

Johnson County Hospital District

BOARD MINUTES

July 22, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Johnson County Hospital District met for a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 12:10 P.M. in the Lake Angeline Conference Room. The following members were present:

Mark Schueler, M.D., President
Cristy Kinghorn, Secretary
Tom Holt, Board Member
Tom Berry, DVM, Board Member
Alecia Kozisek, Board Member

Those Absent:

Bill Dooley, Treasurer

Others Present:

Sean McCallister – CEO
Becky Rodriguez – Administration
Jennifer Rice, MD
Lisa Mullen, MD
Alyse Williams, MD
Ryan Ludwig, MD
Hermilo Gonzalez, MD
Mark Bentley – 307 Net Radio

This special meeting was called for JCHC physicians to meet directly with the board to discuss its decision on July 15, 2020 to change JCHC's liability insurance policy from MedPro to Zurich rather than UMIA.

Dr. Schueler called the meeting to order and explained he would facilitate the discussion while remaining as impartial as possible.

Dr. Schueler read an email communication from Dr. Darnell (unable to attend the meeting) stating his opinion and informing the board he is currently covered by a UMIA policy. He expressed complete satisfaction with UMIA and a strong desire to remain with the company.

Dr. Rice provided additional context as to why the majority of JCHC physicians have maintained their individual liability policies with UMIA instead of coverage via JCHC's policy. She cited specific fringe benefits and support structure UMIA offers. She wants to remain with UMIA.

Dr. Ludwig expressed concerns about the board's decision and the process entailed with how the board voted at its last meeting. He reiterated that all the physicians unanimously want to switch to UMIA.

Dr. Gonzalez described his experience with UMIA as a current policy holder. He is particularly impressed with the education opportunities provided by the company.

Dr. Williams stated she has been covered by MedPro, but provided positive feedback and perception of UMIA based on in-person discussion with the company and the perspective and experiences from her fellow physicians already covered by UMIA.

Dr. Mullen talked about her experience with a medical malpractice claim last year. She spoke to the primary attorney involved in defending her and JCHC, and he said he is not aware of any other Wyoming hospitals covered by Zurich. He has significant experience with UMIA and feels it is the easiest professional liability insurance company he works with.

Tom Holt, JCHD board trustee, explained the board's prior decision was primarily focused on keeping business local. Tom Berry, JCHD board trustee, reaffirmed that as their basis for the decision.

Cristy Kinghorn, JCHD board trustee, noted that JCHC administration shared detailed information and a comparison of MedPro, Zurich and UMIA at prior board meetings, including a strong recommendation on behalf of administration and the physicians to change to UMIA.

Sean McCallister, CEO, shared his desire to form a long-term relationship with an insurance company rather than change every few years. All things being equal, he prefers keeping JCHC's business local; however, UMIA is an obvious choice from expertise, service and cost standpoints. His experience with UMIA has been extremely positive.

Dr. Schueler mentioned the differences in scope of information received from UMIA versus Zurich. He appreciates the quantity and quality of information from UMIA and the opportunity to speak to them directly in-person. UMIA's expertise related to the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act and appropriate coverage limits has been very valuable for JCHC.

Following significant discussion, Cristy Kinghorn made a motion to reverse the board's prior decision from Zurich to UMIA for JCHC's general and professional liability policy. Alecia Kozisek seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Alecia Kozisek made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Tom Holt seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristy Kinghorn, Secretary

