

Cheyenne County Hospital Board Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2025

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met in regular session on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Clinic Conference room. Board members present were Sondra Bracelin, Carol Partch, Ericka Wieck and Ryan Murray. Others present were Jeremy Clingenpeel, CEO; Les Lacy, VP GPHA; Heidi Tice, CFO/recorder.

Ryan Murray, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda: Sondra moved to approve the agenda, Carol second, motion carried.

Approve Minutes: Carol made a motion to approve the regular board minutes, Ericka second, motion carried.

Visitors/Public Comment: none

Department Head report: Bill Wilger, Maintenance Department

Bill shared Travis Milne is working to finish the soffits on the clinic. The AC and heater in lab will be fixed with a new heat exchanger. The flooring that has been approved is being picked out for those departments. Sondra mentioned the curtains in the outpatient clinic rooms need replaced. Carol mentioned the yellow strips on the steps outside the clinic need repainted. Bill said that all will be getting new concrete for the sidewalk and curb.

Board Treasurer Report –

The report was in the packet and given by Ryan Murray in the absence of Ruth Milliken. The report is shared for the month end July 31, 2025. The report showed the amount in the general account \$19,498.47 at Western State Bank; memorial account, \$24,204.58; The Bank, \$1,104,775.33. Total available funds as of July 31, 2025, are \$1,833,247.10.

Board member report: Carol said working at the Thrift Store was fun. She also really enjoyed the hospital picnic. She reported that she appreciates Kim, Jesse Cahoj's medical assistant, and her communication. Sondra also stated that she feels the communication at the clinic to patients has improved.

Financials: Heidi Tice, CFO:

She reported that July had 53 acute days, bringing the year-to-date to 305 compared to 261 last year. The swing bed days were 66, bringing the year to date to 274 compared to 366 last year. Year-to-date expenses include \$381k contract CRNA; \$434k contract nursing and \$181k contract providers.

The interim cost report that was done as of July 31st and it is still showing a large receivable of around \$900k to the hospital. This can vary greatly with volume. However, we are going to request rate changes to hopefully even out the receivable.

Heidi reported that staff are working hard on the conversion of the financials system to Multiview. The new system will only affect three staff including Jared, Sue and Heidi. It does change the financials system, accounts payable, central supply, and budget. There have been a lot of meetings, training and building the new system. The go-live is October 1st.

We will also be converting the payroll system to ADP. Kelsey has been asked to be one of the first hospitals to go live with this since she does such an excellent job at processing

payroll. As part of the agreement to go first, GPHA has agreed to waive the implementation fee of \$10k.

QAPI/Safety report: Shawna Blanka, COO

The information was in the packet.

CEO Report – Jeremy Clingenpeel, CEO

Jeremy's report was emailed out. He shared a new CNO has been hired and will start October 1st. She comes from SW Kansas.

The KHA Annual Convention will be September 3-5 in Wichita. Jessica Carson will be recognized this year at the award luncheon on Friday for completing the leadership institute.

Jeremy wanted to recognize Kelsey Andrist on being recognized by GPHA and represent CCH as one of their best hospitals for HR and payroll. She will be one of the first to go live in the new payroll system.

Jeremy said that as Heidi discussed the estimated cost report prepared shows a receivable of \$938k. Changes in rates and low volume, especially in swingbed and outpatient areas, are the contributing factors.

He included some of the Federal Healthcare updates in the packet for the board to review.

Jeremy talked about the Maternal Health on the M.O.V.E grant that we will receive from the Patterson Foundation. He has been working with the providers on the pricing, design, and process with the mobile unit. There are four different mobile unit companies he is working with to help decide. Carol asked about the costs for the other components that are not covered by the Patterson grant. Jeremy said that he wrote some of the major expenses into the grant and other grant applications to help cover other costs. Ryan commented that he feels decisions were made outside board meetings. He would like the board to know this before the application is made.

There were three bids received for the Bird City Clinic project. Icon was much higher than Miller Construction and Stephens Construction. The hospital has worked with Miller's in past projects. The next step is selecting a contractor then applying for grant funds to cover the project. Jeremy will get references for the two companies.

GPHA report – Les Lacy

Les' report was in the packet. He talked about AI training. He said that with AI and cyber security it makes it an increasingly challenging environment.

Old Business:


- a. **Bird City Clinic** – Was covered in the CEO report.

New Business: none

Announcements: Jeremy said they are looking at options for the HBO trailer heating and cooling. They have discussed an awning to help with the heat in the summer.

The next board meeting is Thursday, September 18 at 8:30 a.m.

Ericka moved to adjourn the meeting, Sondra seconded, motion carried.


Sondra Bracelin, VC/Secretary


Heidi Tice, Recorder