



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 19, 2016

Attendance of Board Members: Helen Shepherd, Chair; Stephen Swisher, M.D., Treasurer; Ryan Wood, Secretary; Jack Copeland, Member at Large.

Absent: Lynda Salcido, Vice Chair.

Attendance of Staff Members: Gary Myers, CEO; Melanie Van Winkle, CFO; Kathleen Alo, CNO; Craig Burrows, M.D., CMO; David Baumwohl, Legal Counsel; Robin Conners, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shepherd called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

II. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND READING OF THE SMHD VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the reading of the SMHD Mission, Vision & Values by Stephen Swisher, M.D.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edyth Irvine, Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary Vice President, reported the following:

1. Mammoth Hospital was thanked for the luncheon held to honor the Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers.
2. The Auxiliary has completed their Capital Outlay commitment and paid just over \$190,000 for the new equipment for the hospital.

IV. CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

There was no Chief of Staff report.

V. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:05 a.m.

Dr. Yuri Parisky, Chief of Staff, requested to attend the Closed Session as Chief of Staff. The request was granted.

VI. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING AND THREATENED LITIGATION Existing Litigation and Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9.

1. Inyo County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Northern Inyo Healthcare District v. Southern Mono Healthcare District, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2015-80002247-CU-WM-GDS.

Chair Shepherd reported discussion of **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL** on **PENDING AND THREATENED LITIGATION** for the above item; no action taken.

QUALITY ASSURANCE – (Health and Safety Code §32155)

1. Chief of Staff Report.

Chair Shepherd reported that **QUALITY ASSURANCE** issues were discussed with Yuri Parisky, MD., Chief of Staff; no action was taken.

Yuri Parisky, MD., left the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

2. CEO Report.

Chair Shepherd reported that **QUALITY ASSURANCE** issues were discussed with Gary Myers, CEO; no action was taken.

3. CNO Report.

Erica Wells, Director of Quality, joined the meeting for the CNO Report.

Chair Shepherd reported that **QUALITY ASSURANCE** issues were discussed with Kathleen Alo, CNO and Erica Wells, Director of Quality; no action was taken.

Erica Wells, Director of Quality, left the meeting after the CNO Report.

4. CMO Report.

Chair Shepherd reported that **QUALITY ASSURANCE** issues were discussed with Craig Burrows, M.D., CMO; no action was taken.

QUALITY ASSURANCE QUARTERLY SUMMARIES - (Health and Safety Code §32155)

Chair Shepherd reported that the QUALITY ASSURANCE QUARTERLY SUMMARIES were reviewed; no action taken.

HEALTH CARE FACILITY TRADE SECRETS (Health and Safety Code §32106)

1. Sierra Park Clinics/Mammoth Hospital.

Chair Shepherd reported HEALTH CARE FACILITY TRADE SECRETS were discussed regarding Sierra Park Clinics/Mammoth Hospital; no action was taken.

Staff and legal counsel left the Board meeting at 8:25 a.m. Gary Myers, CEO, remained in the meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Government Code §54957)

1. Gary Myers, CEO

Chair Shepherd reported a discussion took place with Gary Myers, CEO; no action was taken.

Staff and legal counsel returned to the Board meeting at 8:26 a.m.

CREDENTIALING

Reappointments to Active Staff

David Araya, M.D. - Hospitalist
Jennifer Harkins, M.D. - Anesthesiologist
Donald Harrell, M.D. - Radiologist
Richard Shedd, M.D. – Emergency Medicine
William White, M.D. – OB/GYN
Kristin Wilson, M.D. - Pediatrician

Reappointment to Courtesy Staff

Richard Brown, M.D. - Orthopedist
Bryan Fandrich, M.D. – General Surgeon

Reappointment to Affiliate Staff

Jason Bishop, D.D.S. – Pediatric Dentist

Temporary Privileges

Farshid Hajimirzaee, M.D. - Urologist
Cesar Mora-Esteves, M.D. - Urologist
Sierra Bourne, M.D. – Emergency Medicine
Jonathan Sales, P.A. – Surgical Assist for Dr. R. Thunder

Chair Shepherd reported the foregoing physician CREDENTIALING was discussed; no action was taken.

5. CEO Annual Review Committee Lynda Salcido, Jack Copeland

There was no report. This committee is inactive at this time.

6. IT Steering Committee Stephen Swisher, M.D., Ryan Wood

There was an Information Technology (IT) Steering Committee meeting this month. Stephen Swisher, M.D., reported that the committee discussed the Premier EMR financial system and contract status. The Statement of Work is still being worked on. The Premier contract will be presented to the Board in June for approval. Implementation of this system will start in the fall.

7. Facilities Committee Ryan Wood, Jack Copeland

There was no report.

