

Board of Directors
October 27, 2021
Regular Board Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Gordon Memorial Hospital District Board of Directors was called to order by Doug Woodbeck, Chair at 4:00 P.M. on October 27, 2021 at GMH, 300 East 8th, Gordon, Nebraska. Acknowledgement of Open Meetings Law Posted on East wall.

A. Roll Call: Present: Carol Balius, Patty Faulk, Brooke Gates, Kathy Weihe, Doug Woodbeck.

Staff: Doris Brown CEO, Kelsey Smith, CFO, Megan Heath, CNO, and Brinton Strohmyer, Administrator GCC.

B. Approval of Agenda: Patty Faulk made the motion to approve the Agenda for October 27, 2021. Motion seconded by Brooke Gates. Roll call vote: Carol Balius-Yes, Patty Faulk-Yes, Brooke Gates-Yes, Kathy Weihe-Yes, Doug Woodbeck-Yes. Motion passes.

2. CONSENT AGENDA: Motion was made by Brooke Gates to approve the Consent Agenda Seconded by Patty Faulk.

A. Minutes from the September 29, 2021 Regular Meeting.

B. Medical Staff Minutes from Regular September 23, 2021 Meeting.

Roll call vote: Carol Balius-Yes, Patty Faulk-Yes, Brooke Gates-Yes, Kathy Weihe-Yes, Doug Woodbeck-Yes. Motion passes.

3. REPORTS:

A. Financial Report: Kelsey Smith, CFO reviewed the financials for the month of September 2021. Kelsey stated September 2021 was a record month in terms of revenue for GMHD. The hospital generated an average of more than \$76,000 per day. The Rural Health Clinics and GCC did still fall below their budgeted revenues. Total cash collected for September exceeded \$1.2 million. Kelsey stated there was still room for improvement in contract labor and professional fees. The professional fees should decrease with Chris LaRose, FNP now being able to provide ER provider coverage with the completion of his ATLS class. Hiring a new LTC Administrator (Brinton Strohmyer) and DON, (Michael May, RN) for GCC should also help reduce the contract labor expense. Utilities expense is high due to missing prior month accrual. All other overages are directly related to increased patient volumes. For the month of September, the combined net operating income was \$316K. Total Year to date Net Income is \$721K, more than \$200K over year to date budget. The individual Operating/Income Statements are as follows for September 2021: Hospital profit for the month \$345K; Gordon Clinic loss of-\$30K; Rushville Clinic loss of - \$9.5K and Gordon Countryside Care income of \$10K. Days Cash on Hand, excluding PRF, was 130.43. Motion made by Patty Faulk to accept the Financial Reports for September 2021 as

presented. Motion seconded by Kathy Weihe. Roll Call vote: Carol Balias-Yes, Patty Faulk-Yes, Brooke Gates-Yes, Kathy Weihe-Yes, Doug Woodbeck-Yes. Motion passes.

