

HOLE IN THE HEART

MINUTES

September 11, 2024 6:30pm via Zoom

A. Roll Call

- Sandra Fahrlander, President - PRESENT
- Bob Fahrlander, Treasurer - PRESENT
- Christy Esquibel, Secretary
- Crystal Avila, Medical Advisor - PRESENT
- Kelsey Leibenhaut, Medical Advisor - PRESENT
- Maile Ruggles, Medical Advisor - PRESENT
- Kai Fahrlander, Youth Member - PRESENT
- Luke Fahrlander, Youth Member

B. Reading notice and proof of mailing

A text was sent on 9/6/24 to announce upcoming Board Meeting on 9/11/24.

MINUTES were taken by Dr. Avila & emailed after meeting – Secretary was absent from meeting.

C. 2024 – President's Update

UNM Peds Grand Rounds – will begin October run through December – 3 CHD topics – please share with your own medical community. A mass email went out on 9/10/24 for SAVE THE DATES – along with email to over 10 medical organizations in the State.

House Bill 9/2014: request to amend HB 9 (CCHD Newborn Screen) – add an echo cardiogram if a parent of a newborn answers YES to even one of the AAP Heart Policy Questions. Rep Thomson (Chairman), Rep Ortiz y Pino (Chairman), with Rep Hochman-Vigil leading the request to amend the bill. Hole in the Heart is to present our nonprofit and request to amend HB 9 on Tuesday, October 22 at 9am in Rio Rancho (Place TBD) to the Legislative Health & Human Services Committee. **NOTES: Kelsey & Dr. Avila, along with Bob & Sandra Fahrlander, will present to LHHS Committee. Meet in early October to work on a presentation.**

Senate Bill 7 Announced: Presbyterian declined money awarded due to a lack of CHD resources to run the program. Thoughts & discussion. **NOTES: Suggestion to work directly with 5 rural hospitals – go back to Gina DeBlassi, Governor's Health Care Advisor, to discuss SB 7.**

Lack of CHD Resources in State: **NOTES: Sandra to speak with NM Hospital Association – Pamela Blackwell to recruit cardiac specialists, Dr. Avila to talk to Kelly Crews-Beck to inquire about mobile clinics, Maile to inquire about Presbyterian doing mobile clinics with existing patients.**

Amazing Newborns (November 7-8) – conference with Continuing Ed (School of Medicine) – Exhibitor **NOTES: Sandra to reach out to UNM H NICU specialists to inquire what would be useful CHD knowledge to handout to participants of conference.**

FUNDRAISER IDEA: Ax Throwing Competition – during CHD Awareness Week 2025 – February 8

NOTES: Event Sponsorships, Lane Sponsorships (9 lanes), Participants \$60 each – with a basket of donated items to go to the lane that wins event. **Sandra** to create an Event Sponsorship Package to solicit to local businesses.

Other Business:

CNM Sonography Program: Add CHD ECHO videos for fetal echo curriculum. NOTES: **Sandra** to meeting with Nicole Arredondo, Program Director, to set up partnership between organizations (Tuesday, Sept 17 11am).

D. Treasurer's Report -Bob Fahrlender

Savings CHD ECHO: \$8246.62

Checking Balance: \$1500.00

Form 990 Tax Form (2024): Filed

State Filing Report: Filed (every 6 months – check on current status)

E. Board Members – Introduction of New Board Members

Dr. Crystal Avila & Kelsey Leibenhaut: NOTES – Thank you for joining our cause! We are happy to have you.

IN NEED:

NOTES: **Everyone** - Medical Provider in Rural Health Care linked to CHD

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

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: Wednesday, November 6 (Annual – Election of Officers) at 6:30pm via Zoom – Mandatory to attend to meet Bylaws for Nonprofit Status