8. Policy and Contract Committee Stephen Swisher, M.D., Jack Copeland

Stephen Swisher, M.D. reported that he reviewed and signed off on all contracts for the past quarter.

9. Hoc, Special, or Other (as needed) Committees

1. Northern Inyo Hospital Liaison Committee Lynda Salcido, Jack Copeland

There was no report.

2. Community Assessment Committee Lynda Salcido, Gary Myers

Kathleen reported that the vendor has been selected and the survey will be completed by the end of September. The cost of the survey will be split with Mono County Public Health.

Helen requested that a Board Recruitment Committee be added to the next Board agenda.

X. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Gary Myers, CEO, presented the following additional information to his written report:

1. Melanie Van Winkle was commended for traveling to Sacramento to meet with legislators (Berryhill & Bigelow) about pending bills that affect hospital business and access to potential funding opportunities. She also attended a District Hospital Leadership Forum (DHLF) meeting.
2. Assembly Bill AB224 regarding employing physicians rather than contracting passed the assembly. It must now pass the Senate.
3. Senate Bill SB957 would allow hospitals to have facilities designed and built by the same entity and no longer requires projects go out to bid. This is often a more cost effective for rural hospitals.

4. Mr. Myers is currently working with Town of Mammoth Lakes on the facility master plan. Partners on the new parcel are collaborating on parking and on making Tavern Road a driveway rather than a throughway.
5. The Patient Family Centered Council (PFCC) met and has offered feedback on wayfinding at the hospital. The internal PFCC committee met and is working on plans for improved wayfinding.
6. Mr. Myers shared a story about a patient with a disability and his Mom. The hospital care coordination staff assisted with coordinating travel for medical care outside of the area. The patient also received reimbursement of expenses through the Cancer Outreach Program. Angel Flight, Karen Berman, Patient Access Representative, Lori Ciccarelli, Patient Experience Manager, and Monica Delson RN, were commended for their service.

XI. FINANCE REPORT

1. April 2016 Financial Statements.
2. Investment Report.
3. Finance Committee Report.

Melanie Van Winkle, CFO, reviewed and presented the Financial Statements, included in the packet via PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Van Winkle reported the April Net Gain was \$832,000 which resulted in a favorable budget variance of \$395,000. The favorable variance is a result of higher ancillary and clinic volume and maintaining expenses at a lower level for the month thus creating higher than budgeted income for the month. The year-to-date Net Gain was \$8,228,000 which resulted in a favorable year-to-date budget variance of \$4,441,000. Days of cash-on-hand were at 270.2 at the end of April.

XII. BOARD EDUCATION

There is no BOARD EDUCATION this month.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

There is no OLD BUSINESS this month.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Regarding Proposed Charge Rate Increase and Employee Salary Merit Increases in the 2017 Operating Budget.

The Proposed Charge Rate Increase and Employee Salary Merit Increases in the 2017 Operating Budget were discussed. No action needed.

2. Review and Approval of the Premier Corporation Contract for the New Enterprise-wide Financial System.

The above item was tabled to the next regular SMHD Board meeting.

3. Quarterly Review and Ratification of New and Revised Contracts.

Stephen Swisher, M.D., made a motion seconded by Jack Copeland to Ratify the New and Revised Contracts as listed. Chair Shepherd asked for discussion; a brief discussion ensued. A vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. Yes: 4, No: 0.

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Jack Copeland made a motion, seconded by Stephen Swisher, M.D., to approve the appointments as listed above except for Sierra Bourne, M.D., Richard Shedd, M.D., and Jennifer Harkins, M.D. Chair Shepherd asked for comments: it was noted that the appointments were discussed in closed session and no action was taken. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. Yes 3, No 0.

Stephen Swisher, M.D., declared a conflict and left to the room at 9:21 a.m.

Ryan Wood made a motion, seconded by Jack Copeland to approve the appointments for Sierra Bourne, M.D., and Richard Shedd, M.D., as listed pending a final review by the CEO. Chair Shepherd asked for comments: it was noted that the appointments were discussed in closed session and no action was taken. A roll call vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously. Yes 3, No 0, 1 Recused.

Stephen Swisher, M.D., returned to the room at 9:22 a.m.

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Ryan Wood returned to the room at 9:23 a.m.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

4. Review of the SMHD Strategic Plan Quarterly Report.

The Strategic Plan Quarterly Report was reviewed; a brief discussion ensued. No action needed.

Ryan left the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

XVII. FUTURE BUSINESS

The Cancer Outreach Golf Tournament will be held on June 24, 2016 at Sierra Star Golf Course The Cancer Outreach Golf Tournament will be held on June 24, 2016.

The next Regular meeting will take place on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Rooms A & B at Mammoth Hospital.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.