

**HUMBOLDT GENERAL HOSPITAL
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 10, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING
SARAH WINNEMUCCA CONFERENCE ROOM**

BOARD PRESENT:

JoAnn Casalez, Chairman
Bill Hammargren, Member
Jennifer Hood, Member
Gene Hunt, Member
Michelle Miller, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen Cole, Interim CEO-Administrator
Mike Bell, IT Director
Alicia Wogan, Executive Assistant

Kent Maher, Legal Counsel

BOARD ABSENT:

Ken Tipton, County Comm. Member

MEDICAL STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Gaulin, M.D.
Leon Jackson, M.D.
Roger Brecheen, M.D.
Andrew Conlu, M.D.
Richard Davis, M.D.
Ludwig Kroner, M.D.
Veerendra Babu, M.D.

GUESTS:

Ashley Maden (Humboldt Sun).

CALL TO ORDER:

Board chairman Casalez called the May 10, 2019 board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

BUSINESS ITEMS-OTHER REPORTS:

1. Hospital Administration / Medical Staff Bylaws / Phil Zarone

Phil Zarone, an attorney with the Horthy Springer firm, provided background information on his law firm, their experience and concentration on medical staff matters and an overview-history of medical staff bylaws, conditions of Medicare participation and failure to satisfy Medicare conditions of participation. Dr. Jackson commented on the bylaws requirement for medical staff officers to live in the community. Dr. Gaulin asked about provisional staff requirements and whether a waiting period is recommended before privileges are granted. Zarone recommended having a waiting period. Dr. Gaulin asked about credentialing for consulting physicians and teleradiology. Zarone advised it is possible to use the credentialing determination of their home hospital, which is credentialing by proxy. Board member Hunt

asked about the minimum requirements which should be considered. Zarone suggested it is an excellent idea to require that they satisfy the local hospital requirements. Board member Miller asked about peer review. Legal Counsel Maher advised under the current bylaws it is a discretionary practice. Zarone suggested making peer reviews mandatory. There was discussion on the differences between quality assurance, peer review, quality indicators, and the practitioner wanting to know what is recorded and whether the bylaws should define the terms. Zarone suggested quality indicators be included in each section and every six months run reports. Administrator Cole advised, because of the requirements of law, there are certain indicators which must be measured and she thinks it will be helpful if they are included. Dr. Gaulin asked about the differing committees. There was discussion on committees and who should attend the medical staff meetings. There are no specific state law requirements for frequency of meetings or how many committees must be established. The medical staff bylaws review committee had recommended that the references in the bylaws to hospital rules and regulations be omitted because they believed there was little use of the rules; Zarone recommended that the rules and regulations be used and kept up to date.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

Board chairman Casalez adjourned the May 10, 2019 meeting of the Humboldt County Hospital District Board of Trustees at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Joanne Casalez, Board Chairman

Alicia Wogan, Executive Assistant