

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting opened on September 19, 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, Laura Riendeau Gene Smith. Excused was Deral Boleneus.

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

Additions/Changes to the agenda: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

GUESTS- Donna Reinbold is a Lincoln County community member. Donna has submitted her application for commissioner for District 1, Position 1.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT – no report

BOARD EDUCATION- no report

OLD BUSINESS –

BHT/NWRHN/WRHC –

BHT- Jennifer Larmer discussed the motivational training sponsored by BHT she has attended. Frontier Behavior Health utilizes a tool for communication to help improve behavior outcomes for patients. It is a technique to help move a non-productive conversation with challenging patients to change the experience or behavior to help the patient. It will be a great technique to for our staff to utilize on a customer service standpoint.

OB Simulation in Snoqualmie- Jennifer discussed that Lincoln Hospital was invited to participate in an OB Simulation event. Facilities can go through their policies and compare what other facilities are doing in these situations.

Timothy O’Connell reported that BHT is in the start of year three of the five year project. 2019 is the year the pay for performance and accountability has started and will increase through year four and five. BHT had earned 30 million and has paid out 14 million. 26 million is currently allocated. BHT wants measurable outcomes prior to allocating the remaining funds. The equity projects have been approved, LHD has 11 interested parties and funding will come in to Lincoln County. There isn’t clear direction of how the fund will be distributed at this time.

NWRHN- Tyson Lacy shared that the District has been asked to explore the option of a pool of benefits for the hospital and other hospitals. It has been determined by the District at this time, remaining with the PEBB insurance is the best option. Tyson also shared that a new Director for NWRHN has been selected.

WRHC-

Caravan ACO -- Jennifer Larmer shared that the Medicare wellness examinations continues to make progress.

Facility Updates – Timothy O’Connell discussed that the planning phases for the Clinic continue. The goal is to have a proposal for the November meeting for both the Gun Club and LHD boards to approve the purchase of the property.

Tim also provided updates in the surgical suite. A Flash Autoclave was purchased and there turns out to be major space limitations. The auto clave doesn’t fit the current space. There is also going to be OR downtime in October for installing new flooring that has been needed in the OR. Tim further shared that Dr. Dunlap moving his practice to a provider based clinic in the clinic. This is financial benefit for the District for reimbursement purposes.

Tim shared with the Board that the Davenport Clinic is For Sale sign at 1.2 million. The district’s current contract has a Binding agreement on a new landlord; lease will survive the first purchase.

Shara Coffman brought to the Board’s attention that there may be an opportunity to rent optional space for Department of Health and DDS when we build our new clinic.

Strategic Plan –

Tyson Lacy shared that John Schirmer, CRNA has announced his resignation. Tyson discussed recruitment and retention strategies with the board.

Tyson also covered new information he received from WSU regarding the mobile clinic that may be utilized in Lincoln County. At this time, this mobile clinic is going to target underserved areas such as Sprague and hit several areas of Eastern Washington State.

NEW BUSINESS

Clinical Programs--

Clinic Manager- Jennifer Larmer shared that telephone interviews are taking place to identify a qualified applicant for the Clinic Manager vacancy..

Lincoln Hospital Foundation Luncheon- Jennifer reminded the Board that October 3 is the date for the Sharing Hearts Luncheon. This year’s foundation project are new cameras and monitor for laparoscopic and orthoscopic procedures.

Press Ganey- Jennifer reviewed the emergency department statistics and answered questions.

Legislative Report – Susan Els deferred to Tyson. Tyson explained that legislators are gearing up for 2020. Surprise billing continues to be discussed at the federal level. Tyson is predicting this will not be a big impact for the District.

Lincoln County Mitigation Plan- Tyson reviewed the proposed mitigation plan for Lincoln County and answered questions.

RESOLUTION 19-08: MOTION was made by Gerald Krause declaring support and adoption of the Lincoln County Mitigation Plan and seconded by Shara Coffman. Motion carries.

2:39 break

FINANCIAL

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Vouchers and Warrants –

- August 2019 Transfers to Collection & Bad Debt; Clinic - \$2,208.42, Hospital \$23,442.45.
- August 2019 Charity Care Adjustments; Clinic \$645.73, Hospital \$6,886.51

Credentials – Dr. Brenden Davis, Dentist, Associate Type I

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

Consent Agenda – **MOTION** to approve the August Consent Agenda was made Gene Smith and Laura Riendeau. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – **MOTION** to adjourn the September meeting was made by Shara Coffman and Laura Riendeau. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 3:52 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Board Chairman

Secretary