**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**MARK TWAIN HEALTH CARE DISTRICT**

**POLICY NO. 2 BASIS OF AUTHORITY; ROLE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

2.1 The Board of Directors shall have and exercise all the powers of a health care district as set forth in the Local Health Care District Act. Specifically, the Board of Directors shall be empowered as follows:

A. To control and be responsible for the management of all operations and affairs of the District, including its rights and responsibilities as lessor under the 1989 hospital lease with the Mark Twain St. Joseph's Health Care Corporation, as amended. The corporation is currently known as Mark Twain Medical Center.

B. To make and enforce all rules and regulations necessary for the administration, government, protection, and maintenance of hospitals and other facilities under District jurisdiction.

C. To retain an Executive Director and to define the powers and duties of such appointee.

D. To delegate certain powers to affiliated or subordinate organizations in accordance with their respective bylaws.

E. To approve or disapprove all constitutions, policies, bylaws, rules and regulations including amendments thereof, of all affiliated or subordinate organizations.

F. To adopt resolutions and ordinances establishing policies or rules for the operation of this District and any of its facilities. Such resolutions and ordinances shall be kept in a separate book or file, and shall be available for inspection at all times. Such resolutions and ordinances shall be considered to be a part of these Policies.

G. To designate by resolution, persons who shall sign checks drawn on the funds of the District.

H. To do any and all other acts and things necessary to provisions of these Policies or of the Local Health Care District Act.

I. To negotiate or enter into agreement with independent contractors, including physicians and paramedical personnel.

J. To appoint members of the Board of Trustees of Mark Twain Medical Center and to exercise such other powers as is prescribed in the bylaws of said corporation.

**2.2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS; NUMBERS AND QUALIFICATION**. The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members, each of whom shall be a registered voter residing in the District. The Board shall conduct a biennial self-assessment of its effectiveness.

**Board Approved May 27, 2015**