Chair Todd Furniss, JD, entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Elizabeth Palacios, MD, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vincent Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SO RECORDED:

Todd Furniss
Todd Furniss (Nov 15, 2023 08:38 CST)

Todd Furniss, JD
Committee Chair

Steven J Roth
Steven J Roth (Oct 27, 2023 16:50 CDT)

Steve Roth, JD, MPH
Assistant Secretary