

**Granite County Hospital District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
September 28, 2021**

Present:

- Mr. Jim Waldbillig (Board Chair)
- Mr. Chad Green
- Mrs. Kristi Mainwaring
- Mr. John Barbara

A quorum of the Board was present.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Waldbillig on September 28, 2021 at 05:30 PM. The meeting was held in the Granite County Medical Center Conference Facility in Philipsburg, MT.

The minutes from the August 31, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Chad Green made a motion to approve them as written. Kristi Mainwaring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Items

Administrator's Report:

Maria Stoppler, CEO, DON, RN, presented her Administrator's Report. (Please refer to the posted report for details.)

COVID-19 Update: As of today, there are 13 active cases in Granite County and 1203 new cases in the state.

Maria Stoppler reported on September 9, 2021 President Biden updated his COVID-19 plan. As part of this plan all healthcare facilities accepting Medicare or Medicaid or those employing 100 people or more, must require vaccinations or regular testing for all employees. This requirement however, conflicts with Montana HB702 which prohibits discrimination based on a person's vaccination status. This is being reviewed by MHA's counsel.

Chad Green mentioned one of the problems with President Biden's mandate is that it would worsen shortages already experienced within healthcare settings.

Maria reported the FDA and CDC's ACIP recommend certain individuals receive a booster shot if they received Pfizer-BioNTech's Covid Vaccine and also recommend a booster shot for those in high-risk occupational and institutional settings. Kristi Mainwaring asked if Pfizer was available locally and Maria Stoppler answered it was available at the local pharmacy.

Of note, Maria reported DHHS announced it would distribute \$25.5 billion in COVID-19 relief funds to healthcare providers and the application process would open September 29, 2021.

IT Department: Maria Stoppler noted the IT Department has been working on initiating the Tele Crisis Intervention and patients will be able to access a licensed counselor online beginning in November.

HVAC Update: Maria Stoppler reported the full warranty period had expired on the modular building and only a limited parts-only warranty remained. Markovich Great West Engineering and Cool Zone have coordinated their efforts to replace the condenser and it is expected to be installed by the end of the week.

Radiology Update: The floor is sagging in the Radiology entryway and Markovich and Great West Engineering are handling the repairs.

Medical Directors Report: Dr. Reiter

Dr. Reiter reported he was included in one of the interviews for a new provider and expressed his concern with new graduate candidates handling ER and hospital patients.

He noted progress has been made with the Athena issues and he will be working on utilizing Athena's order sets with the providers.

Financial Report:

Brenda Peyton, JCCS accountant, presented the financial report. (Please refer to the posted report for details.) Of note, eight of the twelve utilization targets are on track for August with both Drummond and Philipsburg clinic operating above target.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee - Barbara

Will be covered under the Housing Discussion to follow.

Policy Committee - Mainwaring

Kristi Mainwaring reported policy review was ongoing and would be done by next weekend.

Quality and Safety Committee - Green

No report.

Facilities - Waldbillig

Jim Waldbillig discussed the repairs to be made on the Radiology condenser and mentioned the repairs would be extensive. He also noted the floor in the Radiology department may have gotten wet contributing to the sagging floor mentioned in the Administrator's report. He voiced concern that repairs to the entryway might involve laying an entire new sub-floor of plywood.

John Barbara asked if GCMC would be responsible for the labor costs of the condenser repairs and Maria Stoppler replied Randy with US Modular offered to pay \$3000 toward service calls and installation, but GCMC would be responsible for any remaining balance. Total costs are expected to be approximately \$5000 with GCMC then responsible for approximately \$2000.

Technology Committee - Barbara

Covered under Administrator's Report.

Professional Affairs - Waldbillig

The medical staff is recommending Dr. Hannah Y. Bae, MD; Dr. Steven A. Larson, MD; Dr. Myka C. Veigel, DO; Dr. Dhawal A. Goradia, MD; Dr. Anthomy J. Willis, MD; Dr. Matthew E. Williamson, DO; Dr. Bao C. Nguyen, MD; and Dr. David A. Behrmann, MD for re-credentialing. Jim Waldbillig asked for a motion to accept these candidates for re-credentialing. Kristi Mainwaring made the first motion and Chad Green seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Marketing Committee - Mainwaring

Kristi Mainwaring referred to the Administrator's Report and reiterated the focus of the marketing committee continues to be COVID-related issues.

Recruitment and Retention -Mainwaring

Kristi Mainwaring deferred to Shirley Cornelius, Activity Director at GCMC. Shirley Cornelius reported there are numerous events and benefits for GCMC employees. Among them are monthly birthday celebrations, years of service pins, three annual BBQ's, department head recognition's, safety day celebrations, bonuses for extra shifts worked, a night shift differential and certificate bonuses. Of note, Yolanda Schulz was nominated for the Care Giver of the Year Award at the state MHA Conference.

Additionally, Maria Stoppler reported one candidate had applied for the DON position and she continued to keep the current candidate updated.

Foundation Report: Mainwaring

Of note, Walktober has been postponed until the Spring and the Festival of the Trees will be held outside at the Ranch at Rock Creek with an option to bid online. The theme is "Christmas Under the Big Sky" and will be held on December 4, 2021.

Approval of Warrants:

Nothing reported.

Old Business

X-ray Remodel: On hold due to the back-ordering of supplies.

Open Trustee Position:

Waiting for any additional candidates to apply. Will be on the agenda for the next board meeting.

New Business

Housing Discussion:

John Barbara reported a bid of \$400,000 was placed on the Triplex but the seller declined the offer. Attention then turned to building a new housing unit across from Madison Street. Mike Shay estimates cost to be \$200 per square foot with a cost of approximately \$700,000 to build a triplex. John Barbara then talked with Jerry at Granite Mountain Bank. Granite Mountain Bank offered a new construction loan with ten percent down for twenty years at 4.25%. Greater than twenty-year loans would require a review, increased interest rates and possible balloon payments.

Mike Shay will provide some general plans on both a triplex and quadplex.

Markovich also offered to pay for the new housing unit's construction with GCMC leasing it from them. Granite Mountain Bank, however, would require a payment for the \$46,000 still owed on the property. Granite Mountain Bank also would prefer to add the remaining loan amount to the new loan.

Regardless, a ten percent down payment would be needed for a new construction loan and the timing for initial construction would need to be taken into consideration.

Jim Waldbillig suggested putting an ad in the paper for bidding or possibly giving away the house on the property, but Maria Stoppler pointed out the house needs to be emptied first. Maria Stoppler asked if there was any benefit to gutting the house to the studs and building on the existing foundation. That possibility was discussed with Mike Shay who did not recommend that option, however.

The board will explore all options, look at how many lots are involved, and check on additional policies before moving forward.

Open Comment

There was no open discussion. Kristi Mainwaring suggested streamlining the agenda and suggested offering training for any new board trustees.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Chad Green to adjourn. This was seconded by Kristi Mainwaring. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

These minutes have been reviewed and approved by motion of the board:

Jim Waldbillig (Chairman of GCHD Board of Trustees)

Date