

Minutes of minutes
Patiala Health Foundation
January 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8 pm eastern time by Dr. Jagwinder Sraow.

Following members of board were present: Dr. Amrik S. Chattha, Dr. Jaswinder K. Chattha, Dr. Birjinder S. Kochhar, Dr. Jagwinder S. Sraow, Dr. Charn S. Nandra, Dr. Mukhtar S. Nandra, Dr. Dharambir Batish and Dr. Rattan Mittal.

After the introduction of the attendees, Dr. Chattha praised Dr. Mittal for his achievements in the orthopedics field and we were proud to have him attend the USA board meeting. He also congratulated Dr. Sraow for raising approximately \$30000 during his recent fundraiser in Phoenix, Arizona. He then reported on the progress of the ambulance service in Patiala stating that the service by two ambulances and one motorcycle ambulance are being underutilized at present. He stated that Dr. Sarin, an obstetrics doctor from Patiala had requested to include delivery service to needy patients. She would provide the medical staff needed for the service. Everybody agreed and approved the project unanimously. Dr. Nandra questioned about the underutilization of the ambulance service by picking up only 30-35 patients a month. Dr. Mittal stated that he will work on a committee to find ways to improve the service.

Dr. Chattha asked approval of 6 lac rupees per year for an in-house pharmacy in Rajindra Hospital to provide medicines to the poor. Dr. Birjinder proposed the motion and Dr. Charn Nandra seconded it. It was approved unanimously. Dr. Chattha added that services at Rajindra Hospital are improving with occupancy rate up to 99%.

Dr. Chattha mentioned that he met Dr. Chahal during his recent trip to India and discussed with him to produce a five minute professionally looking video clip for which he will be compensated fully. He was given 90 days to complete the project. Dr. Sraow will coordinate with Dr. Chahal on this project. This project was also unanimously approved.

There was a discussion that the Patiala chapter of the Patiala Health Foundation still does not have the tax free status and some donors in India are hesitant to donate until this status is obtained. Dr. Mittal assured that this will be obtained soon. Dr. Chattha stated that Col. Karaminder Singh and Dr. D. C. Bansal will work on that.

Dr. Chattha mentioned that he had receive a request from a girl Manpreet from Utah for some volunteer work for PHF in Patiala. Everybody agreed that we should encourage such volunteers and approved this. Dr. Chattha will contact her and get more details about it.

Finally Dr. Chattha stated that we should recognize the donors in by placing a large plaque with names of the donors engraved on it in the rotunda of the Rajindra Hospital. He suggested three tiers of donor recognition - \$50,000 or more, from \$25,000-\$50,000 and from \$10,000-\$25,000. Dr. Kochhar suggested that we should also honor all the other donors with some smaller plaques or certificates. Everybody unanimously passed this resolution.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Chattha once again briefed the duties assigned to various projects.

The meeting concluded at around 9:00 pm eastern time.