



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes April 25, 2023

PRESENT

Les Dewey, Board Chair; Ricky Knowles, Vice Chair; Paul Pennington, Secretary; Jonathan Blake; Commissioner; Juliet Pouillon, Commissioner; Robb Kimmes, CEO; Brenda Schneider, CFO; Heidi Hedlund, Quality and Risk Manager; Diane Matthews, CNO; Dr. Matt Swanson, Chief of Staff; Elizabeth Vaivoda; Marketing and Foundation

CALL-IN

None

EXCUSED

None

GUESTS

John Matthews

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Les Dewey, called the meeting to order at 1802 hours.

OPEN DISCUSSION & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

CONSENT AGENDA

Paul Pennington motioned for the Consent Agenda items be approved, including the minutes of the March 28, 2023 regular meeting; the March Accounts Payable Warrants totaling \$982,727.77, March Payroll Electronic Transactions totaling \$844,798.45; Other March Electronic Transactions Payments totaling \$201,817.03; and Bad Debt in the amount of \$48,214.72. Ricky Knowles seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT & CREDENTIALING

Dr. Swanson gave a report from the April Medical Staff meeting, including a discussion of future growth of surgery, support provided by the new CRNAs, and masking policy updates. Dr. Swanson reported the Medical Executive Committee recommends new appointments for the following providers: Hoiwan Cheung, MD (radiology); Kyle Jensen, MD (radiology); and Martin Kopec, MD (teleradiology). The Committee also recommends re-appointment for the following: Samir Bashai, MD (emergency services) and Allen Laberge, MD (surgical services). After discussion, Ricky Knowles motioned to approve the new appointments and reappointments. Juliet Pouillon seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing/Foundation: Elizabeth reviewed the written report for Marketing and for the Foundation. Cultivate Columbia netted approximately \$122,000 last month.

Performance Improvement: Heidi reviewed the written Performance Improvement Report, which included: the hospital quality projects and activities, readmissions, and the performance and benchmarking graphs. Patient satisfaction scores for lab, same day surgery, cardio-pulmonary, and radiology were also reviewed. Discussion followed. Heidi also distributed and discussed a "Five Year Trend Analysis: Hospital Dashboard Measures and Patient Census". Discussion followed.

Planning: The Planning Committee prepped for the upcoming strategic planning meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CEO Report: Robb reviewed his written report. The joint Board meeting with KVH has changed to May 22, 2023 in Goldendale. The City has approved the permit for our new sign. Comprehensive Mental Health is closing their White Salmon and Goldendale offices by June 30, 2023. The county is in process of developing outpatient behavioral health and substance use disorder programs. During Dr. Didier's sabbatical this summer, Dr. Scott Snedeker will fill in three days per week in the clinic.

Financial Report: Brenda reviewed the March 2023 financial reports. For March, gross patient revenue was \$146,000 below budget. Inpatient and outpatient were above budget, while ER and Swing Bed were below. Deductions from revenue at 37.7% were better than budget. Expenses came within \$6,000 of budget, with further details provided in the written report. The bottom line for the month came to a positive \$72,711. Updates were provided regarding Cerner issues related to the revenue cycle.

CNO Report: Diane reviewed the written CNO report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1914 hours Board Chair, Les Dewey, called an Executive Session to begin immediately and to last 60 minutes until 2014. Purpose of the Executive Session is to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. The Executive Session ended at 2014 hours, and the Board immediately returned to regular session. No further action was taken.

ADJOURN: Board Chair, Les Dewey, moved to adjourn the meeting at 2015 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schneider,
CFO

Board Chair

Board Secretary