

05/15/2015 Board of Trustees

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

Call to Order

The meeting of the Miners' Colfax Medical Center Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair McQueary on May 15, 2015 at 12:58 pm. The meeting was held in the Long Term Care Facility Conference Room located at 900 S. Sixth St. in Raton, New Mexico.

Members Present:

Kathy McQueary
Raymond Rodarte
Donald Belknap
William "Cotton" Jarrell
Scott Berry

Staff Present:

Shawn Lerch, CEO
Marin Wamsley, Switchboard (training and also recording)

Kandace Evans, Recorder

Visitors Present:

(See attached list)

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McQueary led Board members, staff, and visitors present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correction/Approval of Agenda

Motion: After review of the May 15, 2015 agenda, Mr. Berry made a motion to accept as presented. With a second from Dr. Belknap, a voice vote was taken and all Board Members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Correction/Approval of Minutes

After review of the April 24, 2015 minutes, Dr. Belknap made a motion to accept as presented. With a second from Mr. Rodarte, a voice vote was taken and members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors & Visitors Forum

Recognition of Visitors-Please see list.

Executive Session

Chair McQueary announced that the Board of Trustees will go into Executive Session for the purpose of limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Medical Staff privileges and appointments prior to granting appointment.

Motion: At 1:03 Mr. Berry made a motion to go into Executive Session For the purpose of limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) of the Open Meetings Act. With a second from Mr. Jarrell, Roll call vote was taken and all members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Rodarte to return to regular session. With a second from Mr. Jarrell, the Board of Trustees returned to regular session at 1:11pm. No action taken.

Medical Staff Privileges & Appointments (Please see attached list)

New Appointment: Dr. Belknap reviewed the Credential files with the Board of Trustees

Motion A motion was made by Mr. Rodarte to approve all credential recommendations for appointment to the medical staff. With a second from Mr. Jarrell, a voice vote was taken and members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Re-appointment:

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Rodarte to approve all credential recommendations for re-appointment to the medical staff. With a second from Mr. Jarrell, a voice vote was taken and members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Medical Staff Report

Dr. Caruana presented re-update of rules and requirements. Coverage was better for the community during the two waves of flu this year. Admissions were down. Working with administration hoping to get the oncology and cardiology clinics running soon.

Old Business

Chair McQueary could not contact Danelle Smith, attorney about the Board bylaws. We need to make sure that the Medical Staff bylaws and the Board bylaws are consistent with one another. Ms. McQueary will make sure and contact her before the next board meeting in June.

Visitors Forum

Question by Ms. Horner on the Rural Health clinic. Mr. Lerch addressed the audience to explain what the designation of Rural Health Clinic will mean for MCMC. Mr. Lerch reviewed the physicians that would be working in the Rural Health Clinic and explained that clinic funding will be through operating budget. Caruana's office is overloaded and another pediatrician was hired to relieve Dr. Leonardo Lopez so he can assist in providing additional Internal Medicine practice. Mr. Lerch explained the Rural Health Clinic is not a welfare clinic. Commercial insurances will reimburse on a higher level and can access more funding if we are designated as a Rural Health Clinic. Also, he reiterated the Hospital has not been designated only for Miners but for the community as well.

Question by Mr. Felix Petterlin on does the City and County provide money? Mr. Lerch addressed the audience to explain there is a 1 million dollar escrow account. We are allowed to draw off of the interest for operational need. This account was part of the hospital merger agreement in 1986.

Question by Ms. Horner on bringing in specialty doctors. Mr. Lerch addressed the audience to explain Darlene Longbine is in Oncology with certification for biotherapy infusions. Dr. Bagwell is returning as an Oncology doctor. We are still working with the NM Heart Institute to set up Cardiology here, but it is difficult to get Cardiology doctors. This is a national issue. We have our certified diabetic educator, Anna Caruana, who works with physicians. She can test A1C1, overall glucose, insulin, and diet. They provide population health. Nationally, private practices cannot survive, because the federal government is changing the way of paying. Private practices are closing, so an option is to join larger groups or systems. Seventy-five percent have chosen this option.

Question by Wayne on no one from Raton on Board and is there influence on Governor regarding who is able to serve on the Board of Trustees for the hospital. Mr. Lerch addressed the audience to explain he doesn't have influence on the Governor. The Board of Trustees does not have influence on the Governor. There is a process where openings are announced and candidates are able to submit their names for consideration. The Governor makes her own appointments.

Question by Mr. Pat Petterlin on going to ER for any problems. Mr. Lerch addressed the audience to explain we have more physicians. It was not that way in 2007. The new clinic is being built and physicians are being recruited.

New Business

Ms. McQueary was able to access the MSN policy website and review the policies. A new approval process has been put into place where the all board members must sign off on the polices and Ms. McQueary as the Chair will have final approval. A list will be provided to show the board what action has been done within the last 30 days on policies for review at the Board meetings. If anyone is having trouble accessing web site please contact administration and we will try and assist.

Administrator's report

Mr. Lerch updated the Board of Trustees concerning the budget adjustment request that was submitted to DFA for adding physicians to our employment, \$900,000 was approved yesterday. This is a state issue, so we may have support from the Legislature.

During the recent OSHA survey it was requested we use the online MSDS program. We have purchased this resource but will still provide hard copy MSDS sheets in the MSDS binders. The recommendations that were made during the recent CMS survey of the lab have been completed. Dr. Moore and her team have worked very hard in resolving any of the issues.

Mr. Lerch informed the Board of the June 16th annual Land commission meetings. Mr. Lerch will be attending the meeting to continue the collaboration and share information on projects as a stakeholder.

