

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING • SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 • 12:00 PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

John Woodland, District Director, Chair
Peggy Temple, Corporate Director, Vice Chair
Carol Billadeau, District Director, Secretary/Treasurer
Leona Crichton, Corporate Director
Mary Jo Lommen, Corporate Director
Lynn Weddle, Corporate Director (by phone)
Sue Hazlett, District Director
Pat Metzger, District Director (by phone)
Anita Parkin, District Director

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Laurie Johnston, County Commissioner, Ex Officio Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve McNeece, CEO
Laura Austin, CAH Solutions Group
Laurel Chambers, PA-c, AiT
Mitzi Francis, Executive Assistant
Stacy Conrow-Ververis, Director of Finance/ Director of Human Resources
Alex Conrow, Patient Access Facilitator

PUBLIC PRESENT

Diane Magone

Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

This meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 12:03 pm by John Woodland, Board Chair. A quorum was established.

Public Comment

Diane heard that the Foundation's golf tournament went well. Mitzi reported there were 16 teams who participated. Sue mentioned that a friend came to our ER and was impressed with the protocols and his care. Carol had the same story about a friend of hers being very happy with the care she received.

Approval of Minutes:

Carol made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 29, 2019, Board meeting. Sue seconded the motion; motion carried.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

The committee met last week and discussed the agenda, disposal of hospital property and selling the house. Several steps need to be taken prior to this sale that may take several months. The list of property approved by the Board last month can be disposed of if each item's value is less than \$2,500.

Professional Affairs Committee

The following providers were brought before the Professional Affairs Committee prior to this meeting and their privileging requests were all approved for two year terms:

Tana Taylor, CRNA
Jennifer Boyer, CRNA

Leona made motion to approve the privileging requests for the providers listed above. Mary Jo seconded the motion; motion carried.

New Business

Board Action to Approve Purchase of Anesthesia Machine

Stacy is asking for approval for the purchase of a refurbished anesthesia machine. The machine currently in use still works but is having a few issues. The cost of the requested machine is \$33,000.

Leona made motion to approve the purchase of the anesthesia machine. Lynn seconded the motion; motion carried.

QI/Accountability Report & Education Report

Steve, Laurel and Stacy presented the QA/Accountability and Education Reports. Discussion was held regarding same. Lengthy, specific discussion was held regarding the Medicare cost report and possible repayment at the end of the year of funds currently being held in the bank. It was reiterated, that education has occurred to the Board of Directors persistently for the past year, that each year a CAH must file a Medicare cost report. MCH has been holding cash in reserve if a payable is due to Medicare. Both of the interim rate letters from Noridian/Medicare received February and May 2019, did not result in a payback provision or in a significant decrease in cost, in fact Swing bed has continued to rise. Out of concern, MCH Administration requested an interim cost report analysis from DZA. DZA estimated that MCH may have a payable to Medicare in the range of \$1.6 million. Administration reported that the payable could be between \$1.5 and \$2.5 Million to Medicare.

This week administration received correspondence from Noridian/Medicare stating that the MCH cost report and any payment must be submitted by December 2, 2019. The Board acknowledged they have been advised previously of this possible payable to Medicare.

Unfinished Business

Board Education – Ginny Tribe

Ginny Tribe met with several Board members Tuesday and will meet with the remaining Board members next Tuesday. The next step will be a full day retreat

with all Board members and Ginny. John suggested asking if she would like to have Steve and Laurel attend the retreat day.

Roof – Update

Approximately a day's worth of work and the warranty walk-through need to be done. Brief discussion was held regarding HAM radios. Every aspect of this grant has been followed by MCH. Peggy is looking at the options for having the antenna placed elsewhere in Mineral County, as she does not feel there is any benefit to the anatine being on the roof of MCH and details of this grant.

Medical Office Building (MOB) Update

Work is being done on the lease between MCH and Missoula County.

Current Events

Diane mentioned that the Office of Public Assistance will be in the county one more time in October.

Next Board Meeting Date

Thursday, November 14, 2019, 12 pm

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 12 pm

Leona made a motion to approve the above-mentioned Board meeting dates. Carol seconded the motion; motion carried.

Executive Session

None

For the Good of the Order

Lynn asked about the Community Health Needs Assessment and the hospital's plan. Administration stated that we reported the top 5 needs of the Community Needs Assessment at last month's meeting and will be working on a CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) in conjunction with the Health Department. Alex Conrow is the MCH lead on this initiative and will report periodically to the Board. Last month, the Board concurred with the areas to be addressed by MCH in the Community Needs Assessment. Primarily these needs will be addressed through the MCH Clinic. The needs MCH will work towards addressing are: Mental Health, Access to Health Care, Substance Abuse, Child Abuse and Neglect.

Lynn attended the MHA meeting and found it to be informative.

Steve mentioned that \$45,000 was paid to Athena last month. Athena may have to help pay back funds for the cost report.

Steve stated that Laurel and Stacy are doing fabulous in their new roles.

MCH will be hosting a book fair on Wednesday, November 6th.

The general surgeon, Rachel DePuy, will be here next Wednesday and we will have a meet and greet at noon. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Adjournment

Leona made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol seconded the motion; motion carried. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:32 pm.