

Johnson County Hospital District

BOARD MINUTES

July 14, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Johnson County Hospital District met for its July Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 6:31 P.M. in the Lake Angeline Conference Room. The following members were present:

Mark Schueler, M.D., President
Tom Holt, Board Member
Cristy Kinghorn, Secretary

Those Absent:

Alecia Kozisek, Board Member
Tom Berry, DVM, Board Member

Others Present:

Luke Senden - CEO
Laurie Hansen – Director of Admin.
Becky Rodriguez – Finance Director
Crystal Smith – Provider Operations
Miranda Camino – FMC Manager
Mary Litzel – JCHC DON
Brenda Gorm – AHCC DON
Amanda Walter – Home Health/Hospice Director
Linda Greenough - County Commissioner
Alex Hargrave – Buffalo Bulletin
Aaron Palmer – Big Horn Mountain Radio

Dr. Schueler called the meeting to order. Cristy Kinghorn made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2021 board meetings. Tom Holt seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Dr. Schueler, on behalf of Dr. Ludwig, Chief of Staff, stated that the Medical Staff are doing well. The hospital patient census remains steady and we are still working on transitioning physicians as Dr. Schueler prepares to step out of the Clinic.

Laurie Hansen, RN, provided the current Key Quality Indicators Summary. She also informed the board that OSHA will be here on August 17th for a consultation visit. They will be going over policies and will make recommendations for improvements.

Crystal Smith, RN, stated that clinic volume continues to increase. She let everyone know that Dr. Rinker will be transitioning into Dr. Schueler's position and we will now be recruiting

for an ER provider instead of someone interested in full scope. She also introduced Miranda Camino as the new Clinic manager.

Brenda Gorm, RN, reported AHCC's census is 40 and updated the Board on staffing, stating that they will be well-staffed through the summer.

Amanda Walter, RN, reported on Home Health and Hospice QAPI results, patient stats, and department staffing status.

Mary Litzel, RN, reported that her department is doing well, and staying busy.

There were no credentialing files for review.

Luke Senden stated that he is currently learning the ins and outs of the facility and meeting with each department manager and physicians to better understand operations. He met with the construction team and discussed the water pumps. Lead time for the pumps is 6-8 weeks before they are expected to be here to begin the project. Luke reviewed the master site plan with the architects to become oriented with the project and catch up on the progress to date. He also discussed the potential draw schedule for funding the construction project and when the board can expect funds to be paid out.

Luke informed the board that he had a conversation with Mark Lyons from Casey Peterson, Mark will have the cost analysis associated with the master site plan and financing, completed by July 26th. Luke would also like to get a feel for the direction the board would like to go regarding financing the construction project. Tom Holt provided background information on financing options. There was further discussion regarding the options available. Luke asked if there was any potential interest from local banks to finance the project versus a bond issue.

Becky Rodriguez presented the Board with June 2021 month-end and year-to-date financial performance results. Following that the FY2022 budgeted financials were presented to the board for final review and approval.

After reviewing the budgeted financials Cristy Kinghorn made a motion to approve the FY2022 operating budget. Tom Holt seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Tom Holt made a motion to adjourn the regular Board meeting. Cristy Kinghorn seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristy Kinghorn, Secretary

Johnson County Hospital District
August 25, 2020 Board Meeting
Service Area Reports

CLINIC – Crystal Smith, RN

- July's volume of 1,1286 was up from 1,218 visits at the same time last year. Compared to 2019, the volume is down to 99 visits.
- Continued COVID vaccinations on Tuesday afternoons. We are offering Pfizer as well as Johnson & Johnson.
- A nurse has been hired to work with Dr. Mullen.
- Further discussion of having the Kaycee clinic open 3 days rather than 2 days continues. Logistics of staffing are being worked through.

ACUTE CARE – Mary Litzel, RN

- Acute Care is staying busy.
- Acute Care is down two additional nurses with one moving to the clinic and another out on maternity leave.
- Emergency Room has been busy with increased outpatient IV therapy treatments for COVID.
- Pharmacy has been able to get the drugs for the COVID IV therapy treatment from the state. Currently the drugs are free to the patient and we are billing for the cost of the infusion room and supplies.

AMIE HOLT CARE CENTER – Brenda Gorm, RN

- With a census of 44 all of our beds are fully occupied.
- With the increase of COVID-19 cases in the community the nursing home residents become more vulnerable, although they have all been vaccinated. We are updating visitation guidelines according to CMS and CDC recommendations, such as use of face masks even in the residents' rooms and six-foot social distancing. Outdoor visits are preferred to indoor, especially when the visitor has not been vaccinated.
- We continue to screen all of our visitors, and volunteers have played a substantial role in accomplishing this. Jodi Verplancke manages the volunteer schedules and would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in serving in this way.
- Our summer high school/college CNAs are heading back to school, leaving a large void in the schedule. Like so many other businesses, including nursing homes across the country, we find ourselves challenged with significant openings and a lack of applicants. We are trying to be more creative with marketing, but know that we have substantial competition for potential employees and housing is tight in this area. We continue to brainstorm and try to think outside the box for solutions.

HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE – Amanda Walter, RN

- Patient Stats:
 - Home Health Pts: 29
 - Hospice Pts: 2
 - 1 deaths as of 07/14/21
- Hospice Referrals = 1
- Home health Referrals = 4
- Admits: 1 hospice admit and 4 home health admits as of 07/14/21
- D/C: 2
- Jail services is going well
- Looking to hire another CAN and a secretary
- Staffing has been up and down from being fully staffed to needing to hire someone; the staff remains positive and continues to have a great work ethic. Jail service has been going well; we are finding an increasing number of people incarcerated with mental health needs and medical issues. Overall, home health and hospice continue to do well and works very hard to provide services to the community.