Mr. Berry mentioned \$135 million is in the Miners' Trust. We have never been at a higher amount than in the last year. Mr. Lerch stressed that we need to continue to be involved in order to protect it.

Mr. Lerch informed the Board that they are continuing to work on the healthcare task force project with Highlands not providing services any longer. Several grants are being reviewed to see if we may be able to find additional funding for the educational programs.

The Hospitalist program is coming together with two new Physician Assistants joining our staff. Overall quality continues to improve the ER. Brad Roberts, MD is a 3rd year doctor will be joining the ER providing coverage.

Three of our staff members were sent to Alabama for a three week disaster preparedness training program. This is a free FEMA program. This is a huge benefit to provide training for our staff due to a potential disaster with I-25 and rail system.

Capital Outlay budgets are still on hold at this point in time. We are reviewing what can be done to continue with projects. We will keep the board informed as we hear.

Recruitment continues for the Rural Health clinic with the hiring of three new nurses.

NMHA is having their annual meeting from September 30, 2015 to October 2, 2015 at the Hyatt in Albuquerque. The Auxiliary State meeting is held at the same time and are very involved in that meeting. We will continue to assist our Auxiliary and show our support.

We have increased our Full Department of Labor exams which are scheduled for every month in the summer with Dr. Sood.

Ms. Evans and Dr. Sood will go to Wyoming on May 25, 2015.

The PDSA program is improving. It is in the 60th percentile. We are continuing our training of staff.

A new CT, Siemens or Phillips, will improve from 60 slice to 64 slice and will cut a study to 40 seconds from several minutes. Cardiac study will be incredible due to these improvements. It will rule things out during cardiac studies so we can keep treatment local.

Total remodel is \$900,000 compared to \$1.5 million two years ago.

Mr. Lerch mentioned Auxiliary's open house. Their new thrift shop offers three times more space. Their contribution a month is \$5,000.

Medicaid reimbursement will be \$360,000 by end of May to June 1st. Additional \$1.35 million provides a gap in Medicaid payments. Mr. Lerch praised Bret Goebel.

Mr. Lerch attended a Healthland Meeting in Denver. Healthland hired 25 new developers to fix some of the issues in the Electronic Medical Record by September. Chart notes for physicians has been a huge issue and this is one of the priority items.

Staff met with Philmont today to talk about the Boy Scouts starting end of May, early June so streamlining for Philmont Scout Ranch to continue to provide exceptional service.

There is a \$15 million Federal grant for stroke program which we are participating in through UNM. We will look at a cerebral pool of neurologists so we can try to keep telemedicine local with a telemedicine nurse and free equipment.

Chair McQueary thanked Ms. Evans and Dr. Sood for making our hospital more visible on the national scene and expanding what we can do for local miners through the Outreach program.

Mr. Lerch addressed the Board about the National Rural ACO. The health management of the population saves the government and commercial insurance money.

Network members for National Rural ACO pay in \$34,000 to commit. This amount is returned to hospitals after a care coordinator is hired.

We signed letter of intent which is the first step in the process and will learn more at Rural Health Network on how the process is going to work. Second action will be to have a commitment of the Board at the next board meeting.

Mr. Berry asked how many collaborators? Mr. Goebel answered 7 or 8 hospitals in New Mexico. Mr. Goebel mentioned there are possibly two ACOs in NM.

Chair McQueary requested an Action Item under Old Business for next agenda for deciding if to approve ACO.

Financial Report (SEE ATTACHED)

Review of the financials by Mr. Lerch. Review of the financial statement shows \$300,000 for Long Term Care. There is growth in CT, ER, pro-fees, MRI, OB/GYN, Pathology, Clinics, Surgery and Swing bed. There is a decline in MedSurg and pharmacy due to lower inpatient admissions and Oncology program missing.

Chair McQueary stated it is critical for doctors for swing bed. Dr. Belknap stated a consistent ER/Hospitalist group works with Mrs. Bird. Therapy is up due to more swing bed.

There is no ultrasound on weekends currently but we are taking steps to be able to provide those services.

Mr. Lerch stated we are in transition to NRA from the Advantage Group. We are expecting growth in 0-60 days. 120 days is not collectible so we take a hit on a different account. Chair McQueary mentioned an adjustment has not been made in years.

Mr. Lerch mentioned Long Term Care has 29 residents, 4 being non-miners who privately pay.

Put the amount that the trust is at right now and put that it is showing a loss of 1.7 million due to fluctuating value of stock and gas prices.

Mr. Lerch stood for questions. With no questions for Mr. Lerch.

Motion by Mr. Jarrell to accept the financial report as presented to the BOT with a second by Dr. Belknap. Voice vote was taken and motion passes.

Executive Session

Chair McQueary noticed the Agenda needed the Second Executive Session Added.

Motion: Motion made by Mr. Berry to add Executive Session to the Agenda, with a second from Dr. Belknap. Voice vote was taken and motion passes.

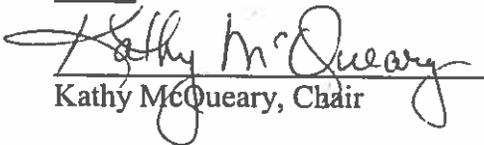
Motion: At 3:08 Dr. Belknap made a motion to go into Executive_Session for the purpose of limited personnel matters pursuant to section 10-15-(H)(2) and for the purpose of strategic planning pursuant to section 10-15-(H)(9) of the Open Meetings Act. With a second from Mr. Berry, Roll call vote was taken and all members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Belknap to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting. With a second from Mr. Rodarte.

The meeting adjourned at. 4:40pm.

Attest


Kathy McQueary, Chair

7/10/2015
Date

Raymond Rodarte, Secretary Treasurer

Date