

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday January 28, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Education Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, Cynthia Cooper, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Sharon Hunt, CFO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Tammy Clements, Infection Control; Dr. Trevor Rohm.

1. Call to Order, Pledge and Invocation

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve the November 19, 2020 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. Motion carried.

4. Chief Financial Officers Report

Review and approve financial statements and statistical reported for period ending November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020

Mrs. Hunt presented the financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the periods ending November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020. For November, the district had a net gain of \$326,995 for the month and a net gain of \$489,721 for the year, which is above budget and higher than prior year. For the month of December, the district had a net loss of \$139,301 for the month, which was below budget and prior year. Year to date, the hospital has a net gain of \$349,548, which is higher than prior year and budget. Mr. Black made a motion to accept November 20, 2020 and December 31, 2020 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried.

5. Chief Executive Officers Report

Physician Recruitment

Mr. Barnhart updated the board on physician recruitment. He continues working with a recruiting company and they are continuing the process of recruiting a Family Practice/Obstetrics physician.

Chief Financial Officer Recruitment

Mr. Barnhart reported that he has hired Javier Vallejo as the new Chief Financial Officer. He gave an estimated arrival date.

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Clements, and Dr. Trevor Rohm gave an update on COVID-19. The hospital has tested 5958 with over 1761 positives. For the Deaf Smith county, we have a 20% COVID positive rate. Dr. Rohm estimates that 40% of the adult population in Hereford has had Covid. With this

number he reported that we could reach a “herd immunity” situation sooner than other rural communities. COVID-19 vaccines continue to be administered in the clinic. Mr. Barnhart reported difficulties with the state database which is causing issues related to vaccine reporting and obtaining additional vaccine. This has been an issue for approximately 4 weeks. We continue to work with the state to address the problem with little success. Mr. Barnhart reported that he is encouraged by the interest in the vaccine, noting a 40- plus page waiting list.

L’Allegra Donation Update

Mr. Barnhart announced that L’Allegra made a \$50,000 donation to our hospital. This donation was raised through their Christmas Card Project. The decision was made to utilize this generous donation towards purchasing a new ambulance. He also reported that L’Allegra’s logo would be placed on the ambulance in gratitude for the donation.

Facility Projects Update

REES Architects made a presentation on the Connector Corridor project via Zoom. The PowerPoint was on the Connector Corridor project. Three options were presented, along with an estimated cost for each. Mr. Barnhart will continue to explore the viability of this project and how quick they could start. He will report back to the board in February.

Radiology Project Mr. Barnhart gave an update on the Radiology project. A mobile Cat Scan unit will be utilized during the construction and replacement. This is estimated to take 6 weeks. This radiology replacement project includes MRI, CAT Scan, Ultrasound, R&F equipment, and portable X-rays. Mr. Barnhart answered questions from the board regarding the equipment and project.

Medical Staff Report – Dr. Rohm

Dr. Rohm gave an update on COVID statistics and vaccination efforts, The State FEMA staff have been a great resource with the overflow of patients during out peak months. He reported that currently there were no staff out with Covid-19 infections in the clinic or hospital. Miranda Newkirk, NP, resigned her position. We are currently recruiting for her replacement. Lauren Jones, NP, has transferred to our new Outpatient Department. This department is a new service that is focused on to outpatient services, including wound care.

Executive Session

At 7:14 pm, Mr. Schueler announced that a closed meeting would be held pursuant to Tex. Gov Code 161.032, Tex. Gov Code 551.071 and Health and Safety Code 161.032 and Tex. Gov’t Code 5510.74 -Yearly evaluation of DSCHD CEO. At 7:40 pm, Mr. Woodard made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black.

The following action was taken:

Mr. Black made a motion to reappoint, appoint and voluntary resignation the following providers:

Initial Appointment: Advancement

Caire, Samuel, MD – Emergency Medicine
Chamblee, Corbra, DO – Emergency Medicine
Hansen, Coam, MD – Emergency Medicine
Lynn-Macrae, Alastair, MD – Otolaryngology
McElaney, Patrick, MD – Emergency Medicine
Sexton, Jonathon, MD – Emergency Medicine
Turkowski, Walter, MD – Emergency Medicine
Zarr, Shawn, MD – Emergency Medicine

Voluntary Resignations

Rhodes, Helen, MD – OB/GYN – did not return recredentialing application.

Allied Health Initial or Reappointment

Initial Appointment – Provisional

Curtis, Tara, NP – Nurse Practitioner

Reappointment

Dempsey, Marka, LD – Licensed Dietician

Mrs. Bridwell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to approve the recommendation of CEO evaluation committee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion passed.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Woodard made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Bridwell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Mike Schuler, Board Chairman