

**REPORT OF THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION
HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Medical Care Commission was called to order at 9:18 a.m., on January 17, 2008, in the Town Council Chambers. Members of the Commission present were: Chair Michael Dennis, Vice Chair Robert Friedman, Commission Members Michael Stein, Commission Norman Traverse, and Richard Furlaud. Commission Member Norman Goldblum was absent.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as printed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25TH, NOVEMBER 2ND, NOVEMBER 7TH, AND DECEMBER 10TH MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION MEETINGS.

The Minutes were approved through motion of Commission Member Furlaud, seconded by Vice Chair Friedman. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Dennis made several of the following comments:

- The Commission was scheduled to end its term in a few weeks;
- Good Samaritan Hospital was the historical centerpiece of care for the island, and received a significant amount of attention in the beginning;

- The focus was on Good Sam and the administration had been and continued to be extremely cooperative; and
- Good Sam had good news and many challenges.

V. PRESENTATION BY GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

Paul Echelard, CEO of Good Samaritan Hospital, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the services, accomplishments, and plans for the future.

Dr. Neal Rothschild, Chief of Division of Oncology and Hematology, reported on the Palm Beach Cancer Institute at Good Sam. He responded to questions from the Commission members.

Mr. Echelard held a question and answer discussion with the Commission members.

Dr. Melissa Graber, Medical Director of the Emergency Room, provided an overview of the Emergency Room services.

Dr. Jeffrey Rubin, one of the two new neurologists at Good Sam, addressed plans for a stroke program.

Chair Dennis commented that the mission of the Commission was to assess the needs of the residents, which was accomplished through the survey and the many meetings with the residents. The available services were provided through the Area Medical Care Guide, and the assessment of the viability of Good Sam was shown through the efforts of Good Sam.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dr. Fink commented on major medical centers in the area.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Medical Care Commission meeting of January 17, 2008, was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

Michael Dennis, MD
Chairman