



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes December 19, 2023

PRESENT

Les Dewey, Board Chair; Paul Pennington, Secretary; Juliet Pouillon, Commissioner; Ricky Knowles, Commissioner; Imelda Padilla, Commissioner; Heidi Hedlund, Quality and Risk Manager; Dr. Matt Swanson, Chief of Staff; Matt Kollman, CEO; Shea Gilbert, CNO

TEAMS: Elizabeth Vaivoda, Marketing/Foundation; Brenda Schneider, CFO.

EXCUSED:

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Les Dewey called the meeting to order at 1800 hours.

OPEN DISCUSSION & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Paul Pennington motioned for the Consent Agenda items be approved, including the minutes of the November 28, 2023 regular meeting; November Accounts Payable Warrants totaling \$1,158,703.25; Payroll Electronic Transactions totaling \$936,768.81; Other October Electronic Transactions Payments totaling \$279,990.89; Bad Debt of \$123,613.50; and 12/1/23 Bond Payment of \$1,016,900 Ricky Knowles seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT & CREDENTIALING

Dr. Swanson, Skyline Health's Chief of Staff presented the written Medical Staff report. No credentialing to report this month. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing/Foundation: Elizabeth presented the written report for Marketing/Foundation. Discussion followed.

Performance Improvement: Heidi presented the written report for Quality/Performance Improvement. Heidi updated the board on the HRSA Swing Bed Grant. Discussion followed.

Planning: Matt spoke about the date of the 2024 strategic planning meeting. Matt will provide the board with the Community Health Needs Assessment for review prior to the meeting. February 9, 2024 was decided upon.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CEO Report: Matt presented the written CEO report. A possible Workforce Development opportunity with the White Salmon School District was presented. Matt expressed Skyline's interest in participation. Podiatry Services is still in process. Dr. Haney is finalizing his CMS enrollment. Matt has met with WAGAP in regard to partnering with Skyline on cancer screening outreach. Cerner's initial assessment occurred on 12/13/23, awaiting a final report. One Community Health named Jennifer Griffith as its new CEO. Matt mentioned we will be working with a lobbyist and consultant to secure State and Federal funds as possible funding for upcoming construction projects. Other foundation grants and local loans may also be sought. A discussion about the Medical Clinic and its providers took place. Matt mentioned a growth and process improvement plan needs to be put into place for the clinic to be the most successful. Discussion followed.

Financial Report: Brenda presented a partial November financial report. A complete financial report was not available due to the board meeting occurring a week early. Noting: November was a positive \$692,000 above budget. Discussion followed.

CNO Report: Shea presented the written CNO report. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ricky asked about the EMS transfer difficulty. Shea said it is getting better due to communication. Dr. Swanson said we have been successful in transferring. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Revised Charity Care Policy – Washington State

There is a new interpretation of the WA DOH Charity Care Policy, which removes geographic limitations for charity care. This means anyone, from anywhere can receive care in Washington. Impact to Skyline is unknown. WSHA is protesting the new interpretation and is asking members to comply with the guidance of DOH, but to do so under protest. A boiler plate letter is included in the board packet to consider for Skyline's signature. Juliet motioned to comply with the new interpretation under protest and for Skyline to sign the letter. Ricky seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposed 2024 Meeting Calendar

Paul motioned to approve the 2024 meeting calendar. Imelda seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. No discussion.

Annual Financial Audit Proposal

Brenda presented DZA's annual financial proposal. Juliet motioned to approve the proposal. Paul seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chelan Conference

A discussion took place in regard to the 2024 Chelan Conference. Six rooms should be booked for the board and CEO to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN: Board Chair Les Dewey moved to adjourn the meeting at 1935 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Vaivoda

Board Chair

Board Secretary