

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting opened on May 16, 2019 at 1:05 pm in the Board Conference Room of Lincoln County Hospital District #3 by Commissioner Rox Ann Sherwood. Attending the meeting were Commissioners, Shara Coffman, Sue Els, Gerald Krause, Gene Smith and Laura Riendeau. Excused was Deral Boleneus.

Also attending: Superintendent – Tyson Lacy; CCO – Jennifer Larmer; Timothy O’Connell – CFO, Human Resources Manager – Becky Bailey; Patient Safety Manager – Cheryl Nelson; Respiratory Therapy Supervisor – Jeff Borders

Additions/Changes to the agenda: none

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There will be an executive session at 5:00 pm to discuss the performance of a public employee

**GUESTS-** Wes Thew, CPA, Senior Manager with Wipfli presented the results for year-end December 31, 2018 financial audit results.

**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT** – Cheryl Nelson invited Jeff Borders to present on respiratory therapy and clinical informatics quality data. Jeff explained that his department focus has been on hospital acquired pneumonia. He has made modifications to the screening processes on admit and at time of transfer to a new unit which has been successful in reducing hospital acquired pneumonia.

**BOARD EDUCATION-**

AHA Trustee’s Guide to Population Health- The Board watched the AHA video and discussed the content.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

BHT/NWRHN/WRHC –

BHT- Tyson Lacy updated the Board that the District is focusing on community partnerships. The District has been waiting for a contract, which was received and now Tyson and the Officer team have been working to get clarifications on some of the language. They are held up on developing and implementing an IT strategy (section is a minimum state requirement, but BHT is not planning on moving forward with it). The District will get a letter stating there will not be a requirement to do the IT strategy component. At the time of signature, the District is eligible for monetary incentive. Tyson also provided an updated on how the District is performing. Focus at this time is looking at prescribers of opioids and narcam as a county wide collaboration to include Odessa Memorial Hospital and Behavioral Health New Alliance.

WRHC- Tyson shared that WRHC had to file a separation agreement with the executive director of WRHC. The collaborative is currently working on recruitment of a new director. Work is continuing on logistics with delegated payer credentialing, virtual scribes, and biomed engineering.

Caravan ACO -- Jennifer Larmer discussed a recent scorecard from Caravan Health. This scores how the District is meeting the required measures through Caravan Health.

**3:00 pm break**

**3:07 pm regular session**

Facility Updates – Timothy O’Connell presented on the Clinic build and discussed the continued plans for the Clinic build. Tim answered several questions from Board members regarding location of the building, how it should connect to the hospital, parking lot logistics, as well as questions around the roof structure.

MOTION was made by Susan Els to approve and release Tyson Lacy, Superintendent and Timothy O’Connell, CFO to execute a contract for architectural engineering services, investigate and secure financing, and negotiate the purchase of property from the Davenport Gun Club. This motion was seconded by Laura Riendeau. Motion carries.

Tim also informed the Board that the DEXA scanner owned by the District is no longer operating. He is working with the Imaging Services supervisor to determine the best course of action for DEXA equipment and providing this service to the community.

Strategic Plan –

Community Outreach-- Tyson shared with the Board the community outreach that the District and employees have been accomplishing. The District will be present at the community days for Wilbur, Creston and Reardan in the month of May. Dr. Lynn Kohlmeier will also be promoting her foundation, Strides for Strong Bones at these community events. Dr. Dunlap is continuing to build his relationships with Holy Family and Sacred Heart as well as rural facilities. His goal is to be the orthopedic surgeon for all rural facilities in our area. Steven Beckstrom, CRNA has also started pain procedure and pain clinic days at Grand Coulee.

Physician Recruitment- Tyson informed the Board that an interview occurred with a general surgeon from Mayo Clinic, Raaj Ruparel went very well. Several members of the Medical Staff had an opportunity to meet with Dr. Ruparel. Tyson shared that an offer of employment has been extended to Dr. Ruparel.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Clinical Programs-- Jennifer Larmer shared details about a Medication Assistance Therapy program. The program works in coordination with Molina and Spokane Regional Health to review suboxone prescribing and opioid prescribing and the phase of rehabilitation coming off opioids. Tyson also shared that he has also gained access to statistics for prescribing habits of our medical staff and hopes to work directly with the District providers to share these trends.

Jennifer also shared additional community outreach events. The District is sponsoring a Safe Sitter Program that educates young aged people on safe babysitting practices as well as providing first aide training. The Cancer Survivors Retreat has been scheduled for June 22 and 23, and will take place on Turkey Ridge again this year.

Legislative Report – Susan Els deferred to Tyson. Tyson shared with the Board that the nurse staffing bill has been passed and will go in affect for rural CAH's as well. The newly enacted law impacts meal and rest break policies, use of mandatory overtime and on-call, and provision of rest between shifts for nurses and certain technicians and technologists.

Corporate Compliance – No Report

WSHA Conference -- Becky Bailey covered logistics for the WSHA conference and answered questions.

## FINANCIAL

April 2019 Income Statement (Attachment C) – Timothy O'Connell reviewed the details and answered questions.

**5:00 pm Executive Session**

**5:20 pm Regular Session**

## CONSENT AGENDA

Vouchers and Warrants –

- April 2019; A/P Warrants #155760 through 156127 for \$ 2,107,654.21 Electronic Vouchers; #000272-000274 for \$1,511.07
- April 2019 Payroll Warrants; #058706-058713 for \$5,874.09
- April 2019 Transfers to Collection & Bad Debt; Clinic - \$6,310.25, Hospital \$7,549.72
- April 2019 Charity Care Adjustments; Clinic \$1,321.44, Hospital \$11,943.53

Credentials – Laura Riendeau presented credentials for Sarah Ragsdale, DO Associate Type I and Hassen Tehrani, MD Consulting Type I.

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

Consent Agenda – **MOTION** to approve the April Consent Agenda was made by Jerry Krause and seconded by Laura Riendeau. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** – **MOTION** to adjourn the May meeting was made by Shara Coffman and seconded by Gene Smith. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 5:30 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

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Board Chairman

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Secretary