



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2021

PRESENT

Ricky Knowles, Commissioner; Juliet Pouillon, Chair - Commissioner; Jonathan Blake; Commissioner; Paul Pennington, Commissioner; Les Dewey, Commissioner; Robb Kimmes, CEO; Brenda Schneider, CFO; Diane Matthews, CNO, Elizabeth Vaivoda, PR/Foundation Director;

CALL-IN

Heidi Hedlund, Quality Director

ABSENT

Dr. Russell Smith, Chief of Staff

GUESTS (call-in/Zoom)

None

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Juliet Pouillon, called the meeting to order at 1801 hours.

OPEN DISCUSSION & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comment or participation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jonathan Blake motioned that the Consent Agenda items be approved, including the minutes of the March 23, 2021 regular meeting; the March Accounts Payable Warrants totaling \$829,526.89, March Payroll Warrants totaling \$4,881.86, March Payroll Electronic Transactions totaling \$747,881.18; and Bad Debt in the amount of \$38,437.75. Paul Pennington seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT & CREDENTIALING

In Dr. Smith's absence, Robb reported the medical executive committee recommends new appointments for Jonathan Frankel, MD (teleradiology – night shift radiology group) and Erica Shaw, CRNA (anesthesia); and reappointment of privileges for Samir Bishai, MD (emergency medicine). Following some discussion, Les Dewey made a motion to approve reappointment for Dr. Bishai and appointments for Dr. Frankel and Ms. Shaw. Ricky Knowles seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Robb also reported that Dr. Anderson presented the results of his patient chart peer review to the medical staff this month. He also mentioned that there was a lengthy discussion about the monoclonal antibody infusion process during the weekends. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Marketing/Foundation** – Elizabeth reviewed her written report for marketing and for the Foundation. She went into further detail about the Shine On! Foundation event that will be held virtually in mid-May.
- **Performance Improvement** – Heidi reviewed her written report, including the clinic quality measures and hospital benchmark graphs. Further discussion was held about the pros and cons of a patient advisory committee. Les recommended getting community input through the community council meetings and other community presentations we will be holding this year.
- **Planning** – The planning committee reviewed the 2021 Strategic Plan that was included in the Board packet. Other strategic work includes a behavioral health partnership with the White Salmon police department, and with the Trout Lake, Glenwood, and Klickitat schools. These projects are being funded through the SWACH/K-Link program. Our physical therapy manager is leaving, and we are currently in the process of interviewing candidates for his replacement.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- **CEO Report:** Robb discussed his written report. Discussion followed
- **Financial Report:** Brenda discussed her written report. Revenues for March show an increase, but are still slightly below budget. The bottom line for the month of March came to a negative \$84,630. Year to date the bottom line is currently a negative \$513,100. Medicare has started recouping the COVID advance payment funds that we received last year. DZA is in the process of completing our 2020 audit and cost report. They will present at the June Board meeting. Discussion followed
- **CNO Report:** Diane discussed her written report. The demand for COVID vaccinations has drastically decreased throughout the county.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Clinic Project Approval:** Following discussion, Les Dewey motioned to approve the project budget up to \$390,000. Ricky Knowles seconded. Motion approved unanimously. COVID funds will be used for approximately 50% of the project. Total construction costs, including taxes is below \$350,000.
- There was a discussion about the lack of asymptomatic COVID testing in the gorge. We are going to look at options to provide this service for the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN: Board Chair, Juliet Pouillon moved to adjourn the meeting at 1928 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schneider
CFO

Board Chair

Board Secretary