

HOLE IN THE HEART

MINUTES

May 15, 2024 6:30pm via Zoom

A. Roll Call

- ☐ Sandra Fahrlender, President - PRESENT
- ☐ Bob Fahrlender, Treasurer - PRESENST
- ☐ Christy Esquibel, Secretary
- ☐ Maile Ruggles, Medical Advisor
- ☐ Kai Fahrlender, Youth Member - PRESENT
- ☐ Luke Fahrlender, Youth Member - PRESENT

B. Reading notice and proof of mailing

A text was sent on 5/8/24 to announce upcoming Board Meeting on 5/15/24.

C. 2024 – President of Hole in the Heart

Dr. Simmons leaving Presbyterian – NM has no current Adult Congenital Cardiologists; affects HITH directly with CHD ECHO program (medical facilitator) and championing our causes (speaker at events)

Senate Bill 7 Announced: Children's Heartline Consortium was announced – still unsure if funding was awarded and how much from this bill. Dr. Simmons was heading up project and was including HITH as education portion (possible money for CME Accreditation Program). **SEND EMAIL TO Dale Olson, Presbyterian Card Director, in inquire. A meeting with State Representative Hochman-Vigil & Senator Duhigg is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 at 1pm.** The bill will be discussed along with advocating for an echocardiogram to be added to NM's Child Wellness Program through the State – requesting direction and guidance, department contacts and moving forward with advocacy.

Girl Scouts of New Mexico/**Family, Fit, Fun FEST: Saturday, June 1/9am-12pm at North Domingo Baca Park** – provide AAP Heart Screen Questions to public – Dr. Avila-Schroeder present at 10:45 am importance of a thorough heart screen and ways to maintain a healthy heart. Luke Fahrlender, Youth Board Member, and Denise Huerta, pre-med at UNM, will be volunteering their time.

Bob and Sandra Fahrlender presented Hole in the Heart to the McCune Foundation on May 16 at 10am. They felt it was another opportunity to promote awareness of CHDs, talk about the lack of resources in the State of NM and share our advocate work/outreach.

Update on outreach/CHD education efforts:

Rio Rancho Girls Basketball: Bob and Sandra screened 81 attendees during 3 hours of basketball games, along with FREE media coverage - front-page article with the Rio Rancho Observer and a \$300 donation from Rio Rancho Dairy Cream.

Though our CHD ECHO program is ON HOLD due to Dr. Simmons departure; HITH may have an opportunity to partner with UNM's Peds ECHO program – to have CHD Experts present up to three (4) CHD topics this year at their Ground Rounds. Dr. Quraishi, Presbyterian Peds Critical Care, has offered to present Pre/Post OP Care of the CHD patient.

D. Treasurer's Report -Bob Fahrlander

Savings CHD ECHO: \$8526.79

Cking Balance: \$1043.40

Form 990 Tax Form (2024): Filled

State Filing Report: Filled

E. Board Members – In need

IN NEED:

CHD Cardiologist(s), CHD Adult Patient(s), CHD Parent(s), CHD Advocates

Medical Advisory Board:

Seek: Medical Providers – outside of Albuquerque to help with rural health care initiatives

F. Election of Directors

The business, property, and affairs of H.I.T.H. shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of a minimum of three (3) members. Each director shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until a successor is qualified and elected.

G. Adjournment: Next Board Meeting: TBD