



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes June 28, 2022

PRESENT

Juliet Pouillon, Board Chair; Ricky Knowles, Commissioner; Jonathan Blake; Commissioner; Les Dewey, Commissioner; Robb Kimmes, CEO; Brenda Schneider, CFO; Elizabeth Vaivoda, PR/Foundation Director; Diane Matthews, CNO; Heidi Hedlund, Quality Director; Russell Smith, Chief of Staff

EXCUSED

Paul Pennington, Commissioner

GUESTS

John Matthews

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Juliet Pouillon, called the meeting to order at 1804 hours.

OPEN DISCUSSION & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Dewey motioned for the Consent Agenda items be approved, including the minutes of the May 24, 2022 regular meeting; the May Accounts Payable Warrants totaling \$668,275.93, May Payroll Warrants totaling \$4,348.05, May Payroll Electronic Transactions totaling \$775,400.87; Other May Electronic Transactions Payments totaling \$180,815.65; and Bad Debt in the amount of \$58,672.99. Jonathan Blake seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT & CREDENTIALING

Dr. Smith reported that the ED has been getting busier. He also complimented the new ED manager. He also reported the medical executive committee recommends reappointment for Russell Smith, MD (Emergency Medicine); Zarko Kajgana, DMP (Podiatry); Ellen Wenzel, DPM (Podiatry); Novae Simper, MD (Pathology); Matthew Mullinix, CRNA (Anesthesia). Discussion followed. Les Dewey made a motion to approve the new appointments. Ricky Knowles seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing/Foundation: Elizabeth discussed her written report for Marketing and for the Foundation, including a new billboard, the community health needs assessment, the upcoming Cultivate Columbia event, the upcoming Skyline Scramble, Foundation scholarships, and new hospital signage quotes. Elizabeth is also planning the hospital's 70th anniversary event this fall

and hopes to have the new sign in place for the event. Discussion followed. The Board requested that we get further information about the different signage proposals and bring a recommendation for approval next month. Elizabeth explained the grateful patient program that she would like to implement in the future.

Performance Improvement: Heidi presented on the hospital quality projects and activities, performance and benchmarking graphs, and the clinic quality dashboard. Discussion followed.

Planning: The planning committee met and reviewed the status of the strategic plan/goals. We are on track for each item. The committee also discussed redistricting requirements. We will hold a public hearing on the proposed redistricting on July 15, 2022 at 8:00 am. The final resolution will be presented to the Board at the July regular meeting. The committee also discussed the Cerner proposal to move to the Northwest Domain. The Board held further discussion about this during new business.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CEO Report: Robb reviewed his written report, including a recent meeting with a podiatrist interested in renting space for a clinic, the increased schedule for general surgery, the WSNA market wage adjustment, changes at Comprehensive Mental Health, and outreach clinic opportunities being worked. Robb also discussed MCMC's search for partnership opportunities. Discussion followed.

Financial Report: Brenda reviewed her written financial report. Total gross patient revenue for the month of April was \$338,000 above budget. Outpatient and emergency revenue was above budget, while inpatient and swing bed categories were below. The bottom line for the month is positive \$333,000, and the year-to-date bottom line is negative \$176,000. A summary of cash was also reviewed. Discussion followed.

CNO Report: Diane reviewed the written nursing report. She discussed open staffing positions, ED volumes for May, surgery procedures and volumes, and an emergency preparedness update. Diane will provide ED wait times at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A summary of new updates to the Indigent Care-Financial Assistance-Charity Care policy was presented to the Board. These were verbiage changes to last month's policy that the board approved, as requested/required by the Department of Health. Discussion followed. Les Dewey made a motion to approve. Jonathan Blake seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Robb discussed Cerner's proposal for the rebuild and migration to the PNW domain. We are getting close on the pricing. We are currently at \$1.16 million in one-time costs. We continue to work on additional components, and hope to be able to bring a proposal for Board recommendation in July.

An annual report was provided to the Board from the Safety Committee. Discussion followed.

The Board requested verification that a safety committee meeting every other month meets requirements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN: Board Chair, Juliet Pouillon moved to adjourn the meeting at 1908 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schneider
CFO

Board Chair

Board Secretary