

Regular Meeting Board of Trustees Minutes September 11, 2023 | 6:40-8:40 PM | Conf C

Meeting Purpose: Overall JCHC Update

Leader: Merlin Miller

Facilitator: Bryan Hunger

Recorder: Nanette Everly

Education was provided by Carla Harvey on Hospital Compare/Medicare Star Rating process.

The Regular Meeting of the JCHC Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:40 PM by Merlin Miller, Chair.

Connect to Purpose – Bryan read a comment from a patient traveling through our area to visit family and ended up in ER.

Mr. Miller asked for approval of the consent agenda and minutes from 8/7/23. Brent explained an addition for a resolution approving amendments to Hospital Bond 2016B and related loan agreement. Mr. Hanshaw moved and Mr. Keller seconded the approval of the consent agenda with additions & minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Miller opened the floor for public comment. There was no one in attendance.

Mr. Miller asked for the Medical Staff report. Dr. Gucilar reported on applications for Travis Rath, DO, Courtesy-ER and the following for Consulting Teleradiology: Radiology Partners – Matthew Berst, Susan Bird, Ryan Braun, Steven Cremer, Daniel Dolewski, Kyle Kreinbring, Vinay Nijhawan, Bernie Saks, John Swanson, Craig Tillman, Moe Tun, and Casey Veach and vRad Providers - Reem Awwad, Lawrence Briggs, Kevin Cawley, Scott Chang, James Chen, Michael Cobb, Dennis DeJesus, Dawn DeLavallade, Christopher Garcia, Mazen Ghani, Maryellyn Gilfeather, Murry Hamilton, Joseph Horner, Marc Jacobson, Guillermo Jimenez, Jonathon Lee, Sergy Lemeshko, Dawood Malik, Madison McCulloch, Jennifer Ngo, Stephanie Runyan, Sergey Shkurovich, and Anna Weissmann. Mr. Keller moved and Mrs. Greeson seconded to approve the medical staff report. **Motion carried unanimously.** FYI Resignations: Edward Melcher, ARNP, AHP (Mercy Cardiology), and Nancy Dovin, MD, Courtesy-ER.

Brent explained the July 2023 and FY24 statistics and financials. There was a net income of (\$84,343) for the month and FY24. Days cash on hand 76.07 (monitoring accounts due to a glitch in sending Medicare claims). Debt Service is at 1.433. Showed slides of net operating performance including income statement and balance sheets. A summary of expenses by department shows we are off to a good start for FY24. Also reviewing our contracts to see about negotiating lower rates and have been able to accomplish this on a couple already. Capital purchases will now be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Capital Equipment Request – Brent explained that the Nihon Kohden program (patient telemetry) needs an update due to current software/equipment no longer being supported. Tim stated that this includes software, 3 central monitors and work stations. He was able to negotiate 5 years of software upgrades and 10 years of hardware service at no extra cost. Also went through our Premier program to save another 25%, making the cost \$107,000.. Mr. Hanshaw moved and Mrs. Parker seconded the approval of the above explained capital request. **Motion carried unanimously.** It was noted that other things in the capital budget will be reviewed and possibly not purchased.

Resolution to approve amendments to Hospital Revenue Refunding Bond 2016B and the related Loan Agreement were discussed. This includes an Index change from LIBOR (which was discontinued 6/30/23) to SOFR The board chair and secretary will be asked to sign. Mr. Hanshaw moved and Mr. Stever seconded the approval of the above explained Bond amendments. **Motion carried unanimously.** Our last payment on these bonds is scheduled for 2028.

Bryan gave JCHC Updates:

- FY24 Goals – will now review monthly instead of quarterly.
- Radiology Transition Update – Curtis reported equipment is coming in and things are getting set up. Testing will begin on 9/26 with go live still planned for 10/10. Information migration from RCI to RP has started and will plan to transfer 7 years of data with at least 2 years ready for go live. Medical Director plans to attend the medical staff meeting next week.
- Post Cyber Security Incident – IT working on collecting data for OCR (Office of Civil Rights). We have to respond by Friday, September 15 and our attorney will be drafting this. This is a standard procedure for all health facilities, nothing different for our event. Tim explained we looked at 3 companies to perform an assessment of our programs and True North was able to do this right away. Also, since they are our liability insurance carrier we can possibly get a discount on our fees. An annual review/penetration risk will be performed from now on.
- COPIC Risk Assessment – Jacque explained this review coming up next week. They will be looking at many things in our processes.
- COVID vaccine mandate – CMS no longer requiring mandatory vaccines for employees. Med Exec Comm was in favor of making this change at JCHC as well. However, we will get an approval at the September Med Staff meeting. Mr. Stever moved and Mrs. Greeson seconded to support the medical staff decision. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- Lease agreement with a current renter will be terminated with a letter going out this month. Possible to re-negotiate terms.
- Reviewing Walk In Clinic hours and if they should be adjusted.
- Evaluating the possibility of a 4-day work week for the providers.
- MEWA employee health plan details continue to be finalized.
- Mercy Iowa City sale to UIHC has hit a road block due to the amount of bonds still owed.
- Julie gave an ambulance update. Bryan reported we do have a pharmacy agreement signed.
- Mike Pence was in town last week and Bryan participated in this meeting.
- Gov Reynolds was at JCHC last Friday discussing possible changes to DHS.

Mr. Miller gave the Chair report – No report this month.

Mr. Keller moved and Mr. Hanshaw seconded to adjourn the meeting into closed session for the quarterly QI Report under Iowa Code Section 21.5.1 (I). **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Atwood moved and Mr. Hanshaw seconded to adjourn the closed session. **Motion carried unanimously.**

After coming out of closed session, Mrs. Parker moved and Mrs. Atwood seconded to approve the quarterly QI Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Stever moved and Mrs. Greeson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Joneane Parker
Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting Participants:

Members present were Merlin Miller, Greg Hanshaw, Joneane Parker, Angie Atwood, Julie Greeson, Bob Keller, and Joe Stever. Also present were Bryan Hunger; Brent Feickert; Curtis Smith; Jacque Bookin-Nosbisch; Tim Belec; Nanette Everly; and Dr. Gucilatar.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 2, 2023 | 6:30 PM | Conf Room C