

Granite County Hospital District

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes-Draft

March 29, 2022

Present:

- Jim Waldbillig (Board Chair)
- Chad Green
- Matt LaTray
- Kristi Mainwairing
- John Barbara

A quorum of the Board was present.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Waldbillig on March 29, 2022. The meeting was held in the Granite County Medical Center Conference Facility in Philipsburg, MT.

The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Chad made a motion to approve them as written. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Items

Administrator's Report:

Maria Stoppler, CEO/DON presented her Administrator's Report. (Please refer to the posted report for details.) Covid testing volumes have dropped off. Facility has 450 at home tests available for public use.

Rachael Johnson is the new Activities Director. Connie Hamm is the new Lab Director.

Radiology coverage was limited in February, due to staffing. There was only 1 scan. The radiology installation is now complete.

Medical Staff Report:

Dr. Reiter presented the Medical Staff Report. The childhood vaccination program set up in nearly complete. The annual Sport Physical day is coming up in May, it will be the second annual event. This should create more confidence in the community. The Medical Staff is pleased with Eddie Amberg taking the new role to make strategic changes. Next month the Medical Staff will be establishing a regular schedule for monthly meetings with full attendance. There is concern with transition between shifts of providers, more providers and shorter work days. They will be providing written report at change of shift. Medical staff is tracking transfers

out of facility and ER transfers to verify appropriate transfers. Monitoring transfers from inpatient units making sure the transfer isn't due to failure of care. The point of care ultrasound is up and running. Next up for the Medical Staff is reviewing the formulary.

Financial Report:

Brenda Peyton, JCCS accountant presented the financial report. (Please refer to the posted report for details.)

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-John Barbara

Scott Cromwell will be presenting information on the Tiny Home Project. This will need to be postponed a few weeks and presented at its own meeting.

Policy Committee-Kristi Mainwaring

The Medical Staff Bylaws have been approved and finalized as well as the approved Abbreviations list.

Yolonda Schulz presented an issue regarding a new policy by CMS with an IJ tab for unvaccinated staff. Per DPHHS unvaccinated staff would be required to wear N95 masks. GCMC staff unwilling to wear N95 masks, they would rather step away from their positions which some are a department of one employee. A patient can file completing if we cannot provide that service so it puts the facility in a "no win situation." MHA is fighting this ruling.

Motion to adopt Medical Bylaws presented by Kristi, seconded by Chad. All in favor.

Discussion to create a hiring policy regarding vaccinated/unvaccinated staff.

Quality and Safety Committee-Chad Green

A report has been made of information not crossing over in Athena from clinic to long term care charts. This is being researched.

Facilities-Matt LaTray

Bid received for repairs on roof. They require half payment down; the price is up some. It was opted to go with the lowest bid for a coating with a 10-year warranty.

The AC unit in the CT room had the condenser replaced.

Technology- John Barbara

Dave Lee is working on stepping up the firewall for the network. The VPN has been temporarily disabled and geomessaging is enabled.

Professional Affairs-Jim Waldbillig

No report.

Marketing-Kristi Mainwaring

No report.

Recruitment & Retention-Kristi Mainwaring

No report.

Foundation reporting

No Report.

Approval of Warrants

Old Business

Radiology remodel is mostly wrapped up, equipment is up and running.

Budget discussion-all input from the departments has been submitted to Brenda. Maria and Brenda will meet next week to go over the details of the budget.

New Business

Tiny House discussion-Scott Cromwell will provide a presentation at a special meeting. The board will do a site inspection with discussion at that time.

Election of Trustees by Acclamation, Matt LaTray and John Barbara. Motion to cancel the election made by Kristi and seconded by Chad. Approved by all.

Schedule special meeting-CEO Evaluation to be held Tuesday April 5, 2022 with the Agenda going out Friday.

Health Insurance projections will be presented at the next board meeting by Given Kutz.

Open Comment-

A family member of a long term care resident spoke regarding pictures and items seen on Facebook. The comment was made "Who's looking at the patients while they are doing this?"

The Board moved to executive session at this point. The audience was asked to leave.

The temporary board clerk left the meeting at this time, so the minutes' end.