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SOUTHERN MONO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MARCH 2023 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 16, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Mammoth Hospital Administration Conference Rooms A & B and Microsoft Teams
85 Sierra Park Road
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Attendance of Board Members: Laurey Carlson, Chair; Joanne Hunt, Vice Chair; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Secretary, Alec Clowes, Treasurer; Ryan Wood, Esq., Member at Large.

Secretary Yuri Parisky, M.D. attended via videoconference and was located at 3851 Cazador St. Los Angeles, CA 90065.

Treasurer Alec Clowes attended via videoconference and was located at 5205 E. Waverly Dr. Palm Springs, CA 92264.

Attendance of Staff Members: Tom Parker, Chief Executive Officer; Melanie Van Winkle, Chief Financial Officer; Caitlin Crunk, Chief Nursing Officer; Mark Lind, Chief Operating Officer; Craig Burrows, M.D., CMO; Lindsey Sarullo, Legal Counsel; Sarah Rea, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Laurey Carlson and the reading of the SMHD Mission, Vision & Values.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Betty Hylton gave public comment. She complimented Physical Therapist Whitney Dorian and the Elevate program and gave some comments about how to improve Labor and Delivery and the Women's Health clinic at Mammoth Hospital.

Joanne Hunt gave public comment, congratulating Rosemary Sachs on her retirement and thanking her for her service. She also complimented Ehren Goetz for assisting the Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary with their social media and other logistics. Dr. Yuri Parisky had a question whether Mammoth Hospital conducts exit interviews with retirees. Sarah Vigilante commented that all departing employees are offered exit interviews and are sent a Survey Monkey link to complete an exit interview on their own.

IV. CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

The Chief of Staff report was discussed in closed session.

V. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:14 a.m.

VI. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board resumed open session at 9:30 a.m.

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

Lindsey Sarullo reported that there was nothing to discuss, no action needed.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8).

Lindsey Sarullo reported that there was nothing to discuss, no action needed.

QUALITY ASSURANCE – (Health and Safety Code §32155)
1. Chief of Staff Report.

Lindsey Sarullo reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were reported and discussed with Kyle Howell, M.D., Chief of Staff. No action was taken.

2. CEO Report.

Lindsey Sarullo reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Tom Parker, CEO. No action was taken.

3. CFO Report.

Lindsey Sarullo reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Melanie Van Winkle, CFO; no action was taken.

4. CNO Report.

Lindsey Sarullo reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Caitlin Crunk, CNO; no action was taken.

5. CMO Report.

Lindsey Sarullo reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Craig Burrows, M.D., CMO due to the absence of the CMO. No action was taken.

6. COO Report.

Lindsey Sarullo reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE issues were not reported by or discussed with Mark Lind, COO. No action was taken.

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

Lindsey Sarullo reported that QUALITY ASSURANCE QUARTERLY SUMMARIES were not discussed; no action was taken.

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

1. Mammoth Hospital and Mammoth Hospital Clinics.

Lindsey Sarullo reported that HEALTH CARE FACILITY TRADE SECRETS were not discussed; no action was taken.

CREDENTIALING

Re-Appointment to Provisional Staff

Grace Kim, MD—Pediatrics

Mark Goldsworthy, MD—Anesthesia

Re-Appointment to Active Staff

Laurence Fakinis, MD—OB/GYN

Re-Appointment to Courtesy Staff

Joanne Feldman, MD—Emergency Medicine

Nathan Ho, DO—Cardiology

Michelle Newkirk, DO—Rheumatology

Richard Thunder, MD—Orthopedics

Initial Appointment to Telemedicine Staff

Ellen Johnson—Radiology

William Randazzo, MD—Radiology

Re-Appointment to Telemedicine Staff

Michael Illovsky, MD—Radiology

Jack Newman, MD—Radiology
John Nwankwo, MD—Radiology
William Phillips, MD—Radiology
William Rusnak, MD—Radiology

Moderate & Deep Sedation

Joanne Feldman, MD—All Modules Complete

Lindsey Sarullo reported that reported the foregoing physician CREDENTIALING was not discussed; no action was taken.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Government Code §54957)

1. Tom Parker, CEO.

Lindsey Sarullo reported a discussion took place with Tom Parker, CEO. Staff and legal counsel left the meeting at 8:28 a.m.

The closed session ended at 9:20 a.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no additional public comments.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda to be approved on one motion unless a Board Member requests separate action on a specific item)

1. Previous Minutes to be approved:
 - January 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 - February 16, 2023 Strategic Planning Meeting
2. Chief Financial Officer Report
3. Chief Nursing Officer Report
4. Chief Medical Officer Report
5. Chief Operating Officer Report
6. Administrative Services Report

Joanne Hunt moved, seconded by Ryan Wood, to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented in the packet. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were none. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee:

Laurey Carlson, Alec Clowes

There was no Finance Committee meeting in March, no report.

2. Physician Compensation, Relations and Retention Committee (March 3, 2023):

Laurey Carlson, Joanne Hunt

There was a physician compensation, relations and retention committee meeting on March 3, 2023. Minutes will be included in the April Board packet.

3. Employee Relations Committee:

Yuri Parisky, M.D., Joanne Hunt

There will be an Employee Relations Committee meeting on March 22, 2023.

