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Board of Directors Lease and Building Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 3, 2017

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Jennifer Rienks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call / Approval of Agenda / Approval of Minutes

Committee Members Present: Chair Jennifer Rienks; Harris Simmonds, MD

Staff Members Present: Jon Friedenberg, COO; Louis Weiner, Executive Assistant

Community Member Present: Brian Su, MD

Guests Present: Matthew Katics, DO, MGH Medical Director of Palliative Care; Jan Sams, MGH Director of Risk Management

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the Lease and Building Committee meeting of March 29, 2017.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Marin Healthcare District Policy: California End of Life Act (EOLA)

Jon Friedenberg presented. He welcomed Jan Sams, MGH Director of Risk Management, and Dr. Matthew Katics, MGH Medical Director of Palliative Care. He explained the appropriateness of the Marin Healthcare District adopting a policy on EOLA as applied by the medical clinics of the District. This Committee, after discussing and drafting a policy, may then forward the draft policy for review and approval by the full MHD Board of Directors.

Dr. Katics gave an overview of the California End of Life Act. The Act is designed as an outpatient process. There is no specific language for inpatient use; therefore, hospitals are not allowing ingestion on-site. The Act does allow for a hospital or healthcare organization to opt-in or opt-out, i.e. they may allow or disallow their physicians to participate in any aspect of the process within the facility or organization. A physician may not administer the lethal drug, but the patient must self-administer. He referenced the flow chart illustration provided, which adheres legally to the Act.

Marin General Hospital, through its Policy & Procedure process (flowing through Medical Executive Committee, Quality Committee, and Board) is now adopting a policy for outpatient cases.

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Lonny Shavelson, MD, has established a clinic for end-of-life options in Berkeley.

Dr. Katics recommended that MHD adopt a policy whereby physicians would “opt in”. They would be welcomed to participate and the District would offer support. This would respect physicians’ desires, respect the community, and be fully compliant with the Act. This also respects any physician who chooses not to participate. Dr. Katics and Ms. Sams will draft the policy and present it to this Committee at the next meeting on May 31; this Committee may recommend it for approval by the MHD Board at a future regular meeting.

Further discussion ensued regarding advisory and oversight by outside legal counsel, physician referral, clinic interaction, pharmacy interaction, as well as communication/education tools and programs for physicians, staff, and community. Such details would be refined and finalized after the policy’s approval.

5. Adjournment

The next meeting of this Committee will be Weds. May 31 at 5:30 pm. Chair Rienks adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.