

West Custer County Hospital District  
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Minutes of the December 30, 2021 Meeting

Directors Present: Robert Tobin, Ann Evans, Tom Shepard, Barry Keene, TC Smythe

Staff Present: Bryan Fusco, Heather Roberts, Nora Rupp

A quorum being present, Mr. Tobin called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m. All meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: No comments.

Board Opening Comments: Ms. Evans moved to the permanent board member for the HRRMC Advisory Board Representative in 2022 Barry will attend in February Mr. Shepard seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting for Nov. 30, 2021. A motion made by Mr. Keene to table until further and seconded by Ms. Smythe.

2022 Budget adoption resolution reconfirmed approved and signed.

Clinic Update: Ms. Roberts - clinic visits have remained stable, even with Ms. Straks departure. Over 50% of all referrals are being sent to the HRRMC. 43% of all prescriptions are being sent to HRRMC. Patient Transport is down, due to completion of treatments by patients. Advertising and information being sent to patients to help increase the use of this service. Dr. Schaler starts 1/3/2022, seeing new patients 3 days a week. New equipment EKG (machine and monitor) and wall transformers. Clinic is still offering Regen- Cov treatment. Mr. Keene confirmed that Dr. Schaler is not a temporary solution to Ms. Starks departure, Ms. Roberts confirmed he is permanently with us part-time. Mr. Keene asked for clarification on how scheduling patient transports. Ms. Roberts informed us that Thursday is our preferred time, and they try to take multiple patients at once; to utilize the service but will take one client at a time if need be. Mr. Keene would like to see proper signage for the entrance ways identifying what services are seen through each entrance, to reduce confusion and miss directed traffic.

Dr. Schaler was confirmed as a MD by Ms. Roberts

Financial Report: Mr. Fusco on track with Sage/ Quickbooks transition for 1/1/2022 as well as the payroll switch first new payroll 1/3/2022. Accounts are still good but still balancing the books for 2021. Checking account are reconciled, working on balancing the checking account with the general ledger. Cash flow has slowed, but still okay due to switch over in billing services. Mr. Tobin would like the office to contact billing to confirm when cash flow will be starting back up.

EMS Wetmore Progress Report: Mr. Shapard reports that Wetmore is looking into coverage options with Fremont, Penrose, and Florance.

EMS Report: Mr. Harkins not present but report is in Mr. Fusco presented- 2 new EMTs have been hired, expressed concern about Florence Penrose hiring per merger may have an impact on our own staff due to easier location and travel time for some individuals.

WCCHD Executive Director Report — Mr. Fusco informed the board that the Mill Levy Certification is done. As stated above payroll is on track. DOLA budget is done just not uploads, happening soon. Reach has a new helicopter and it is officially up and running Pueblo through Park View for our area. Reach has been tabled by the BOCC until further direction is made between Frie and EMS. Mr. Keene would like Flight for Life to be contacted and see if they are interested in a similar contract; as Reach, so Custer County would be fully covered. Both Flight for Life and Reach where balanced billing. Now that Reach has a contract the board would like to get Flight for Life on the same page would be the best for our First responders and county residents for more affordable billing purposes.

Enterprise Zone Update: Mr. Keene- No new news they are interested in what's happening with the clinic structure. A meeting has softly been scheduled for January with Mr. Keene and Ms. Elite so there will be a press release about the Enterprise Zone

**New Business/Reminders:**

May Elections- TC Tom and Berry spots are up for elections. Looking for a DOE. Berry will talk to a few individuals to if they are interested in this position. Bryan questions if Ms. Rupp can be an election official if Mr. Keenes connections do not wish to act as the DOE Nova will act as that.

Pharmacy Proposal- Ms. Robert no new updates until after Mr. Fusco meeting with HRRMC. Mr. Keene would like to see another entrance for the ease of patient flow. Ms. Roberts reports it would be the west entrance (PT entrance) for the ease of construction cost on WCCHD, but no layout has been confirmed. The ideal area would be the two extra rooms by orthopedics. Mr. Keene reminds and asks Heather to bring up to the HRRMC and if they have an engineering firm that would be willing to help with these drafts so we can submit the plans to the City of Westcliffe.

Next Board Meeting: January 27<sup>th</sup> 2022 3:00pm

Next WCCHD/HRRMC Advisory meeting: February 17, 2022 - Evans will be attending. We need to elect new regular representative for advisory committee in 2022.

Mr. Keene makes a motion to end the meeting Ms. Evans second it, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32.

Respectfully submitted,



TC Smythe, Secretary