

Mountainview Medical Center
Board of Directors Meeting
August 23, 2023

Present: Bill Galt – Chair, Tanya Hill, Chris Schlepp, Rick Seidlitz, Cheri Bailey, Shane Sereday, Rob Brandt – CEO, Tony Pfaff– Cypress Healthcare.

Call to Order

Bill called the meeting to order at 3:57 p.m.

Consent Agenda

This new format will approve the minutes of the last meeting, financials, and quality all together in one vote. Rick moved to approve the consent agenda. Chris seconded to approve all three. **Motion Passed.**

DON/Quality

Priscilla reported she picked up the safe for the med room to hold the overflow of medications and narcotics. Activities has had volunteers on the weekends. The employee in that position has resigned, Priscilla is starting interviews.

Medical Staff Report:

Dr. Whitmore reported that swing beds and ER are busy. Red Ants Pants went off without a hitch. Active shooter drill revealed some processes that needed to be revised. Uptick in covid cases in the community; 6-10 in the past 2 weeks.

Financials: July

- Investment Accounts: First Security 6K, US Bank 1.198 million, Merrill Lynch 1.149 million, CDs 2.826 million. Drew some money from CDs in early August for APs.
- New facility work-in-progress: 2.1 million. Large design bill in July.
- Revenue: 450K, clinic 50K, net patient 575K. 25K was received from the 2020 Medicaid cost report adjustment.
- Expenses: 610K
- Operating loss 35K. Received Bair grant funds and investment profits for an overall profit of 101K.
- Census: 0 inpatients, 5 swing days, 69 ER, 291 clinic
- Days Cash on hand: 305
- AR days: 65

CEO Report:

New Facility – Bonding, received approval from Montana Finance Authority. It now goes to the State, who reviews the plans. They have to sign off, then if there are no major changes, all the bids are in, then they can sell the bonds. It is very unusual for DPHHS to make big changes. If they did, then we would have to resubmit which would be a delay. Rob believes we are still in good shape to break ground next month.

Rob questioned the board if they were interested in Liquefied Damages with Sletten. This is when they are charged a certain amount per day if they don't meet the timeline. It is around

\$5500 per day; they would have to pay us. That will cover the interest period and costs. This is typical. You can always not collect if something happens. It is nice to have the pressure on them to push the schedule. Rob will make that recommendation.

Ground Break – The plan is for late September; Rob was thinking around the board meeting. A question was asked about the parking for the rodeo; the idea is to make an area farther down on the property once the construction starts. Shane indicated they are going to put in a gate farther down on the rodeo grounds. The board wants to allow them to park on the property, as well as continue to have the area available to graze horses and cut hay. Everyone agrees - and the simpler the groundbreaking the better.

Medical Staff Appointment: Lab Medical Director

Medical Staff Reappointment: Intermountain Tele-Crisis Providers

The lab director is the pathologist provided through Billings Clinic. They had a change in staff. Motion made by Rick to approve both; Shane seconded. **Motion Passed.**

Cardiologist: Dr. Erb is willing to do visiting cardiology and come once a month. He will not do stress tests since the equipment is in the sunroom which is too far from the ER. Cardiac rehab equipment is here and ready to go; just need a patient.

He wants us to get an echo. New ones you can use for ultrasound also, but the used ones are only echos, more specialized. Pricing runs from 35K up to a new one at 80K. He will get us specs to consider. There is space in the new facility allocated for the new program. Deer Lodge has a visiting cardiologist, out of Billings Clinic that comes 6 times a month. Sheridan 2 times. Dr. Erb will bring an echo tech with him when he comes.

Physical Therapy: recruiting, is the board in agreement for Rob to offer the same package as was offered to Sarah. Verbally interest is there, and their start date is this time next year. Board approves.

Facility State Surveys: had state certification survey last week. 6 citations, 4 on the same travel nurse: hand hygiene, timely meds, unattended meds. Terminated travel nurse and changed our orientation program. Mid-level inpatient documentation was another item cited, Adam does it outside of the chart, they want it in the chart. All of the items are simple to fix. It has been a long time since our last survey (2014).

Fire Life Safety survey was conducted yesterday. They are always done back-to-back. Rob is going to fight a couple items they cited – for instance they want fire doors at the base of the stairwells. Those have passed since the building was remodeled. One big thing was the generator room must have an outside emergency switch to shut it off. Nothing was cited that will shut us down or is super serious.

Information Items:

Central updated their quote to do water and sewer line: 405K. Haven't seen numbers from other vendor. Make sure it is the entire job and move forward.

Tax on County Mills: Rob spoke with Kurt, he would like us to get through the bonding, then if we really want to take taxes again, it can be done with a tax backed revenue bond and borrow

money with that if we want. Bottom line - don't muddy the waters right now. Bill would still like to reach out to the other big ranches with a campaign.

Tony informed the board of the MHA annual meeting in September. They will pay for housing and fees for a board member to attend. There is a whole day of education for trustees. The meeting is in Billings.

Public Comment: none

Motion to adjourn by Rick, Chris seconded. At 4:21 p.m.

APPROVED