



**FINAL OFFICIAL
MEETING MINUTES
Miami-Dade County Hospital Governance
Taskforce (HGT)**

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The Miami-Dade County Hospital Governance Taskforce (HGT) convened a meeting at the Miami-Dade County Health Department facility, 8600 NW 17th Street, Miami, Florida, on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., there being present Chairperson Juan Carlos Zapata, Vice Chairperson Susan Dechovitz, and Members: Martha Baker, Michael Barron, Jose Cancela, Ed Feller, Robert Johnson, Brian Keeley, Marisel Losa, Steven Marcus, Ana Mederos, Linda Quick, Steven Pinkert, Sharon Pontious, Lillian Rivera, Donna Shalala and Alternate member Nancy Humbert representing M. Narendra Kini; (Members Manuel P. Anton III, Lee Chaykin, M. Narendra Kini, and Steven Sonenreich were absent).

I. ROLL CALL:

The following staff members were present: Assistant County Attorneys Karon Coleman, Valda Clarke Christian, and Laura Llorente; Gary Collins, S. Donna Palmer, and Angie Martinez, Office of Commission Auditor; and Deputy Clerk Mary Smith-York.

Assistant State Attorney Paul Silverman, State Attorney's Office, was also present at today's meeting.

Chairman Juan Zapata called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. OPENING REMARKS:

Chairperson Juan C. Zapata recognized Mr. Roly Marante, Commissioner Sosa's Chief of Staff (District 6), who would make a brief presentation.

Chief of Staff Roly Marante, County Commission District 6, on behalf of Honorable Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, appeared before the HGT and expressed appreciation to the Task Force for their efforts to make Miami-Dade County a better place to live, work, and play. He spoke about the great need for a change in the Jackson Health System healthcare delivery landscape, which the work being done by this task force would accomplish. Mr. Marante presented a challenge to HGT members to be bold in their recommendations to the County Commission and advised that Commissioner Sosa would be the Prime Sponsor of all recommendations. He informed members that Commissioner Sosa introduced an amendment at Tuesday's (5/3) BCC meeting, providing that all Hospital Governance Task Force recommendations be included in the proposed Financial Recovery Board (FRB); which the Board adopted. Mr. Marante pointed out that the Commissioner Sosa and he purposefully stayed away from the HGT to eliminate the potential for political influence or prejudice. He expressed hopes that the HGT's recommendations were practical, proven and fiscally responsible. In conclusion, Mr. Marante, on behalf of Commissioner Sosa, thanked the members of the HGT for stepping up at a time when the community needed it the most, and looked forward to receiving of the final report. Mr. Marante advised HGT members that earlier tonight Mr. Angel Medina resigned from the Public Health Trust, and quoted the following statement from

Mr. Medina's resignation letter: "... While there are many examples of progress made and renewed accountability, it is evident that a change in governance is necessary and must come rapidly..." Mr. Marante noted that was the reason this task force was created, after which he bid members farewell and exited the meeting.

Chairperson Zapata asked Mr. Marante to convey the HGT's gratitude to Commissioner Sosa for her efforts and inform her that this task force is outstanding and rather than shy away from, it embraced the aggressive timeline placed before it.

Chairperson Zapata provided a brief overview of the items contained in tonight's agenda package and outlined the process for compilation of recommendation into the final format.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 21, 2011)

The following corrections to the April 21, 2011, minutes were requested:

- page 2, II., paragraph 3 - to correct the first sentence to correctly read:
"...Chairperson Zapata advised that he met with Dr. Eneida Roldan, Chief Executive Officer, JMH, and spoke with BCC Chairman Joe Martinez regarding the HGT's working draft document..."

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, that the April 21, 2011, meeting minutes be approved as amended with the foregoing requested change. This motion was seconded by Mr. Cancela, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a unanimous vote of those members present.

IV. WORKING ITEM

Chairperson Zapata directed members' attention to the emailed document entitled "Hospital Governance Task Force Recommendations" and noted it would be discussed later in tonight's meeting. He advised that Commission Auditor's Office staff member Gary Collins had compiled all HGT members' recommendations into a skeleton document (yellow pages), and would later include additional backup information, the minutes, agendas, and other related documents. Mr. Zapata listed the proposed titles of sections as part of the final report, including the proposed roadmap that was for short-term to have an idea of the County Commission's direction.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the method HGT members would use to construct the final recommendations document from the working draft. Following the discussion, staff member Gary Collins projected a copy of the document on the screen so revisions could be made simultaneously when requests were made by HGT members.

Having concluded development of its final report, the HGT requested Commission Auditor staff to provide a draft to the County Attorney's Office for review and legal sufficiency by Monday, May 9th. Chairperson Zapata asked that, following the County Attorney's review of the draft document, staff member Gary Collins provide HGT

members with a clean draft by Tuesday, May 10th, for review and finalizing at the May 12th meeting.

Members agreed to again hold its next meeting at the Miami-Dade County Health Department facility, 8400 N.W. 17th Street, Miami, and that this would be its final meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the HGT, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



Juan C. Zapata, Chairperson
Miami-Dade Hospital Governance Task Force