

Mission Statement

Enriching lives through better health

True North Statement

To be the healthcare partner of choice for our community.

Values

Compassion – Showing empathy and respect
Integrity – Demonstrating moral and ethical principles
Quality – Achieving the best possible outcome
Safety – Committing to Safe Practices
Teamwork – Caring for the success of the team

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

**HARNEY COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday April 5, 2023**

JOIN VIA ZOOM: E-Mail invitation, with instructions & links

HCHD Board Members Present: Sharon Davis, Dave Ferre, Ann Vloedman, Stuart Boyer, Brad Erbe, Shana Withee

HCHD Board Members Absent: Dr. Dan Brown

HCHD Staff Present: Dan Grigg, Catherine White, Sammie Masterson, Bobby Long, Dr. Linda Selby, Elaine Wulff, Dr. Heidi Vanyo, Kathy Huffman

HCHD Staff Present via Zoom: Shirley Gillespie

Visitors Present: Kathy Cook, Judy Erwin, Kara Bowen

Visitors Present via Zoom: Jen Keady

Sharon Davis called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2023:

Ann Vloedman moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 1, 2023. Stuart Boyer seconded and motion passed five to zero. One member arrived after the motion and vote.

Public Comment:

No Public Comments

Presentation:

Elaine Wulff, CNO, gave a power point to the Board regarding, "Nurse Staffing Laws, House Bills 3096 and 2697". She explained what these two house bills are and how they could or will impact our Health District.

Board Development Article:

"Rising to the Challenge: Innovative Approaches to Staff Shortages." Kirby Bates Associates.

Review/Discussion:

Administrative Report:

- Orthopedics: We have been talking with a locums firm regarding a traveler Orthopedic Surgeon. There is a surgeon that is interested in coming and is going through the credentialing / licensure process now. Also, Dr. Selby connected us with an Orthopedic Surgeon in Bend, who has shown some interest in our employed position, and we are

currently in discussions with him. We would not need both, so we would let go of the traveler.

- Preparedness: A meeting is being arranged with Sammie, Bret, Perrilyn and Dan, to go over recommendations by Dave Ferre on what as an organization we can and can't do.
- Hanger at the Airport for the Purpose of de-icing: There are two air ambulance companies that service our area, Air Link and Life Flight. Life Flight came to meet and evaluate a hanger that is owned by one of our community members, who is willing to rent us the hanger. Life Flight believes this hanger will work for the purposes they need and are now in the process of procuring the equipment for that, to be able to have this ready by next winter. Air Life has not looked at the hanger but is interested in using it as well. The owner has some concerns with the deicer and how it will affect the ground, for potential sale in the future. Life Flight is checking into this concern.
- HVAC system: It will cost in excess of \$6 million to replace. We currently have two grants written and waiting to hear back. One is congressional directed funding through the US Senate. We initially requested \$3 million on that grant, they called us last week and asked us to decrease that to \$1.25 million, so we have done that. Rep. Mark Owens informed Dan that the State of Oregon also have funds available and got us the application, so we have applied for \$3 million on that.
- Lab Manager Update: We can extend the current interim contract if need be. We have also contracted with a retained search firm to find a Lab Manager. We have tried unsuccessfully for almost a year and a half with no success. The fee will be an amount up front and then when they successfully place a manager, the remainder will be due. The total cost for this is \$25,000.

Medical Staff Report:

Dr. Vanyo stated that the last Med-Staff meeting was led by Dr. Mosier and after discussions with him, it is the Medical Staff recommendation to approve the initial appointments and re-appointments of those listed on the Agenda.

ACTION ITEM: Initial Appointments:

Ann Vloedman moved to approve the initial appointments, with recommendations from the Medical Staff for, Rodney Carpenter, CRNA and Dr. Linda Selby, MD. Dave Ferre seconded and motion passed six to zero.

ACTION ITEM: Re-Appointments:

Shana Withee moved to approve the re-appointments, with recommendations from the Medical Staff for, Theodore Jennerman, MD and Peter Cabala, DO. Stuart Boyer seconded and motion passed six to zero.

Governance Committee Report:

No additions to the written report.

Finance Committee Report:

No additions to the written report.

Safety & Quality Committee Report:

No additions to the written report.

ACTION ITEM: Safety & Quality Committee Charter:

Tabled to the May 3, 2023 meeting to allow the Board members to review.

The Board convened to Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(h) & ORS 192.345(1) Legal Counsel, at 6:30 PM.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 6:45 pm.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- DEXA scan has died. A new one will cost \$56,000 to replace. Elisha Miller believes she can get a matching grant, so we would have to put in \$28,000. We have funds that were received from EOCCO that have been earmarked for the Physical Therapy remodel. Would the Board like to take some of those funds out to purchase this? Dr's Selby and Vanyo, stated that we should be using the DEXA scan for all women 65 and over to test the bone density, as well as patients who are on Chemotherapy or other medications that can increase the risk of osteoporosis. We had seen some increased usage prior to the machine failing. Catherine White said that this year's projected revenue from the DEXA scan would be about \$90,000 up from the last two years, which gross revenue was about \$60,000. Follow up at the June meeting on timelines for purchase, installment and interface for EPIC with St. Charles.

ACTION ITEM: Allow a portion of funds previously ear marked for Physical Therapy Remodel, to be used to purchase a new DEXA scan.

Stuart Boyer motioned to allow a portion of the EOCCO funds that were previously ear marked for the Physical Therapy Remodel, in the amount of \$28,000, to be utilized on the purchase of a new DEXA scan. Ann Vloedman seconded and motion passed six to zero.

- Crosswalk Update; hospital to Heli-Pad: Dan Grigg said the last conversation he had with Dan Brown, with the City of Burns, was that the City would paint the cross-walk in. The light would be up to us which would be about \$10,000. We can contact both air ambulance services and SDAO, to see if they would be willing to help with funding for the light.

The Board adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Davis, Board Chair (in absence of Board Secretary)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday May 3, 2023 @ 5:30 pm