

Subject: RE: Board meeting on February 29
From: Jeff Turner (jturner@mchd.net)
To: saltfsh@yahoo.com;
Date: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 4:51 PM

Mr. Winegardner, please see my responses below.

Jeff

From: R.J. Winegardner [mailto:saltfsh@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 6:13 AM
To: Jeff Turner
Cc: Robin George; editor@moorenews.com
Subject: Re: Board meeting on February 29

Dear Jeff:

I did not receive a response from Robin George to Monday's email, so I guess her answer is that I do not qualify for MCHD Indigent Care for February. I did not receive a response from you, so does that mean that you are concurring with her? If I assume both are the case, then I would like to discuss this with the Board at the meeting next Wednesday. Your email from Monday does not say who I submit my request to be on the agenda at the Board meeting and it does not give a deadline for submitting agenda items so I hope this is received in time to be on the agenda.

Will I be having several items on the agenda, specifically:

1. Response from the Board to my letter requesting they discontinue the outsourcing of Dumas Hospital's medical transcription to India and the Philippines.

Because MCHD outsources medical transcription, it is possible that persons working in both foreign and domestic offices have performed our work in the past. As you know, this is a common practice in the transcription industry and MCHD is satisfied with our current provider. MCHD has formally requested that our

current provider ensure that only domestic transcriptionists be used.

2. Request for confirmation that the income maximum for the MCHD IC program is ACTUALLY \$190. The four page sheet Robin gave me specified a maximum of household assets but it did not address monthly income. As I have mentioned, this is so incredibly ridiculous that I have to assume that the amount is not right. If it ACTUALLY WERE \$190, ONLY homeless people would qualify for the IC program and that would be convenient for MCHD, but I do not believe that is the intent of taxpayers, or the State of Texas.

While \$190 dollars may seem low, please understand that the Indigent Care Program is intended for persons with no income sources. However, you should be aware that the actual allowable amount has increased for 2012 to \$196 per month. I have been assured that \$196 per month is correct according to the State's formula.

3. Request that the hospital improve their website to model itself after the website of the Dumas school district board. They list ALL of their Board of Directors, your website's listing is incomplete. They give email addresses for the school board members, your site does not; they give their bylaws on their website and MCHD does not.

Thank you for your suggestions. MCHD tries to provide a website that provides a service to our community. We will take your suggestions into consideration the next time we revise our site.

4. As an accommodation to me of Nita/Robin and you preventing me from receiving IC coverage for February, I would like MCHD to qualify me until you and/or the Board come up with a response to the issue of whether a paycheck received that covers days worked in more than one a month gets divided and how that is done. It is not covered in the 4 pages Robin gave me, leading me to believe I am being treated vindictively by MCHD because of my request that the outsourcing of the medical transcription be ended.

Based on your application, you did not qualify for the Indigent Care Program in February. No one at MCHD has prevented you from being approved and no one is being vindictive with you. MCHD cannot qualify you for the Program if you do not meet the criteria.

I will fax a copy of this email to the general MCHD fax number, because I want to make sure it gets received by the appropriate person for scheduling me on the Open Meeting agenda.

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