

Agenda WCCHD Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday November 30, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

*In-Person and Zoom Meeting*

Location: Custer County Rural Health Center Grosslight Conference Room.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81723174535> Meeting ID: 817 2317 4535

Call to Order and Quorum Check

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comments — each person must register at the meeting and will have up to three minutes for comment. Please email [admin@westcustercountyhospitaldistrict.com](mailto:admin@westcustercountyhospitaldistrict.com) written comment 24 hours ahead.
3. Opening Comments from the Board, Alma Golden excused in advance and will try to attend by Zoom. Intro Tony Crenshaw
4. Approval of Minutes –Ms. Builder
  - a. Regular Board Meeting October 26, 2023
5. EMS Report(s) – Ms. Beach & Ms. Giebeig
  - a. EMS Liaison Support / DeWall
  - b. Run Report / Captivate ref.
  - c. Licensing Updates
  - d. Debrief on MCI
6. Long Range Planning Committee –Ms. Kaiser & Mr. Tobin
  - a. Report on November 8th meeting
  - b. Survey Questionnaire, next steps
7. Clinic Update – Ms. Ahlers & Ms. Roberts
8. Financial Report - Mr. Neches, Ms. Builder, Mr. Keene
  - a. General Finance Report & Cash-on-Hand
  - b. Impact of SB23B-001, Budget Reduction & Timing
  - c. (FY) 2023 CO EMS Supplemental Payment Report
9. Management Misc. Ms. Builder, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Kidwell, Mr. Keene
  - a. Dual EV Charging Station, 80/20 Grant Application
  - b. Final 2023 Building Renovations Invoicing no later than 12/22/23
  - c. Lighting Rebate
10. Workforce Housing Board meeting 11/08/23

New Business/Reminders:

11. Next Board meeting —Thursday December 28, 2023 -or- possible delay to Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024
12. Next Long Range Planning Committee meeting, TBD 2024
13. Next WCCHD/HRRMC Advisory meeting December 21, Mr. Neches and Mr. Keene attending.
14. Adjourn

I hereby certify that the above Agenda was posted to [www.westcustercountyhospitaldistrict.com](http://www.westcustercountyhospitaldistrict.com) 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting as per Colorado HB 19-1087. By: Melody Builder, Office Manager Date: 11/28/23

**West Custer County Hospital District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
November 30, 2023  
Minutes of the Meeting**

Directors Present: Mr. Tobin, Mr. Keene, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Neches Ms. Golden

Staff Present: Ms. Builder, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Beach, Ms. Giebeig, Mr. Gutknecht, Mr. Beachy, Ms. Roper, Ms. Carlin, Mr. Carlin, Ms. Kidwell, Ms. Ahlers, Ms. Roberts,

In Attendance: Ms. Jackson, Sherriff Smith, Fire Chief Coleman, Mr. Crenshaw

A quorum being present, Mr. Tobin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. All meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: N/A

Opening Comments from the Board: Mr. Keene stated that Ms. Golden is excused in advance, she hopes to attend via Zoom. Mr. Keene introduced Tony Crenshaw; he has an interest in our district.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting October 26, 2023. Moved by Mr. Keene, seconded by Mr. Neches.

**EMS Report:** Ms. Giebeig first reported the open EMS liaison position with Dr. DeWall, the Medical Director. She said UC Health is no longer going to fund the support position for Medical Director Jeremy DeWall. She stated that Dr. DeWall came up with the idea for the 6 transport agencies to split the cost. She states that our burden would be 15-20k yearly additional. Mr. Keene confirmed that it would be 32k per year top end to contribute to sustain Dr. DeWall, stating he has done a lot of good for the community. Ms. Golden said she recognized the value we have through Dr. DeWall. Mr. Keene poled the Board members and found unanimous support to increase the 2024 budget accordingly. Ms. Giebeig presented the Run Report, pointing out in October there were 41 calls and transports were 19. Ms. Giebeig said as far as the Licensing update, the fees are still not known. Ms. Giebeig stated that last week there was a Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI) where three people were killed and one person was transported. All three trucks were at the scene. Ms. Giebeig stated there is a need for more bulletproof vests and the need for tactical EMS training. Mr. Keene approved the purchase of two more bulletproof vests. Ms. Giebeig said that Mr. Whiting is about a month from finishing his Paramedic class. She will be writing a Grant for both Mr. Carlin and Mr. Gutknecht to go to the Paramedic's class in 2024. Mr. Keene said that even though we are with a deficit, the education line item was not tampered with in the 2024 Budget. Ms. Beach reported that all trucks are up and running at this time. Mr. Carlin reported that the repaired air-conditioning module for one truck had arrived and would be installed shortly.