- B. CNO Report:** Megan Heath, CNO reviewed her report that was included in the Board packet. Nursing staff continues to be a top concern. In attempts to fill positions that have been open for a very long time, she has opened a paramedic position to assist in the Emergency Room setting. The Oglala Lakota nursing students have started their clinical rotations at GMH. A Respiratory Therapist has been hired and should be starting in November 2021. Cardiac Rehab visits are near budget now.
- C. Quality:** Amanda Kehn, CQO was not in attendance, her report was included in the Board Packet for September 2021.
- D. CEO:** Doris Brown, CEO stated the current Resident census at Gordon Countryside Care was 24, one Resident had been admitted since her report was completed. She introduced Brinton Strohmeyer, as the new Administrator for GCC. Dr. Adam Wilson, Orthopedic Surgeon, toured the facility on October 11th. He will also be going to Chadron on alternating Mondays. Dr. Wilson will start seeing patients sometime after the first of the year.
- E. Department Reports.** Department Reports were included in the Board packet. There were no further comments or questions.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on quotes from Abbott for i-STAT blood analyzer.** Doris stated the analyzer would be a backup for lab equipment and assist in the ER to speed up certain lab test results. It would not be able to do all lab tests, but would be able to provide many. This would decrease lab runs to other facilities when equipment is down. It would also help during the upcoming lab renovation (replacement of cabinets/counter tops). Carol Balias made the motion to approve the purchase of the Abbott i-STAT blood analyzer in the amount of \$12,530.83. Patty Faulk seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Carol Balias-Yes, Patty Faulk-Yes, Brooke Gates-Yes, Kathy Weihe-Yes, Doug Woodbeck-Yes. Motion passes.
- B. Set date for Annual Report and Policy Meeting in December 2021.** Doris stated she would like to move the November Board meeting date or combine with December due to an upcoming medical procedure. The annual meeting is normally held in the middle of December. After discussion, it was decided to combine the November/December Board meetings, to be held on December 29th. Kelsey will send the November Financials to the Board when completed. The Annual Report and Policy meeting will be held on December 15th at noon. Doug and Patty will plan on attending as the Board representatives.
- C. Discuss pursuit of annexing Rushville area into Hospital District during 2022.** After discussion, it was decided to look into this next spring with a possible November 2022 ballot date.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Discuss pending COVID 19 vaccine mandate and other COVID related issues.** The White House has not released the recently written OSHA rules for the COVID vaccine mandate yet. There was no further discussion.

6. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. **GMHS-IC-011** Antimicrobial Stewardship - revised.

Brooke Gates made the motion to approve the revised policy as presented. Carol Balias seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carol Balias-Yes, Patty Faulk-Yes, Brooke Gates-Yes, Kathy Weihe-Yes, Doug Woodbeck-Yes. Motion passes.

7. CREDENTIALING:

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Initial Appointment

Jeffrey Ailes, M.D.	Radiology	Consulting/Provisional	10/27/2022
Christopher Colling, M.D.	Radiology	Consulting/Provisional	10/27/2022
Mary Curtis, M.D.	Radiology	Consulting/Provisional	10/27/2022
Kevin Gillespie, M.D.	Radiology	Consulting/Provisional	10/27/2022
Sandra Machado, M.D.	Radiology	Consulting/Provisional	10/27/2022
John Pflug, M.D.	Radiology	Consulting/Provisional	10/27/2022
Rahul Raxdan, M.D.	Radiology	Consulting/Provisional	10/27/2022

Re-Appointment

Catherine Wilson, CRNA	Anesthetist	Consulting	Oct-23
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Resigned/Not Reappointing

RIA Radiologists	Effective 11/1/2021
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Motion made by Carol Balias to approve Initial Appointment, Re-appointment and Resigned/Not Reappointing of providers as presented for October 2021. Motion seconded by Patty Faulk. Roll Call vote: Carol Balias-Yes, Patty Faulk-Yes, Brooke Gates-Yes, Kathy Weihe-Yes, Doug Woodbeck-Yes. Motion passes.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Related to October 27, 2021 agenda items (comment period limited to five minutes). **N o c o m m e n t s .**

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Such Closed session is in accordance with Nebraska Open Meetings Act Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

At 4:55 p.m. Patty Faulk made the motion to go into Executive Session. Kathy Weihe seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Carol Balius-Yes, Patty Faulk-Yes, Brooke Gates-Yes, Kathy Weihe-Yes, Doug Woodbeck-Yes. Motion passes.

At 5:35 p.m. Brooke Gates made the motion to exit Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Kathy Weihe seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Carol Balius-Yes, Patty Faulk-Yes, Brooke Gates-Yes, Kathy Weihe-Yes, Doug Woodbeck-Yes. Motion passes.

Next Regular Meeting: December 29, 2021.

- 10. ADJOURNED.** Doug Woodbeck, Chair asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. With no further business being noted the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Doug Woodbeck

Doug Woodbeck, Chairman of the Board

12-29-2021

Date