

West Custer County Hospital District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 30, 2024
Minutes of the Meeting

Directors Present: Mr. Tobin, Ms. Golden, Mr. Crenshaw, Ms. Alvarado,

Staff Present: Ms. Builder, Ms. Beach, Ms. Giebeig, and attended by Zoom Ms. Ahlers, Ms. Roberts, Mr. Morasko

In Attendance: Ms. Kidwell, Mr. Terry, Ms. Kish

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. Tobin said that Mr. Neches has moved out of county which left an opening on the board and that Ron Terry has offered to fill that opening. He introduced Ron Terry, and spoke of his background, and his continued work in the community.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting April 25, 2024, moved by Ms. Golden, seconded by Mr. Tobin

EMS Report: Ms. Giebeig spoke on what used to be the Service License is now named an Authorization to Operate, which is issued by the county commissioners. It is essentially the same thing, but the name changed. She answered questions from Ms. Golden re: any changes in structures and the work involved in making this change over. Ms. Giebeig spoke on the new system dispatch channel and the expense details. Ms. Giebeig asked if a decision had been made about annual raises for 2024. There was discussion on excessive overtime and current openings. Mr. Crenshaw stated that Colorado Springs is looking to terminate their AMR contract and that may shift some candidates looking for employment our way. Ms. Alvarado agreed to send information to the board members to assist in their decision making. Ms. Giebeig said that she is creating a grant to assist in funding a current employee to become a Paramedic. Ms. Giebeig went over the Run Report, stating the Telehealth Calls will remain at zero because there is no emergency medicine physician group that can be used right now and so without that telehealth group we can't do regional assessments.

Long-Range Advisory Council: Ms. Golden commented on the Run Report Lift Assist calls, there were 6 in April. She said this speaks to the fact that we need Home Health care. A copy of the Press Release title Hospital District Shares Community Survey was in the packet for reference. There was discussion on next steps to be taken on meeting the community needs. Mr. Terry agreed to look into possible grants and to gather information.

Clinic Update: Ms. Ahlers presented the Clinic Report saying volume is up for April. There were 685 primary care visits and 731 total visits to the Clinic including the Specialty doctors. There were 65 new patients for April. There were 1352 prescriptions for the Pharmacy. Ms. Ahlers confirmed the date for the Advisory Board meeting is June 20th at 3 p.m. by Zoom. Mr. Tobin stated that he and Ms. Alvarado will attend via Zoom. Ms. Ahlers gave an update on operations for the Clinic. She announced that her last day is tomorrow as she is retiring. She shared in detail a list of her accomplishments achieved over the last 2 years and in addition gave a big thanks to Barry Keene and Ms. Kidwell, saying that without them a lot of this would not have happened. Ms. Roberts and Mr. Morasko stated their appreciation for Mr. Ahlers.

Financial Report: Ms. Alvarado went through the P & L by Month Report and the Cash Flow Planner Chart. She stated that she had reached out to the auditors and confirmed that a Supplemental Budget will need to be created at year's end due to SB22-238 and SB23B-001. Mr. Tobin spoke on the P & L for EMS wages and the fluctuation by month, questioning the amount of overtime used. Ms. Giebeig said partial was due to training sessions with team after shift hours, as well as other explanations.

District Buildings & Grounds: Ms. Kidwell gave an update on the prep for the EV station and the intent to adhere to the grant recommendations. She hopes the project will be completed by end of summer. Ms. Kidwell reported on the other projects including flooring, kitchen remodel, landscaping, electrical and furnaces. Referring to a list provided by Mr. Tobin, she said most were in queue.

Management Misc: The location for the next WCCHD Board meeting was discussed. Ms. Giebeig said it is burdensome to have it at the EMS Building. Ms. Roberts said she is willing to accommodate the meeting being back at the Clinic. However, there are to be guidelines on the capacity limit and attendees using the West entrance instead of coming through the clinic operations area. It was agreed that each month the meeting agenda will be reviewed beforehand and if items are listed that may bring a crowd, the meeting location will be moved to the EMS Building instead of at the Clinic.

Next Board meeting — Thursday June 27, 2024.

Next Long-Range Advisory Council meeting TBD

Next WCCHD/HRRMC Advisory meeting June 20, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm. Motion made by Mr. Tobin and seconded by Ms. Golden.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Alma Golden

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