

# MEETING MINUTES

## ROSELAND MEDICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION



Date: December 9, 2024,  
Time: 9:24am  
Meeting called to order by: President Joseph Harrington

### IN ATTENDANCE

#### Commissioners

Joseph Harrington, Dennis O'Malley, Tina Sanders, Harry Wilkins, Timothy Egan

#### Ex Officio Commissioners

Sharron Matthews, Matthew Smith (v), Sacella Smith

#### Far South CDC Staff

Interim Executive Director, Abraham Lacy, Patricia Ballay

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Harrington, at 9:24 am on Monday, December 9, 2024

### II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was completed by Secretary Tim Egan. In accordance with the Roseland Community Medical District Act 70 ILCS 935/10e, a quorum is established, and the Commission may legally transact business.

- Motion by Sharron Matthews to allow Ex Officio commissioner Matthew Smith , to participate via zoom was seconded by Commissioner Wilkins and approved unanimously.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cecelia Harrison expressed her desire to see the expansion of the medical district in Roseland, with a focus on partnerships with Chicago State University's School of Health Sciences for job placement. She also encouraged the committee to look within the community for vacant position openings.

Kareem Musawwir discussed the importance of developing public schools and educational systems, suggesting partnerships with local universities to channel students into relevant fields.

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2024

Commissioner Wilkins motioned that the minutes be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Malley and passed unanimously.

### V. PROGRAM REPORT

- Chicago Community Trust grant- Money disbursed to RMDC accounts. Half has been dispersed with the second half to be dispersed November 2025. Far South CDC is the fiscal agent.
- 25 million State Funds. Working on a proposal for DCEO.

### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Audit and Compliance Committee

The meeting discussed the procurement process for services and products, with a focus on the need for a policy to expedite the process. The commission staff would identify the need for an RFP or other procurement methods. The commission also discussed the challenges of getting appointments from different government bodies and the need for transparency in their operations. The committee also

reviewed the progress of two grants they are managing. The next steps include reviewing the grants and ensuring they meet the requirements of the funders.

Focus on the importance of acknowledging the procurement process. There was a discussion about the need for a stronger definition of "local vendors" to ensure that local businesses and community organizations are given priority in the procurement process. The team also discussed the need for a policy that allows for more room and vagueness, but also specificity in the actual proposal.

- Wilkins motion to accept the procurement policy as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Egan. Passed unanimously.

#### **Finance Committee**

- Utilizing funds for staff and space

#### **RMDC Advisory Board**

- Seeking Space for Town Hall Meeting for February

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

The meeting discussed the transformation program of the medical district, which includes building adolescent sustainable healing centers and an ICU above the emergency department. The program is contingent on a \$80 million grant from the state. The district also plans to launch a mobile behavioral health vehicle and has requested \$6 million from the county for this purpose. The district is also working on a statement of economic interest and is required to register with Cook County. The meeting also touched on the challenges of maintaining the hospital's budget and the importance of community involvement in the district's initiatives. The participants were encouraged to visit the district's website for more information and to contact the chair of the Community Pricing Board for further involvement.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

December 9, 2024, at 10:35am. Motion by Commissioner Wilkins and second by Commissioner Egan.