

DECATUR COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
July 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), Kelly Barker (CNO), and Shannon Erb (Chief Human Resources and Marketing Officer).

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| I. CALL TO ORDER |
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| Denise Elefson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. |
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| II. AGENDA APPROVAL |
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| Teri Foster made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and Larry Griffin made the second. Motion carried unanimously. |
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| III. PUBLIC COMMENT |
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| There was no public comment. |
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| IV. CONSENT AGENDA |
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| Larry Griffin made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items with a second by Rebekah Mendenhall: (1) June 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (2) June 2023 Accounts Payable (AP): \$1,044,014.96 (3) June 2023 Payroll: \$540,407.00 (4) June 2023 Accounts Receivable Write-Offs: \$18,688.98. Motion carried unanimously. |
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| V. MEDICAL STAFF REPORT |
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| Dr. Wehling was not present at the meeting due to a family emergency. There was no Medical Staff Report. |
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| VII. FINANCIAL REPORT |
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| Tara Spidle presented the financial report for June 2023 as follows: |
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| Total gross revenue was \$3.6 million in June 2023. Operating loss of \$691,455.00. A net loss of \$566,876.00 was realized after tax revenue. Financial performance was due in large part to the reduced Medicare reimbursement (down to 20%) for both May and June. As a result of the cost report delay from Mercy, only two (2) months were available to CMS to offset the hospital's strong growth in the current fiscal year and reduce the amount of payable due to Medicare as a result. Normally, this rate decrease would have been significantly lower and spread out over several months; however, the delayed cost report filing prevented this option. |
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| Larry Griffin made a motion to approve the financial report for June 2023 with a second from Teri Foster. Motion carried unanimously. |
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| VIII. CEO UPDATE |
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| Mike Johnston provided the Board of Trustees with the following updates: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cardiology: Dr. Mehta's first day went very well. An ultrasound/ ECHO technician has been contracted with a tentative start date in August 2023. The new stress test equipment has been ordered with delivery expected in November 2023. |
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- Orthopedics (Upper Extremity) – Dr. Cobb also had a good first day. A “Dine with DCH” event featuring him is currently in the planning stage with a date as yet to be determined. Dr. Cobb sat for a marketing video in reference to his new clinic which is being edited for publication.
- Status of Rehabilitation/ Therapy Department.

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 June 28 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 June 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 June 2023.

Kelly provided additional updates to include:

- Process improvement to current EVS practices and the results of “black light” testing to verify the comprehensiveness of room cleaning; and
- Improvement activities related to oncology orders.

X. HR AND MARKETING REPORT

Shannon Erb provided the HR and Marketing Report as follows:

- June 2023 employee turnover data.
- Welcome to Cassie Hamilton (Admit Clerk), Jennifer Watson (Marketing), and Michael Sweerin (Plant Ops).

Shannon presented the marketing report for June 2023 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.

VI. CLOSED SESSION – Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i)

At approximately 6:26pm, a roll call vote was called for the Board to go into closed session for discussion under the following exemption(s):

- Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i)

The vote results were: Denise Elefson – aye; Sheri Frost – aye; Guy Clark – aye; Teri Foster – aye; Larry Griffin – aye; Rebekah Mendenhall – aye; and Cheryl Zach – aye. Present in addition to the Board members listed was Mike Johnston, CEO.

With a consensus of the Board members to do so, the Board returned to open session at approximately 6:37pm. Those present at the time were the same as listed above when the Board of Trustees entered closed session. No action of the Board was required following the return to open session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Guy Clark, Secretary