

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting opened on July 18, 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; Patient Safety Manager – Cheryl Nelson; Laboratory Supervisor—Derek Spangler.

Additions/Changes to the agenda: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION – There will be an executive session at 3:40 to discuss the performance of a District employee.

GUESTS- Donna and Jim Reinbold are Lincoln County community members. Donna has submitted her application for commissioner for District 1, Position 1.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT – Derek Spangler presented quality data for the laboratory department. Derek discussed how the flow of laboratory orders can be impacted due to the different EMR systems. He also discussed how his team problem solves to keep any errors or delay in results at bay.

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 there are upcoming assessments occurring in August. BHT put together a networking map study of how the partners will work together. This is to help assess the flow of information and to understand as a region of how to move forward.

NWRHN- Tyson shared that the District has been asked to explore to look in to a pool of benefits for the hospital and other hospitals. This this time remaining with the PEBB insurance is the best option.

WRHC- Tyson informed the board that the collaborative was awarded a \$600,000 grant from HRSA for Quality Measures. Grouping 15 hospitals together will help gain efficiencies and measurable data. He also shared that delegated credentialing with payers for 30 days credentialing is moving forward. United Healthcare has joined as a participating payer with the delegated credentialing.

Caravan ACO -- Jennifer Larmer updated the Board that the Clinic practices have been fully trained for Medicare wellness exams. Reminder cards are continuing to be mailed out to increase the wellness exams.

Facility Updates – Timothy O’Connell discussed that the planning phases for the Clinic continue. Shara asked about the cost estimate for the roof. Tim shared that there is an estimated \$40,000 difference between the shed roof and the gable roof. Tim filed for the local financing program, pooling for bonds in any local government. It provides the District better bond ratings. Tim also discussed the land survey and Gun Club purchase process and answered questions.

X-Ray Equipment- Tim discussed the current challenges with our X-Ray machine. Currently the machine is very outdated in the imaging sector. Tim shared that several brands were reviewed and it was determined that the Phillips brand x-ray machine would be the best fit for quality and services we provide. Also, discussion from Pain Clinic resulted in a need for an additional C-Arm, total cost estimated for these machine upgrades is \$520,000 including taxes with a 4 year note.

Resolution 19-04 **MOTION** made by Shara Coffman to approve Timothy O’Connell to spend up to \$520,000 to enter into a contract to purchase X-ray equipment and C-Arm and seconded by Susan Els. Motion carries.

Strategic Plan –

Tyson presented on Best Places to Work in Healthcare Survey that District employees participated in. Overall, scores improved in the last three years. Tyson was pleased with the results and shared how the leadership team is going to take action to continue to increase these scores.

Tyson shared that there will be a site visit by Dr. Ruperal in August to begin the onboarding process prior to November.

He also discussed that David Nielson with New Alliance has reached out to Tyson to schedule a meeting. Transportation of behavioral health patients is difficult and David feels it is a regional issue.

Tyson shared that he recently learned about doctor who is working to put in Lincoln County a WSU residency program for a mobile clinic for those underserved. The board expressed concerns about this because it could become a competitor for our Clinics as well as handoff of care issues between doctors.

NEW BUSINESS

Clinical Programs--

Jennifer Larmer updated the board on current vacancies and new hires. There are NOC shifts open for RN’s and NACs as well as open positions for an OR Nurse and Medical Assistants. She also shared that the District has recently added an additional Pharmacist, Jason McCauley to add additional pharmacy availability and hired an internal applicant in to the Activities Coordinator role that has been vacant.

Jennifer also shared that Dr. Monteagudo, Larry Carpenter, and Stacia Soliday are participating in a suboxum training to add this program option for our patients.

Jennifer shared that Department of Health recognized the Clinics for increasing child and teen vaccines. Jennifer commended the Clinics and providers for their hard work emphasizing the benefits of immunizations and working to keep their patients healthy.

Legislative Report – Susan Els referred to Tyson. Tyson updated the board on the nursing meals and rest breaks bill. He also shared that the percentage of interest the District can apply on bad debt decreased from 12% to 9%. At the Federal level, Tyson updated the board on the new surprise billing (HR 3630). Insurance may be approved at the hospital, but the physician may not be a preferred provider. This could cause major concerns for the District and board members are encouraged to reach out to their representatives.

Corporate Compliance – Tim shared numbers for the charity care recap of January-June 2019 and answered questions (attachment B)

Resolution 19-05 **MOTION** to cancel warrants and report unclaimed property in the amount of \$224.93 was made by Gerald Krause and seconded by Gene Smith. Motion carries.

Resolution 19-06 **MOTION** to cancel warrants and report unclaimed property in the amount of \$141.00 was made by Deral Boleneus and seconded by Gene Smith. Motion carries.

Break 3:09 pm

Resume 3:25 pm

FINANCIAL

Resolution 19-07 **MOTION** made by Shara Coffman to direct the Lincoln County Treasurer to transfer \$74,180.38 from the Funded Depreciation Account to the General Fund for reimbursement related to the invoice 18003b-1002 with Blue Room Architecture. The motion was seconded by Laura Riendeau. Motion carries.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Vouchers and Warrants –

- June 2019; A/P Warrants #156625 through 156971 for \$1,872,273.46 Electronic Vouchers; #000278-000280 for \$3,198.46
- June 2019 Payroll Warrants; #058723-058738 for \$40,404.12
- June 2019 Transfers to Collection & Bad Debt; Clinic - \$2,208.42, Hospital \$23,442.45.
- June 2019 Charity Care Adjustments; Clinic \$645.73, Hospital \$6,886.51

Credentials – None

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

Consent Agenda – **MOTION** to approve the June Consent Agenda was made by Gerald Krause and seconded by Shara Coffman. Motion carried.

Executive Session 3:40 pm

Regular Session 4:11 pm

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION to adjourn the July meeting was made by Gene Smith and seconded by Deral Boleneus. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 4:15 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Board Chairman

Secretary