

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting opened on October 15, 2020 at 4:00 pm in the Lincoln Hospital Conference Room by Commissioner Rox Ann Sherwood. Attending the meeting were Commissioners, Susan Els, Laura Riendeau, Gene Smith, Donna Reinbold and Andrew Schreck. Via conference call Shara Coffman.

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

Additions/Changes to the agenda: Remove Line Item Proposed Resolution- Tax Assessment. This will be completed in the November meeting.

GUESTS—none

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT – no report

OLD BUSINESS –

COVID 19 Related Activities—Jennifer Larmer provided COVID-19 updates and current Lincoln County data to the Board. Jennifer reviewed the District process regarding mandatory masking and how staff are being trained regarding the mask topics. She also reviewed the District process regarding employee exposures.

WSHA has begun surveying on behalf of DOH in regards to the COVID vaccine. This survey being conducted is for the purpose of finding information of how healthcare facilities could roll out the COVID vaccine if/when it is deployed.

Jen also discussed the interest of the providers to move to tele-health visits for patients how are exhibiting COVID symptoms with the purpose to screen and if testing or further screening is required, refer the patient to the in-person screening clinic.

There is discussion about partnering with the school district to help school staff and faculty with COVID symptoms. Jennifer shared that discussions have been happening between the hospital, school and public health to implement a strategy to partner and assist the school district.

Tyson Lacy explained that we are exploring different ways of how we could utilize the funding received for purposes of COVID. We are currently looking at ways to integrate technology for screening.

Facility Updates –

Tim provided an update on the new clinic build. Tim also shared details about planning of creating additional parking and space for staff.

NEW BUSINESS

Clinical Programs--

Jennifer updated the Board on the following:

Influenza Vaccinations- The “Flu Crew”, a committee of District employees have kicked off the influenza vaccinations for staff members.

Press Ganey- Reviewed reports from LHD Emergency Department and answered questions (attachment A). In addition, Tyson shared that CMS published the 2019 ratings and the District was listed as a 5 star rating for customer service experience.

ACU/TCU- Staffing plan and charter is currently being updated. We are shifting the acuity tool from staffing based on the illness level of patients to a census based staffing strategy. Jennifer covered details behind the new staffing plan and answered questions.

Health Fair- Tim O’Connell shared that the Fall Health Fair will not be taking place in Seven Bays due to the community center at Seven Bay’s being closed. Anyone who lives in that area will be able to schedule an appointment for the low cost labs. Tim shared details about the process of the health fair process for the outlying communities.

Strategic Planning--

Tyson Lacy updated the Board on the following:

NWRHN- This group is changing as the group is looking at options to either adjust its focus or disband the group.

WRHC- WRHC is partnering with Eagle Telemedicine to help add some telemedicine specialties. This would be a service that the District could access.

Provider Compensation- ECG is a consulting firm that does the District’s fair market value for physician contracts. Tyson has been working with ECG to determine the best approach for this new model of focusing on value and quality rather than volume. Starting November 1, Chris Seyler, PAC, will be reducing her hours to 3 days/week and Amy Hiestand ARNP will cover the extra day. Tyson pitched a model to the Physicians for different ER staffing models and the physicians are considering the different model.

Lincoln Hospital Foundation- The luncheon raised \$19,000 for the 2020 project. The masks that Jerri Madison and her mother have made have raised \$7,700 for the foundation.

Inland Northwest Behavioral Health Hospital- Jennifer and Tyson met with their team to explore behavioral health options. An option of a partnership was proposed and further discussion will continue for this opportunity.

Legislative- Susan Els deferred to Tyson. Tyson shared that WSHA lobbyists are predicting that the main focus will be on budget related issues. It is being predicted that the session is going to be limited due to the restrictions of COVID and lobbyist activity.

Corporate Compliance- Tim provided updated the Board on the enhanced price transparency regulations. A firm was selected and contracted to help with the District getting this set up to be remain in compliance with these new regulations.

Regular Meeting Time— Rox Ann Sherwood opened up discussion about the 4:00 pm regular meeting time and options for changing. The Board discussed the pro's and con's of the different meeting time options.

MOTION by Susan Els to change the regular scheduled board meeting from 4:00 pm to 1:00 pm beginning on November 19, 2020 and was seconded by Donna Reinbold. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

2021 Budget Draft- Tim reviewed the details of the drafted budget for the upcoming year and answered questions (attachment B).

2021 Budget Public Hearing- November 12, 2020, 12:00 pm via conference call.

Break 5:30 pm

Regular Session 5:56 pm

September 2020 Financial Statements - Timothy O'Connell reviewed the details and answered questions (Attachment C).

Executive Session 6:15 pm

Regular Session 6:30 pm

The Board discussed the interest of purchasing neighboring lots to the Reardan Clinic.

MOTION was made by Andrew Schreck to grant Hospital Administration the ability to negotiate in good faith on behalf of the District for the purchase of three individual lots located directly adjacent to the Reardan Clinic (North) with a maximum approved purchase price not to exceed \$112,500 plus applicable real estate transaction fees and was seconded by Laura Riendeau. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

September Vouchers and Warrants –

- September 2020; A/P Warrants #162250 through 162636 for \$2,165,845.42 Electronic Vouchers; #000330-000333 for \$3,166.91
- September 2020 Payroll Warrants; #058909-058927 for \$14,188.54
- September 2020 Transfers to Collection & Bad Debt; Clinic - \$4,307.48 , Hospital \$9,583.73
- September 2020 Charity Care Adjustments; Clinic \$1,157.93, Hospital \$29,636.08

Credentials – none

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Minutes from the September regular meeting was reviewed and approved.

Consent Agenda – **MOTION** to approve the September Consent Agenda was made by Andrew Schreck and seconded by Laura Riendeau. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTION to adjourn the October meeting was made by Andy Schreck and seconded by Donna Rienbold. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Board Chairman

Secretary