

**HUMBOLDT GENERAL HOSPITAL
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 24, 2017 MEETING
SARAH WINNEMUCCA CONFERENCE ROOM**

BOARD PRESENT:

JoAnn Casalez, Chairman
Michelle Miller, Secretary
Bill Hammargren, Member
Jennifer Hood, Member
Richard Cook, Member
Ken Tipton, County Comm. Member

Kent Maher, Legal Counsel

BOARD ABSENT:

None

MEDICAL STAFF PRESENT:

Brad Granath, M.D.
B. Leonard Perkinson, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Arthur Frable, CEO
Darlene Bryan, DON
Sandi Lehman, CFO
Eddy Davis, Controller
Rose Green, Human Resources
Mike Bell, IT Director
Sean Burke, EMS Director
Pam Wickisser, Administrative Director
Lisa Andre, Quality Director
Alicia Wogan, Executive Assistant
Theresa Bell, Materials Management Manager
Dan Clack, Respiratory Therapist Manager
Lorrie Meiron, OB Manager
Bryn Echeverria, Radiology Manager
Billie Lucero, Wellness Coordinator
Jeanette Grannis, PAD
Mark Reyka, CRNA
Linda Quilici, Revenue Cycle Analyst
Duane Grannis, Maintenance
Mike Cogsdill, EMS
Gregory Harding, EMS
Justin Irvin, EMS
Julianna Obregon, EMS
Gricelda Soto, EMS

GUESTS:

Robin Granath, Caleb Matlock, Susan Rorex (Auxiliary Member), Judy Adams (Auxiliary Member) Joyce Sheen (Humboldt Sun), Joel Hochhalter (MedX AirOne), Vicki Hochalter (MedX AirOne), Mike Sheppard (Owners Representative), Millie Custer, Robin Mochamp, Betty Frable and Nicole Maher (Public Relations Director).

CALL TO ORDER:

Board chairman Casalez called the October 24, 2017 board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT:

Dr. Granath stated it was a great week to strategize with Administrator Frable and Board chairman Casalez.

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EMS UPDATE:

EMS Director Burke showed pictures of the EMS Honor Guard when they opened the EMS Conference in Las Vegas. Burke reported on the helicopter visit to Orovada for an event and on trainings EMS is providing. Burke announced the promotions of Gregory Harding to Lieutenant and Dylan Angus to Education Coordinator. Burke explained the September dashboard, including guideline compliance, cardiac events, readiness, personnel, apparatus and budget. Burke reported that Fergus Laughridge was recently named to State of Nevada Behavior Health Policy Board.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Lisa Andre, Quality Manager, gave an update on quality indicators.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by board member Hammargren and second by board member Hood to approve the consent agenda Medical Staff appointments-reappointments. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Controller Davis presented the September 2017 financial reports. CFO Lehman explained and discussed ratios.

Motion by board member Hood and second by board member Miller to approve the September 2017 financial reports as presented, which includes warrants and utilization reports. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS-OTHER REPORTS:

1. Hospital Administration / proposal to renew for one year the MedX AirOne discount membership program for area residents at a cost of \$18,000 with options for monthly payments and withdrawal from program participation / Administrator

Administrator Frable said the helicopter being stationed here saves significant dollars for the community. Joel Hochhalter, MedX AirOne, explained the membership structure and that it will remain the same, that is, every resident in Humboldt County is covered. The helicopter service must follow CMS guidelines and report the results of compliance audits. CMS provides that they must collect equal to or more dollars in membership fees than they write off for Medicare patients. This year there has been an increase in Medicare patients, which is why the increase in membership fees. Board member Hammargren asked if the figure is just for Humboldt County residents, Hochhalter responded yes. Frable asked what the cost without membership would be to the patient and Hochhalter responded \$15,000 to \$20,000 per trip. Hochhalter stated the membership has been in place for two years and there has not been a charge to a Humboldt County resident and over 400 patients have been transported. Board member Miller asked about why a monthly payment rather than an annual payment. Hammargren explained that Hochhalter is working on obtaining nonprofit status for an entity, Northern Nevada EMS Consortium, which will be able to accept donations once the entity receives its 501(C)(3) nonprofit designation. If donations are sufficient to pay the membership fee, then HGH will quit paying the fee, which is why the monthly payment option was made available.

Motion by board member Hammargren and second by board member Miller to authorize a one year membership program with MedX AirOne in the amount of \$1,552.75 per month not to exceed \$18,000. Motion carried unanimously.

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TRUSTEE COMMENTS-STAFF REPORTS:

Board chairman Casalez presented Director of Nursing Darlene Bryan with a plaque and thanked for her providing Interim CEO services. Darlene thanked the staff and board for making it possible.

Administrator Frable introduced his wife, Betty Frable, and thanked the community for the positive reception they have received. Frable commented about a Great Basin College grant which is being sought and about his perspective for the future of the organization. Board members Hammargren, Hood, Miller, Tipton and Casalez welcomed Frable and board members Tipton and Casalez thanked Bryan and the hospital staff for their efforts during the past several months. Casalez also commended the EMS Honor Guard for their representation of HGH.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

Board chairman Casalez adjourned the October 24, 2017 meeting of the Humboldt County Hospital District Board of Trustees at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

JoAnn Casalez, Board Chairman

Alicia Wogan, Administrative Assistant