4. Quality Assurance Committee (March 14, 2023):

Alec Clowes, Joanne Hunt

There was a Quality Assurance Committee meeting on March 14, 2023. Minutes will be included in the April Board packet. Alec Clowes gave a brief report.

5. CEO Annual Review Committee:

Laurey Carlson, Ryan Wood

There was no CEO Annual Review Committee meeting this month, no report.

6. IT Steering Committee

Alec Clowes, Yuri Parisky, M.D.

There was no IT Steering Committee meeting this month, no report. The next meeting will be held on March 29, 2023.

7. Facilities Committee (February 23, 2023):

Yuri Parisky, M.D., Laurey Carlson

There was a Facilities Committee meeting on February 23, 2023, minutes were included in the Board packet.

8. Board Member Recruitment Committee:

Laurey Carlson, Ryan Wood

There was no Board Member Recruitment Committee meeting this month, no report.

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

There were no ad hoc, special or other committee meetings this month.

IV. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Tom Parker, CEO, gave a brief report in the interest of time to discuss the Strategic Plan. He noted that the healthcare facility mask requirement ends on April 3, 2023 and we will return to a pre-COVID masking policy. Tom Parker asked if there were any questions regarding his report, Joanne Hunt asked a question

about Interventional Radiology. Tom noted that a fluoroscopy room is under construction. Dr. Parisky asked a question about nurse staffing.

V. FINANCE REPORT

1. February 2023 Financial Package.
2. Investment Report.

Melanie Van Winkle, CFO, noted that she will do a finance presentation in April, and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

VI. BOARD EDUCATION

Sarah Rea noted that there was no Board Education this month in the interest of time due to the approval of the strategic plan.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ratification and approval of AMENDMENT #2 TO AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR (Thomas Parker).

Tom Parker noted that this is Amendment #1 to his contract, which was approved in fall 2021. Ryan Wood moved, seconded by Joanne Hunt, to approve Amendment #1 to the agreement for employment of Chief Executive Officer and Hospital Administrator (Thomas Parker). A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, Yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and Approval of the 2023-24 Strategic Plan.

Tom Parker reviewed the 2023-24 draft Strategic Plan.

There was significant discussion about the proposed Strategic Plan.

The review and approval of the 2023-24 Strategic Plan will occur at the April 20, 2023 Board meeting.

2. Approval of Contract for Project Management Services.

Mark Lind, COO, presented the Contract for Project Management Services.

Ryan Wood moved, seconded by Yuri Parisky, M.D., to approve the contract for Project Management Services as presented by Mark Lind, COO. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were none. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

3. Approval of Pursuing the North Wing Project as a Design-Build Project.

Lindsey Sarullo, in-house counsel, and Mark Lind gave a short presentation of the North Wing Design-Build project.

Ryan Wood moved, seconded by Joanne Hunt, to approve pursuing the North Wing Project as a Design-Build Project. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were some questions from the Board. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Alec Clowes, yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 5; No, 0.

4. Proposed additions/revisions to Medical Staff Rules and Regulations.

Due to the fact that this was not agendaized as an action item, this item was tabled until the April 20, 2023 Board meeting.

5. Resolution 23-01: Compensation of Board Members.

Yuri Parisky, M.D., moved, seconded by Ryan Wood, to approve Resolution 23-01, Compensation of Board Members. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were none. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 4; No, 0. One absence, Alec Clowes.

6. Update on Benefits for Board Members.

Lindsey Sarullo, In-House Counsel, gave an update on benefits for Board members. No action was needed.

7. Discussion of National Rural Health Conference, May 16-19, 2023.

There was a discussion about board member participation in the NRHA. No action needed.

8. Review and approval of professional services agreement between Southern Mono Healthcare District and Grace Kim, M.D.; for the provision of Pediatric professional Services.

Ryan Wood moved, seconded by Joanne Hunt, to approve the professional services agreement between Southern Mono Healthcare District and Grace Kim, M.D.; for the provision of Pediatric professional Services. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were some questions from the Board. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 3; No, 0. One absence, Alec Clowes. One abstention, Yuri Parisky, M.D.

9. Declaration of Surplus District Property, Equipment and Supplies.

Joanne Hunt moved, seconded by Ryan Wood, that the Board found the surplus property as listed to have nominal or no value and is to be disposed of in a reasonable and appropriate manner as determined by staff. Chair Carlson asked for comments; there were some questions from the Board. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 4; No, 0. One absence, Alec Clowes.

IX. CREDENTIALING

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Ryan Wood moved, seconded by Joanne Hunt, to approve the credentialing of Drs. Ellen Johnson, William Randazzo, Michael Ilovsy, Jack Newman, John Nwankwo, William Phillips and William Rusnak. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 3; No, 0. One absence, Alec Clowes. One abstention, Yuri Parisky, M.D.

Joanne Hunt moved, seconded by Ryan Wood, to approve the credentialing of the remaining physicians listed above. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously. Laurey Carlson, Yes; Yuri Parisky, M.D., Yes; Joanne Hunt, Yes; Ryan Wood, Yes. Yes, 4; No, 0. One absence, Alec Clowes.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no additional public comments.

XI. FUTURE BUSINESS

The next Regular meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Rooms A&B at Mammoth Hospital and on Teams.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.