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M I N U T E S
Duval County Hospital Authority
November 25, 1969

A regular meeting of the Duval County Hospital Authority convened at 6:30 p. m. at the hospital on November 25, 1969, the Chairman, Mr. Charles E. Cobb, Jr., presiding and attendance as follows:

Mr. Buford L. Bowen	Dr. Karl B. Hanson	Absent:
Judge Tyrie A. Boyer	Dr. Wilbur C. Sumner	Mr. L. I. Alexander
Mr. Paul A. Broome		

Mr. Michael J. Wood, Executive Director; Dr. William D. Walklett, Radiologist; Dr. Ronald M. Rhatigan, Pathologist; Mr. Bob Retherford, Public Relations; Mr. Ken Goldman, Jacksonville Journal and Mr. Paul Mitchell, Times-Union.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Executive Director's Report: Staff Recommendations: Mr. Wood presented Executive Committee recommendations that appointments be made as follows: Dr. Sidney Levin, attending staff as Chief of Pediatrics; Dr. Robert J. Thompson, attending staff Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology, both effective September 12, 1969 when they became Florida licensed; Dr. William D. Walklett, Chief of Radiology effective October 7, 1969; Dr. Robert W. Miles, associate in Psychiatry; Dr. Henry W. Harris reinstated as associate in surgery. Approval moved, seconded and carried.

Hospital Name: The Executive Committee recommended that among the names to be considered in the search for a new name to improve the image of the hospital their choice would be "Jacksonville Teaching Hospital and Clinics". Dr. Sumner moved that the recommendation be accepted. Judge Boyer questioned whether from a lay standpoint calling it a "teaching" hospital would enhance the image. Other names were suggested. In discussion, Mr. Wood pointed out that our public relations men had been working with the city public relations officer on ways of approaching the name change and looking into legal questions involved. Drs. Sumner and Hanson mentioned the importance of having a name that would assist in attracting the caliber of interns and residents desired. Dr. Sumner stated there is nothing wrong with conferring with the City Council but it is the board's responsibility to run the hospital and the decision to name the hospital should be left to the staff and this board. Mr. Broome moved that the matter be referred to a committee, seconded by Judge Boyer and carried. Mr. Cobb asked Judge Boyer to chair the committee, with Dr. Sumner and Mr. Broome as members.

The financial and statistical reports were accepted as submitted by motion of Dr. Sumner, which was seconded and carried.

Public Relations activities were reviewed by Mr. Wood, which include a continuing program of conducted tours for various groups. Mr. Broome mentioned that some city officials want to come out for an informal visit for which he will contact Mr. Retherford. Mr. Wood said two house staff have made arrangements through the Jaycees for a scholarship fund to help with recruiting house staff. One of the large insurance companies is featuring DMC's cobalt unit in their employees' paper.

Mr. Wood read an article in the FHA News on increasing cost of hospitalization pointing out that a statement that the country could be saved \$1.7 billion a year if one day was cut from the average length of stay is misleading because costs will continue to rise as alternative facilities are utilized. When patients are sent out to other facilities, hospital beds are filled with new patients and it is adding to the total cost of health care for additional better services.

Bylaws: Mr. Broome moved that the bylaws amendments be approved as submitted to board members. Seconded by Judge Boyer and carried.

It was agreed that the December meeting be held on Thursday, December 18, 1969.

Committee Reports: Building: Dr. Hanson, Chairman, presented committee recommendations that requests for payment be approved as follows: Daniel Construction Co., No. 16, \$698,876.00; Reynolds, Smith and Hills, \$9,318.35; LeForte, \$3,500.00. Mr. Broome moved that they be paid, seconded and carried. It was moved, seconded and carried that MCDs totaling \$49,644.36 be approved as recommended.

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Finance Committee: Cobalt Bid: Mr. Broome moved that the cobalt bid be awarded to Picker X-ray, the only manufacturer and only bidder, at \$18,315.00. Seconded and carried. It was moved, seconded and carried that laboratory equipment be purchased consisting of a Coulter Counter at \$30,000 and a 2 channel auto analyzer at \$7,500. These are available from only one company.

Eligibility Policies: The Finance Committee reviewed the eligibility requirements and recommend that the one year's residence requirement be maintained. Mr. Broome moved that the committee's report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

Development Committee: Mr. Broome recalled that at the meeting two months ago the board adopted the Subcommittee's report and recommendation that the Authority authorize employment of consultants to make two surveys. As instructed by the board, Mr. Broome, Chairman of the Subcommittee, has talked to the Mayor and the President of the City Council. A letter has been written to the Mayor, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the President of the City Council asking them to proceed post haste with our recommendation under provisions of the City Ordinance regulating employment of consultants. Dr. Sumner moved that a special meeting be held between the board, the Development Committee and representatives of the Mayor's office and the City Council. Seconded by Judge Boyer who asked that the entire City Council be invited. Motion carried. Mr. Cobb read a letter from Dr. G. Dekle Taylor submitting his resignation as Chairman of the Development Committee effective January 1, 1970. Mr. Cobb talked to Dr. Taylor and asked him to reconsider, which he refused to do, but said he would like to appear before the Authority to make a statement and give a resume of what the staff has done and what they feel needs to be done. Mr. Cobb invited him to the next meeting. He pointed out that Dr. Taylor is due a debt of gratitude from everybody in Duval County and that he has been one of the backbones of the DMC movement. It was moved by Dr. Hanson, seconded by Dr. Sumner that the board adopt a resolution of thanks to Dr. Taylor. Dr. Sumner moved that Dr. Taylor be asked to delay his resignation until March 1, 1970. Seconded and carried.

Trihospital: Mr. Wood confirmed that a contract has been let on widening of 8th Street and demolition has begun. He reviewed efforts being made on shared services in data processing, laundry, etc. The attorneys for the three hospitals have met with the City General Counsel in an attempt to solve legal problems involved. Judge Durden devised an ordinance and presented it to the City Council. On November 9 the City Finance Committee took the matter up which was attended by hospital administrative people and City Central Services and Data Processing as resource people. The Finance Committee deferred action, asking that an actual contract document be prepared and submitted to them and instructing their legal counsel to work with the hospital legal counsel on this. Judge Boyer stated he has discussed with Judge Durden and members of the City Council several times. He feels that they will go along but pointed out that it is a really complicated legal process which will take time to work out. He emphasized that they have not said no, but asked that it be put in writing in a legal form for them to review, pointing out that they are very reluctant to take action on decentralizing services when everyone is working toward centralization. Mr. Wood added that Central Services and Data Processing indicated their approval and that it would be at least three years before they could absorb the hospital data processing. In answer to Dr. Sumner, Mr. Wood stated there was no official notification of the Finance Committee meeting which appeared on the agenda of scheduled meetings sent out by the City Council. Dr. Sumner feels there is misunderstanding on the part of the other hospitals and moved that the Chairman request a meeting of the trihospital group. Seconded by Mr. Broome and carried.

Patient Education: Dr. Sumner moved that a committee of the staff be appointed to work up a project to apply for a grant to install closed circuit television in the new hospital for patient educational programs. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Broome announced he will attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Florida Public Hospitals in Tampa on December 6.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p. m.

Chairman

Secretary