

West Custer County Hospital District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 25, 2024
Minutes of the Meeting

Directors Present: Mr. Tobin, Ms. Alvarado, and joined on Zoom Ms. Golden, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr. Neches

Staff Present: Ms. Builder, Ms. Beach, Ms. Giebeig, joined on Zoom Ms. Ahlers

In Attendance: Mr. Shephard,

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: N/A

Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting March 28, 2024, Moved by Ms. Golden, seconded by Mr. Neches

EMS Report: Ms. Giebeig said that she and Justine are meeting with each Commissioner individually on the Ground Ambulance Licensing Rules - Chapter 4. Ms. Giebeig stated that the new truck is expected in early June. Ms. Giebeig said they signed up for the Naloxone leave-behind program. She explained what the program involves and that there is no cost for the Naloxone. Ms. Giebeig said they have distributed flyers for the upcoming training events to the public. Ms. Giebeig wanted to verify, since there have been changes in Treasurers, would there still be annual dollar raises this year. She stated that they do reviews in June and the increases would be in July. Mr. Tobin asked Ms. Giebeig to provide documentation confirming this was a past approved decision. Ms. Giebeig presented the Run Report for March stating there were 52 calls for March, the same exact number that there were in March 2023. There was one Flight Transport and there were no Wetmore calls. She said they are still holding off on Telehealth calls with an explanation that the Emergency Medicine Physician Group that were handling virtual care are lacking required resources.

Long Range Advisory Council: Ms. Golden reported that four people met to open and tabulate the responses received from the community surveys. Referring to the tally results sheet in the meeting packet, she stated there were close to 240 responses. It was clear that some people were very glad that we were asking. One question was just basically do you plan to stay in the valley, and it was impressive that somewhere close to 90% of the respondents actually want to stay here and remain in the valley through their whole lives. The one not surprisingly is that the need for home health was the most consistently marked. There were 40 different comments that were written, and she encouraged everyone to look through those. Ms. Golden said possibly in coordination with HRRMC, there can be a joint meeting to talk about the practicality of expanding some of the services specified. Mr. Tobin agreed to send Ms. Ahlers the information to pass on to HRRMC. Ms. Ahlers stated the biggest challenge is housing in this area for the providers. Currently PT is a Contractor, and she does not see that expanding until there is more housing in the area. She spoke on the other areas of interest and said she will take the information to HRRMC. The next LRAC meeting will be Monday 4/29 at 2 p.m.

Clinic Update: Ms. Ahlers spoke on the Clinic Report, stating that Primary Care Clinic visits for March were 552, the total visits for the Clinic were 610 which includes all the specialty docs. She said the numbers were a little bit lower this month because some providers were out 8 days of the month. In March there were 44 new patients. The prescriptions for the pharmacy were 1160. Operational update: Dr. Schaler will retire at the end of June, his replacement is currently being recruited, looking at a couple of different candidates. The new MA class is finished, and they are currently working throughout the HRRMC system. Ms. Ahlers is retiring, her last day will be May 31st and they are actively recruiting for her replacement. There will be some providers out throughout the month of May. Ms. Golden asked if the Clinic is having delays on people getting in for appointments? Ms. Ahlers answered, no because Dr. Stevens is the only one that's booked out and he's only booked out about two weeks.

Financial Report: Mr. Neches presented the P&L Report, stating the income for year-to-date. He said the income will slow down for the remainder of the year. He spoke on the Cash Flow Chart pointing out the cash income received in March and April. He said we're strong on cash but that we're living off of this cash. He said as the year progresses you can see historically that July thru October that the amount of cash on hand goes down. He stated that we're almost back up to where

we used to be, and that he feels confident that we'll be able to get through the remainder of the year without having to take money out of reserves.

District Buildings & Grounds: Ms. Builder said that Ms. Kidwell notified her that she will not make it to the meeting today because of a delay in a previous appointment. Ms. Builder stated that Mr. Barnes handed over all the Grant information concerning the EV Stations. Mr. Barnes is no longer contracted with WCCHD. Ms. Kidwell is in charge of the EV Stations project. Ms. Builder listed the current projects for the Clinic that she was aware of in Ms. Kidwell's absence. The list included the kitchen rehabilitation, electrical issues, garbage disposal, flooring replacement in addition to the day-to-day repairs that are on written tickets. Ms. Giebeig talked on what needed to be done at EMS Building. Mr. Tobin asked Ms. Giebeig to make a list of repairs that are needed at the EMS Building, and that he is likely to approve it. Ms. Giebeig said they are cleaning out the 4th Ambulance Bay and discussed items that need to be gotten rid of, which included excessive shelving. Ms. Giebeig said there are items being stored in the bay that belongs to the Clinic. Mr. Tobin asked that they make a list of items and send it to both Ms. Ahlers and Ms. Builder. Ms. Ahlers agreed that she'd look at the list and see what can be done.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Neches said this will be his last board meeting because he will no longer be a Westcliffe resident at the end of May. Mr. Tobin said he'll find out the details for the next WCCHD/HRRMC Advisory meeting. He stated that it would be good for Ms. Alvarado to attend.

Next Board meeting — Thursday May 30,2024.

Next Long Range Advisory Council meeting April 29, 2024. Hosted by Mr. Tobin

Next WCCHD/HRRMC Advisory meeting TBD

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm. Motion made by Mr. Neches and seconded by Ms. Alvarado.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Alma Golden

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