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BUDGET COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING APPROVED MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, October 18, 2016

**West Hills Hospital, First floor Conference Room,
7300 Medical Center Dr., West Hills, CA 91304**

Committee Members in Attendance: Simone Best, Anthony Brosamle, Bob Brostoff, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Steve Randall, Bobbi Trantafello, Joan Trent and Alec Uzemeck

Absent: Aida Abkarians, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Charlene Rothstein and Barry Seybert

Brad Vanderhoof is now a member of the Committee.

Quorum established.

Public Comment:

Mr. Reeyan Raynes stated that in light of the push for more transparency, he believes the Monthly Expense Report (MERS) should be on the WHNC website.

The August 16, 2016 minutes were approved. Due to an oversight approval of the September 20, 2016 regular and special meeting minutes were tabled until next month.

Discussion and possible action on amending the Standing Rules for the Budget Committee:

Mr. Bob Brostoff stated it was brought to his attention that the mission statement did not reflect all the duties of the committee. He moved that the statement "Shall discuss and take possible action on all changes to the existing budget" be added as item 1,C. Motion was seconded by Ms. Simone Best. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on amending the VANC allocation by breaking it up into two equal installments:

Board member, Joanne Yvanek-Garb requested this change. After some discussion, Ms. Bobbi Trantafello stated, that while it is doable it is too late to make the change this year but we can make the change next year. It needs to be on our February 2017 agenda.

Discussion and possible action on amending the budget to provide funds for the 2018 NC elections:

Mr. Bob Brostoff advised the committee that there is a huge push from Empower LA for each NC to spend at least \$10,000 on the 2018 election. This cost is based on the theory that the best outreach method is mass mailings. Mr. Brostoff has heard that the NCs are being allowed to set aside monies from the 2016-2017 budget for the 2018 elections. Mr. Brostoff said he also heard that Mr. Herb Wesson was working to get the NCs an additional \$5,000 with the understanding that the monies would be used exclusively for the elections. Mr. Anthony Brosamle stated that since carrying over monies from one budget year to another is currently not

allowed, we should wait until we have written confirmation of policy change before taking any action. All were in agreement.

Discussion and possible action on amending the budget to include additional funds for making copies for committees:

Mr. Bob Brostoff said this was on the agenda as a heads up. Currently we are not getting the large discount on copies from Office Depot as in the past and as a result we have spent almost half of the monies budgeted for this item to date. Ms. Bobbi Trantafello has continually tried contacting DONE to reinstate the discount. They say they'll look into it but nothing has been done to date. At this time, Mr. Brostoff stated the only place we could possibly pull money from is the "Other Misc. Expenses" line item on the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.