Sherriff Smith reported that he came to make a public comment on the recent MCI. He believes that the waver on the drug called Tranexamic acid (TXA) saved this patient's life. He praised the EMS crews and the Driver Mr. Beach for their heroic efforts at the location. He commends Dr. Dewall for having the foresight to have TXA medicine as one of the options.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Mr. Tobin reported on the last meeting; stating they went through the survey to simplify it. Ms. Golden said there are general categories in the survey to see what the community sees as a priority to be available. After discussion it was agreed to add an introduction paragraph and to change the ranking system. Ms. Golden said let's come to an agreement and circulate the final form and get it distributed. Mr. Tobin said let us get one more draft from Ms. Kaiser. Ms. Golden said she will need to know what the available budget to work with. Mr. Keene and Ms. Builder will research this and add it to the budget line item. Ms. Golden suggests that we get the local papers to print the information we receive and promote the existing services. Mr. Neches said that there should also be an article announcing that we are mailing out the surveys.

**Clinic Update:** Ms. Ahlers presented the Clinic Report, stating that for the month of October there were 558 visits for the primary docs, 640 total visits. There were 63 new patients. There were 283 new prescriptions. Mr. Keene asked if it is possible to get the demographics of the Pharmacy users, clinic driven vs from the outside. Ms. Roberts replied she can figure out the origination of the prescriptions and provide the breakdown. Ms. Ahlers gave the following updates: Pulmonology service to start at CCHC in January. They will be providing appointments on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month; the clinic is hiring a new PRN nurse to cover Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays for Pulmonology. Dr. Schaler has extended his retirement through June 2024. This gives additional time to recruit a replacement. The new PT Registration Room is functioning and dramatically helping with patient flow. The Pharmacy is open and very busy. There is positive feedback from patients. Ms. Roberts announced that the current Pharmacist chose to resign. There is a plan in coverage, there will not be a disruption in services. They will have a new full-time person in place very shortly.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Neches, referencing the P&L Report, the summary of the last 3 months. He pointed out that income went down in October and November. He said looking at the Net Income we have lost 290k in the last 3 months, which is not sustainable. We have enough money in the bank to cover our ongoing operation and to get us through this pinch period. Mr. Keene reviewing the Cash Flow Chart, he commented you can see the trend that it is a good synopsis of year-to-date, and the apparent loss is just renovation invoices coming due during low Mill-Levy months. Mr. Keene referenced the Cash on Hand sheet, stating we are watching expenses and revenue expectations closely. He believes we will make it through 2023 without transferring money out of the Colorado Trust account which makes about 5% interest. In 2024 about 50k of the dividend money will be transferred to the general account. We usually don't get a significant Mill Levy check until early March. Mr. Keene spoke in-depth on the 2024 Budget and explained how it was built and spoke on the formula it is driven on. These are projected numbers. He reminded the EMS Co-Mgs that they have direct access to this information and if they see anything questionable, point it out. He said we are going to be roughly 50k in the red. We will resolve that we with the use of reserves to bring us back up to equilibrium, by a show of hands all board members agreed with using the 50k from the reserves.

**Management Misc:** Mr. Barnes said he expects to be notified in another week or so of the outcome of the Grant application to pay for an 80 % portion of the Dual EV Charging Station for the Clinic. Ms. Kidwell said she has an estimate from the electrician and can move forward once the grant is approved. She explained that the data for the station will be captured on an app on her phone. Ms. Kidwell said the goal is to be completely done by the end of the year with the lighting rebate project. The change is from fluorescent to LED lighting in the Clinic and at the EMS Building. She will have the information submitted but not to have received the check by year end.

**Workforce Housing:** Mr. Keene reported that there was a meeting with 2 of the 3 County Commissioners to clarify their role and did get some agreement on changing the scope. He said they are reconstructing some board roles. There are openings on the board. December 13 is the next planned meeting; it will be to redo the bylaws and resubmit them to the County Commissioners. It is believed that Round Mountain Water District (RMWSD) will lift the moratorium on the taps January 1<sup>st</sup>. They do anticipate that the tap prices are going to double.

Next Board meeting — Thursday December 28, 2023.

Next Long Range Planning Committee meeting TBD .

Next WCCHD/HRRMC Advisory meeting —December 21, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm. Motion made by Mr. Keene and seconded by Mr. Neches

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Builder