

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday October 1, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Education Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, Bob Josserand, Harold McNutt, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Sharon Hunt, CFO; Candice Smith, CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Tammy Clements, Infection Control; Jeff Blackmon, Hereford Brand.

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. Josserand made a motion to approve the August 27, 2020 and September 10, 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 August 31, 2020.

Mrs. Hunt presented the financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the periods ending August 31, 2020. The district had a net loss of \$216,190 for the month and a net gain of \$2,746,627 for the year, which is above budget and higher than last year's bottom line, which showed a net gain of \$154,353. Mr. Woodard made a motion to accept August 31, 2020 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. McNutt. Motion carried.

5. Chief Executive Officers Report

Physician Recruitment

Mr. Barnhart brief updated to the board on the recruitment of providers for our clinic. He is still waiting to hear back from Dr. Cannon. The district will continue the process of recruiting a FPOB. Also Mr. Barnhart gave a brief update on our new Hereford Health Clinic Weekend Hours with Kylie Culp. The clinic will be open Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. Mr. Barnhart answered questions and concerns from the board.

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Barnhart and Mrs. Clements gave a brief update on COVID-19. The hospital has set up a drive-up testing, Monday through Friday from 8am – 5pm. All drive up testing are free due to the test coming from the state.

**Update on Texas Health and Human Services Commission Hospital Visitation Rule
Review and Approve Policy regarding visitor screening and access during the COVID-19
Pandemic.**

Mr. Barnhart informed the board that Texas Health and Human Services Commission revised their ruling on hospital visitation and responsibility. With the ruling change, DSCHD revised their visitor

Screening and Access guidance during COVID-19. They recommend that hospitals establish new policies to address hospital visitation. Mrs. Smith submitted a recommended policy. The policy states the following:

- During the pandemic there will be a limit of one visitor per patient.
- All visitors will be limited accessed into the hospital with a daily screening process including temperature check, and questionnaire of signs and symptoms.

The board asked questions regarding the policy and all questions were answered. Mr. Josserand made a motion to approve the policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

6. Chief Nursing Officer Report

Mrs. Smith updated the board on the Rural Nursing Education Consortium. We have hired a clinical educator that will be working at Amarillo College starting October 21, 2020. Currently we have nine in the class and they will be working in the clinic and the hospital. Mrs. Smith is hopeful that we can get a RN class and they can transition to RN and work here. Mrs. Smith answered all questions from the board.

Executive Session

At 6:35 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. At 7:30 pm, Mr. Woodard made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. The following action was taken:

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

Initial Appointment: Provisional Status

Worth, Ryan, MD – Emergency Medicine

Reappointment: Voluntary Resignations

Wengroff, Sean, MD – OB/GYN

Mr. Woodard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Mr. McNutt made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Bridwell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.



Mike Schuler, Board Chairman