

DECATUR COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2023 – 5:30pm

PRESENT: Denise Elefson, Sheri Frost, Guy Clark, Teri Foster, Larry Griffin, Rebekah Mendenhall and Cheryl Zach

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Johnston (CEO), Tara Spidle (CFO), Shannon Erb (Chief Human Resources and Marketing Officer), and Dr. Ed Wehling, (Chief of the Medical Staff).

I. CALL TO ORDER

Denise Elefson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Teri Foster made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Cheryl Zach made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Elefson mentioned some apparent confusion within the community with respect to the Paramedicine Program. She reported that the name as-is has caused some to misunderstand it as being related to the training of paramedics as opposed to its actual purpose. Denise recommended that the program name be modified to “Community Paramedicine”. Mike Johnston replied that this would be done.
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IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Teri Foster made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items with a second by Larry Griffin: (1) March 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (2) March 2023 Accounts Payable (AP): \$1,173,932.00 (3) March 2023 Payroll: \$814,849.00 (4) March 2023 Accounts Receivable Write-Offs: \$34,116.82. Motion carried unanimously.
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V. MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Dr. Wehling gave the Medical Staff Report. There was no regular meeting of the Decatur County Hospital Medical Staff in April 2023. The next such meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023. In other items of note, Dr. Wehling reported that the first new surgical case has been performed in the new surgical suite with positive comments about the new space and its capabilities. He further reported that with the addition of new surgical staff, a mock trauma drill was held in April 2023 with good results and training opportunities identified. Dr. Wehling noted that continuing education efforts with our Emergency Department (ED) providers is ongoing.

VII. CEO UPDATE

Mike Johnston presented the CEO Update to the Board of Trustees as below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- New Outpatient Clinic Building opening and remaining construction items;- Infusion Area Renovation Project;- On April 28, 2023, Mike, Julie Parmer, and Brandi Oesch will interview (via Zoom) a potential upper extremity orthopedic surgeon to add to the hospital’s capabilities in this area;- The Community Paramedicine program has fifteen (15) patients currently enrolled;- Thanks to a grant from the Friends of Decatur County Hospital (Auxiliary), new recliners for the patient rooms on Med Surg were purchased and have now arrived. The old room recliners are to be donated on a |
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first come, first served basis to area nursing homes or similar health care agencies. The Board Executive Committee authorized the disposal of these items in this manner at a meeting on April 20, 2023. There will be a very small loss through depreciation, approximately \$800.00, as a result. The full Board of Trustees had no objection to the authorization made by the Executive Committee and continuing with the donations as indicated; and

- The new Weekly Wellness Lab Program will begin on Monday, May 15, 2023.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Tara Spidle presented the financial report for March 2023 as follows:

Total gross revenue was \$3.67 million in March 2023. Operating loss of \$206,815.00 mostly due to a three (3) payroll month. A net gain of \$320,092.00 was realized after tax revenue and a \$274,000.00 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Larry Griffin made a motion to approve the financial report for March 2023 with a second from Teri Foster. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. CLINICAL AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Kelly Barker presented a report to the Board on both clinical and quality improvement initiatives as follows:

Chest Pain performance metrics through the end of March 2023 were reviewed with the Board of Trustees. These metrics include the following:

- Door to EKG time less than ten (10) minutes;
- Door to Troponin Accession;
- Heart score documentation;
- Non-invasive ischemia evaluation discussion with the primary care provider;
- “Door-In, Door-Out” times for STEMI patients; and
- “Door to Needle” time.

Additional quality metrics through the end of March 2023 reported to the Board of Trustees include:

- Medical error tracking;
- Adverse drug events;
- Patient falls;
- Blood incompatibility;
- Foreign objects retained after surgery;
- Air embolisms;
- Stage III or IV pressure ulcers; and
- Blood culture contamination rates through March 2023.

Kelly reviewed current initiatives related to Infection Prevention as below:

- Alicia Boswell, RN started her position as the Infection Preventionist for Decatur County Hospital in March 2023. She spent a total of sixteen (16) hours in related training for this position at MercyOne Centerville;
- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) reporting; and
- Antibiotic Stewardship.

X. HR AND MARKETING REPORT

Shannon Erb provided the HR and Marketing Report as follows:

- March 2023 employee turnover data.
- Welcome to Shasta Copper, RN (Surgery).

Shannon presented the marketing report to the DCH Board of Trustees. She provided the Board with an overview of current and planned marketing efforts as well as the results of previous campaigns.

XI. MERCYONE REPORT

There was no MercyOne representative present at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Guy Clark, Secretary