

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday May 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Kevin Bunch, Becky Bridwell, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard, Carla Purcella, Uriel Villa.

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO, Paul Gafford, CFO, Candice Smith, CNO, Dr. Trevor Rohm, Jim Steiert, Hereford Brand.

1. Call to Order, Pledge, and Invocation

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invitation.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to approve the April 17, 2023 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried.

4. Chief Financial Officers Report

Review and approve financial statements and statistical reports for period ending April 30, 2023.

Mr. Gafford presented April's financial information. The financial package included statistical data, balance sheets, and statements of revenue and expense with prior year comparisons and budget comparisons. Outpatient revenue continues to carry the hospital operations. Outpatient revenue is up \$718K over last April and \$146k over budget. The acute average daily census dropped below 1.0 day for the second time this year. April had only 26 acute patient days causing a very slow IP revenue month. Lab revenue is up \$137k over last April and \$53k over budget.

Operating expenses are close to budget expectations at \$34k under budget. A continued declining inpatient census and an increasing outpatient volume. Cash has decreased (\$173k) from last month, largely due to current month operations. Days Cash on Hand decreased 4.5 days this month but remains strong at 289.7 days. The month April 30, 2023 with a net gain of \$48,366 and for the year a net gain of, \$411,427. Mr. Bunch made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Mrs. Purcella seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Chief Executive Officers Report

Physician Recruitment

Legislative Update

Update on Federal Grant for Surgical Robotic Equipment

Mr. Barnhart reported that he has signed a contract with Dr. Larry McCullough, an experience Obstetrics and Gynecology physician. He and his wife will arrive in the community on July 3rd, 2023. He also reminded the board that the plan is to have three Family Practice/OB's that are credentialed to provide c-section coverage.

Mr. Barnhart also reported on the status of the surgical robot equipment. It was reported by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) that the grant did not pass the Appropriation Committee. Therefore, that funding source is not an option. He further reported that TTUHSC is looking for other sources of funding for this project.

Mr. Barnhart also reported on how hospitals and healthcare fared following the legislative session. He was optimistic about funding and new protections for violence against healthcare workers.

6. Chief Nursing Officer Report

Review and approve HRMC Department Policies and Procedures

Mrs. Smith presented the following HRMC policies and procedures for approval by the board: Medical/Surgical Unit, Intensive Care Unit, Rehabilitation Services, Labor and Delivery Unit, and Environmental Services. She presented a summary of changes and answered the board's questions. Mr. Woodard approved the Policies and Procedures as presented. Mrs. Bridwell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Medical Staff Report

Dr. Rohm presented hospital and clinic stats for April 2023. He also discussed business trends related to insurance companies and healthcare legislation.

8. Executive Session

At 6:15 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 Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code 551.074. At 6:30 pm, Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella.

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

Initial Appointments

Agers, Gage, DO -Radiology
Kureti, Megha, MD- Radiology
Parker, William, MD- Radiology
Stewart, Holly, MD- Emergency Medicine

Consulting Status

Hansen, Nathan, MD- General Surgery
Nazim, Muhammad, MD- General Surgery
Tran, Michal, DPM- Podiatric Medicine and Surgery

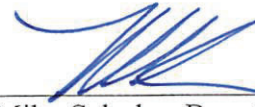
Voluntary Resignations

Rollins, Joshua, MD Orthopedics
Mehta, Rahul, MD- Radiology
Shah, Rakesh, MD- Radiology

9. Adjournment

Mr. Purcella made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bunch seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District will be determined at the June 21, 2023 meeting.



Mike Schuler, Board Chairman