

**MINERS' COLFAX MEDICAL CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Call to Order

The Special meeting of the Miners' Colfax Medical Center Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Roy Fernandez, on February 4, 2010 at 9:05 am. The meeting was held in the Long Term Care Facility Conference Room located at 900 S. Sixth St. in Raton, New Mexico.

Members Present: Roy Fernandez, Chairman
 Randy Rubin, Vice Chairman
 Jenny Garcia, Secretary Treasurer
 Dr Robert Gordon.
 Mike Colangelo

Staff Present: Mike Carter, CEO
 Albino Martinez, Interim CFO
 Fabian Quintana, Social Services
 Betty Bowers, LTC, DON
 Pat Dierking, RN, Care Management
 Henrietta Romero Recorder

Visitors Present: Jo Jones
 David Swanson
 Thomas A. Hay
 Charles B. Gonzales

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Fernandez led all board members, staff, and visitors present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correction/Approval of Agenda

Motion: After review of the February 4, 2020 agenda, Ms. Garcia moved to approve the agenda as presented. With a second by Mr. Rubin, a voice vote was taken and all Board Members present voted in favor: Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors & Visitors Forum

Mr. Fernandez recognized staff and visitors present.

Administrator's Report

The Board was informed that a letter of support was drafted and signed by the County and City Managers and MCMC Administration responding to a legal posting by the Department of Veterans Affairs requesting to lease rentable space within the city limits of Raton, NM for medical space usage. The letter shows mutual support to the community and the VA.

The Board was informed that it is not financially feasible to utilize the old facility to provide services for VA as they are only interested in 5,724 sq ft. Have proposed to have the VA pay for the demolition of the old building and build a new one. They can lease the property with the condition that they will utilize Miners' Colfax Medical Center's ancillary services.

Need to let the community know what is going on. A suggestion was made to take the letter of support and have it read via radio. Also have a copy printed in the newspaper to let the community know that MCMC is actively supporting the VA.

Old Business

A. Policies

The *Meal and Beverage Cards* policy was reviewed. The Board was informed that meal and beverage cards will be used to purchase food and beverages at both Miners' Colfax Medical Center Dietary Departments.

Motion: Mr. Colangelo moved to approve the *Meal & Beverage Card Policy*. With a second from Mr. Rubin, a voice vote was taken and all Board members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

A. Meeting with the Admissions Committee

Chairman Fernandez stated that the purpose of the meeting with the Admissions Committee is to clarify the process used by the Committee to determine eligibility for admission to Miners' Colfax Medical Center's LTC facility with Miners' Trust Benefits. It is the Board responsibility to confirm that the Committee ensures that an applicant meets the definition of a "miner". The Board was informed that the Admissions Committee consists of two RN's, a Social Worker and the LTC Administrator. It is difficult for non-miners to determine if an applicant qualifies as a miner as defined in Section 6.1.2 of the *Eligibility for Admissions to Miners' Colfax Medical Center's LTC Facility with Miners' Trust Benefits* policy, when current records and documentation are unavailable. It is getting more difficult to retrieve employment records that would capture data to clarify what applicant's duties were as a mining employee. The only documentation allowed to be released is the employee's date of hire and date of departure. A process needs to be developed that will allow information to be gathered and miners to be pre-screened, this will ensure that the necessary data has been captured at the time of service. A suggestion was made to provide an educational pamphlet requesting that miners' pre-register and informing them of the required documentation they will need to provide.

After discussion, a suggestion was made to create an Eligibility Committee who will review an application to prior to going to the Admissions Committee. The Eligibility Committee will determine if an applicant meets the criteria for a miner. This Committee should consist of three miners, one from Raton and the other two from surrounding mining communities. The initial evaluation can be conducted by the local miner, if there are no further questions, the applicant can go to the Admissions Committee, if this member has a question, the other members can be contacted to clarify any questions. This will enable that the process is not delayed. Getting miners' from other communities can be difficult, determined that teleconferencing can be utilized. The Eligibility Committee will be utilized only for questionable applications. When the Eligibility Committee has been established, get Danelle Smith provide an in-service class on the Attorney General's opinions regarding the definition of a miner.

Motion: Dr. Gordon moved to create an Eligibility Committee to determine if an applicant meets the criteria for a miner before going to the Admissions Committee. With a second from Ms. Garcia, a voice vote was taken and all members presented voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Eligibility for Admissions to Miners' Colfax Medical Center's LTC Facility with Miners' Trust Benefits policy needs to be amended to clearly state the definition of a "miner". A suggestion was made that the definition of "preparation" and "extraction" also be included.

Chairman Fernandez recessed the meeting at 10:52

The meeting reconvened at 11:04

B. Cecil "Zeke Jones appeal decision

Mr. Fernandez requested a motion to deny or accept Mr. Zeke Jones appeal to be approved for admission to the MCMC Long Term Care facility with Miners Trust Benefits.

Motion: Mr. Colangelo moved to accept the application for Mr. Jones to be approved for admission to the MCMC Long Term Care facility with Miners' Trust Benefits. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: Dr. Gordon made a motion to deny Mr. Zeke Jones' appeal for admission to the MCMC Long Term Care facility with Miners' Trust Benefits. With a second from Ms. Garcia, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Rubin moved to go into Executive Session at 11:17 am pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(9) for the purpose of strategic planning of the Open Meetings Act. Dr. Gordon seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken; all Board members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

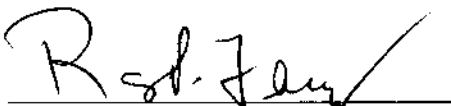
Open Session /Announcements

Out of Executive @ 12:30 No announcements.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Colangelo second by Dr. Gordon. Adjourn at 12:40

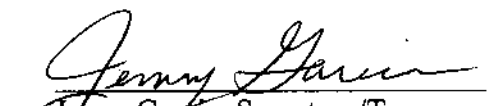
Attest



Roy Fernandez, Chairman

3/12/10

Date



Jenny Garcia, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date