



Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission

Wes Benwick, Chair
Robert Jones, Vice Chair
Joe Andrews, Secretary

RESOLUTION 2010-4

URGING THE MAYOR TO DESIGNATE A DEFINITIVE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY'S INDIGENT CARE CONTRACT WITH SHANDS JACKSONVILLE AND URGING THE COUNCIL AUDITOR TO PERFORM AN AUDIT OF THE SHANDS JACKSONVILLE INDIGENT CARE CONTRACT AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 4 YEARS

WHEREAS, the TRUE Commission is composed of a variety of citizens representing community and business interests, all of whom bring a variety of skills and perspectives to the process of reviewing and commenting upon City financial and management issues; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has researched the City's relationship with Shands Jacksonville Medical Center with regard to public funding of indigent care at the hospital and finds that the City's annual contribution of nearly \$24 million is based upon the lease agreement and contract for operation of the hospital between the City and Shands Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, indigent care is a very large budgetary item each year for the City, and it appears that there is little active oversight or management of this multi-million dollar contract by the City administration, and it has been nearly 4 years since the Council Auditor's Office performed an audit of Shands' compliance with the indigent care contract, both of which situations are less than ideal given the size of the annual appropriation and complexity of the indigent care eligibility and screening criteria; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a majority of the TRUE Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor clearly designate a formal indigent care contract manager to oversee Shands' compliance with the terms and conditions of the City's agreements with Shands Jacksonville for operation of the hospital and the funding of uncompensated indigent care. The Commission further recommends to the Council Auditor that a formal audit be conducted of the operation of the indigent care contract at least once every 4 years to ensure contract compliance and optimum use of the available indigent care funding.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Commission this 4th day of March, 2010.

Wes Benwick, Chairman