

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday September 28, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the Education Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Becky Bridwell, Carla Purcella, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees: Candice Smith, Interim CEO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Dr. Trevor Rohm, Chief Medical Officer; 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 Invocation.

2. Public Comment

Mrs. Purcella read a letter addressed to the board from a concerned patient with billing issues. The issues will be investigated and will be resolved with the patient and the board.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to approve the August 24, 2023 and September 7, 2023 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella. Motion carried.

4. Interim Chief Executive Officers Report

Review and approve financial statements and statistical reports for period ending August 31, 2023.

Mrs. Smith presented the August 2023 month end financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the period ending August 31, 2023. August 2023 reflects a net loss of \$22,243 for the month and a net gain of \$105,815 for the year. Mr. Schueler made a motion to accept August 31, 2023 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Purcella. Motion carried.

Discussion of capital budget cap for DSCHD board approval.

Mrs. Smith discussed wanting a capital budget cap for board approval. The board discussed different cap amounts. The possible cap would be \$75,000 or up. The board wants time to discuss and review the approval and will need to add it to next month's agenda.

Update on Boiler Replacement and Clinic electrical issue

Mrs. Smith gave the board a brief update on the replacement of the boiler. The replacement will take up to 12 hours to replace and the district will be without hot water for the duration of the project. Plant Ops has been in contact with plumbers for the date and time. Also Mrs. Smith gave the board an update on the electrical issue at Hereford Health Clinic. The issue has been fixed and resolved. No further issues.

CNO Report

Mrs. Smith gave an update on recruitment at the facility. We currently continue to work with Filipinos and with Texas Tech surgeons. We would like to increase our surgery department and with the help of Texas Tech Mrs. Smith thinks it will increase. She is also looking for a general surgeon to get our minor cases covered and we don't have to send them out to other facilities.

5. Medical Staff Report – Dr. Rohm

Dr. Rohm gave an update on statistics for the clinic and the hospital. August has been the busiest month for us in 12 months. The clinic/outpatient has increased. For the summer months, we have seen increasing as in years past we have typically been slow across the district. We continue to increase our patient load for our Community Paramedicine Program and continue to see a low readmission rate due to the program. Dr. Rohm was able to answer all questions from the board.

Executive Session

At 6:15 pm, Mr. Woodard 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 6:49 pm, Mrs. Purcella made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. The following action was taken:

Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to reappoint, appoint and voluntary resignation the following providers:

Initial Appointment: Provisional Status

Mahmoud, Nevine, MD – Emergency Medicine – (Red Flag)

Speed, James MD - Emergency Medicine – (Red Flag)

Sterling, Jeffrey, MD - Emergency Medicine – (Red Flag)

Reappointment: Consulting Status

Elfedaly, Mohamed MD – General Surgery

Hashimoto, Yohey MD – General Surgery

Obokhare, Iziokhai MD - General Surgery

Quigley, LaJohn MD - General Surgery

Schneider, Brian MD - General Surgery

Soliman, Basem MD – General Surgery

Mr. Schueler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Mrs. Purcella made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Bridwell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.



Kevin Bunch, Board Chairman