

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting opened on February 21, 2019 at 1:03 pm in the Board Conference Room of Lincoln County Hospital District #3 by Commissioner Rox Ann Sherwood. Attending the meeting were Commissioners, Deral Boleneus, Shara Coffman, Sue Els, Gerald Krause, Gene Smith and Laura Riendeau.

Also attending: Superintendent – Tyson Lacy; CCO – Jennifer Larmer; Timothy O’Connell – CFO, Human Resources Manager – Becky Bailey

Guests: Davenport FBLA- Macie Hopkins, Sydney Zeiler, Haley Arland, and instructor Noelle Carstens to present their project presentation about Preventative Healthcare.

Additions to the agenda: none

OATH OF OFFICE – Chair of the Board, Rox Ann Sherwood presented the Oath of Office to Shara Coffman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –There will also be discussion of the performance of a District employee during this session.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT – Jennifer Larmer informed the Board that the annual Tuberculosis Risk Assessment was conducted for the District. There are no current areas of vulnerability with TB within the District facilities.

OLD BUSINESS –

BHT/NWRHN/WRHC –

BHT- Tyson Lacy shared that the completed transformation plan is currently being reviewed by Better Health Together. There was a large amount of collaboration with David Neilson with New Alliance so the integration of behavioral health was as transparent as possible for moving forward with the transformation plan. Timothy O’Connell will meet with the BHT finance committee on March 1st, and expected the discussion will be about finances that can be allocated to each participant’s transformation plan.

WRHC – Tyson explained that there are a variety of hospitals that operate with different strategic plans for quality. The WRHC is helping teach how other facilities are approaching quality measures. Tim shared the benefits of joining the collaborative. He shared that there was a \$21, 600, benefit in joining- recruiting firm discounts, grant revenue, lab savings, and malpractice insurance savings are the main elements that have been a cost savings.

Caravan ACO --

Tyson shared that the big topic for the ACO is how the District gets patients in to their annual wellness visit. Tyson said that he consulted with Rosalina Kibby in Ephrata, for how they are getting Medicare patients in for their annual wellness visit. Jen also shared that she met with our account representatives to get information on how to make the annual wellness visits more efficient. Medicare wants diagnosis to be very specific so they can categorize patients appropriately. Jen said we are focusing on our annual wellness visits and the workflow running

smoothly in the clinics, providing patients adequate education, educating staff, scheduling process.

Facility Updates –

Tim O’Connell updated the board on how winter is treating the facility. He is concerned about the warmer weather approaching and the challenges that will present with the flat roof.

Laura requested further information on the OR remodel. Tim explained concerns about the Return On Investments (ROI) with total hips. Dr. Dunlap is completing total hips in Spokane.

Strategic Planning –

Physician Recruitment- Tyson had a general surgeon recruiting firm coming out to begin the processes for recruitment to fill this role. Dr. Deanna Davidson’s contract is expiring in the Spring of 2021 so succession planning is critical to continue providing this type of service to the community.

Tyson also indicated the ongoing conversations are occurring with Dr. Lynne Kohlmeier, for osteoporosis, endocrinology, thyroid, hormone consulting services. Tyson explained that payor credentialing is a challenge. Because of this, there are further discussions as to whether or not our current employee Virginia Hawthorne can be used in some capacity and use Dr. Kohlmeier as a consultant?

Global Budgets- Tyson discussed the challenges and complications with the global budgets. He said that WSHA put in their own bill. He also discussed the feasibility of other facilities and challenges rural hospitals are experiencing.

NEW BUSINESS

Clinical Programs-- Jennifer updated the Board with the following:

Measles: There was a measles outbreak that began in Clark County and King County, The measles are currently contained to that area. Letters have been sent out to children patients by the Clinic for those who have not completed their vaccination. Employees are getting their MMR and/or titer for vaccinations.

Clinic Quality Committee: This committee is focusing on preventative healthcare and wellness exams, and helping to define those for patients.

Hospital Quality Committee: This committee is preparing a patient survey for the emergency department (Attachment)

Legislative Report – Susan Els deferred to Tyson. Tyson explained that there are 12 Bills that would affect healthcare and these have moved out of their committees. WSHA is working hard to stay apprised on the bills. WSHA is supporting the bill revolving around incapacitated patients and opposing the nurse staffing bill which could have major implications on facilities like Lincoln Hospital.

Corporate Compliance – Tim shared that he has received the Charge master report. He will bring summary of the report to the Board to look at.

Patient Safety Summit- Tyson reminded the Board that they are welcome to attend the patient safety summit. He also discussed education opportunities he plans to introduce to the board.

Break: 2:55 pm

Executive Session: 3:05 pm

Regular Session: 3:20 pm

FINANCIAL

January 2019 Income Statement (Attachment) – Timothy O’Connell reviewed the details and answered questions.

19-01 MOTION was made by Susan Els to report the unclaimed property in the amount of \$131.81 to the State of Washington Department of Revenue and was seconded by Deral Boleneus. Motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vouchers and Warrants –

- January 2019; A/P Warrants #154647 through 154983 for \$2,097,873.33
Electronic Vouchers; #000261-000264 for \$2,364.20
- January 2019 Payroll Warrants; #058674-058684 for \$13,004.13.
- January 2019 Transfers to Collection & Bad Debt; Clinic - \$6,495.65, Hospital \$15,547.31.
- January 2019 Charity Care Adjustments; Clinic \$2,278.88, Hospital \$39,868.52.

Credentials – Laura Riendeau presented credentials for Virginia Hawthorne, ARNP, Allied Health; Chad Mongrain, MD, Active Type I, and Elizabeth Hsu, MD consulting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Minutes were reviewed and there are no changes.

Consent Agenda – **MOTION** to approve the January Consent Agenda was made by Gerald Krause and seconded by Deral Boleneus. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION to adjourn the February meeting was made by Gene Smith and seconded by Susan Els. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 4:00 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Board Chairman

Secretary