

Cheyenne County Hospital Board Meeting

Thursday, June 19, 2025

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Clinic Conference room. Board members present were Sondra Bracelin, Ruth Milliken, Carol Partch, and Ryan Murray. Others present were Jeremy Clingenpeel, CEO; Les Lacy, VP GPHA; Heidi Tice, CFO; Shawna Blanka, COO/recorder; Connie Barnes, Interim CNO.

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

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

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

Visitors/Public Comment: Tyler Boss, Forvis – via Teams

Tyler presented the audited financial statements for the board and the hospital. He stated that the hyperbaric after the adjustments is still a good revenue source for the hospital. He pointed out that pages 3, 5, 7, are the boards. The board's balance sheet shows that cash increased in 2024, and the tax revenue was not given to the hospital. The hospital was stable with assets decreasing from the year prior.

In the Statement of Operations, the HBOT is a great service for the hospital as it generated revenue and healthy cash flow. The 340B continued to increase revenue too.

The operating cash flow is to be as close to 0 as possible. In 2024 it was 36k. The Management letter stated no significant items. For the HBOT agreement, 80% of the amount collected goes back to HBOT. The hospital continues to be primarily Medicare with ¼ commercials payers and 10% self-pay. The 340B cleared \$1 million in 2024.

Board Treasurer Report – Ruth Milliken

The report was in the packet. The date on the report needs changed to May 31, 2025. The report showed the amount in the general account \$19,496.84 which is now at Western State Bank; memorial account, \$20,206.31; The Bank, \$952,418.76. CD at The Bank \$600,000. Total available funds as of May 31, 2025, are \$1,628,966.77.

Sondra moved to approve the treasure report, Carol second, motion carried.

Board member report: none

Financials: Heidi Tice, CFO:

She reported that May had 19 acute days, bringing the year-to-date to 297 compared to 189 last year. The swing bed days were 44, bringing the year to date to 266 compared to 261 last year. Year-to-date expenses include \$274k contract CRNA; \$280k contract nursing and \$106k contract providers.

She will be filing the interim cost report by the end of June. The HHS covid funds that we were holding have been moved and those accounts have been removed.

Carol asked about the HBOT and the cardio numbers being lower. Heidi said that the last two months have been slow, due to low volume in all departments. Ryan asked if we are losing patients and if so, why? Jeremy said that there are times that we experience low volume.

Chief Nursing Officer: Connie Barnes, Interim - nothing to report

Jeremy did state that Connie will be done at our facility the end of June and thanked her for her time here.

QAPI/Safety report: Shawna Blanka, COO

Shawna shared that she had completed the annual update and review of the Risk Management plan and it has been approved by KDHE.

She shared the Blue Cross Blue Shield Quality metrics from July-December 2024. A new measure that had been added as the CMS Birthing Friendly Hospital designation and we did receive this incentive. The Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC) measures, we were at 77% and needed to be 79% so did not receive this incentive. This measure is to be sure that communication is taking place with the receiving facility of what was done for the patient while in our care. The ones missed attributed to agency staff and patients sent back to the nursing home so education and reminders will be done with the staff involved.

The Teledoc with Swedish since implemented in March has been used 3 times.

CEO Report – Jeremy Clingenpeel, CEO

Jeremy's report was in the packet. He shared information about the GPHA annual meeting to be held July 15-17 in Salina.

He said that Connie's last day is June 30 and there is an interview on Friday and one on the 30th.

The hospital picnic will be held August 2 at the new TAP park and the board is invited.

The article about the Bird City Clinic that he and Teryn worked on and pictures of the re-design will be sent to the newspaper and put on social media. The clinic re-design was worked on the last couple of months and is ready to take out to bid. They have been discussing internal and external finishes. Teryn is not sure if Bird City Century II can raise the funds so will be looking into other grants. Sondra asked what the utilization of the Bird City Clinic is per day. It was reported on Dr. Licke day, it is 15 and Les said about 100 patients a month.

There was a question last month on the HCAHPS report. It was a new report, and it is calculated in a different way. This new report shows the number of responses and how many in each category which range from Definitely yes (4) to a (1) is the percentage based on that. In the prior report it averaged the responses based on the scale 4.0-1.0.

GPHA report – Les Lacy

Les' report was in the packet. He shared that the Medical Staff Bylaws have been completed, and they are now working on the Rules and Regulations that go along with the Bylaws. The hospital's annual Risk Assessment is an important part of Cyber Security compliance. The Cyber Security risks are serious and ongoing. He included in his documents the recent version of the Corporate Compliance handout.

He reported that the insurance companies and that BCBS in Nebraska pays 95% and in Kansas it is only 67%. KHA is analyzing this data as Kansas ranks 49th in payments and have a high risk of closure of hospitals.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

- a. **Microanalyzer replacement in lab** – Brooke – She reported that the current one was installed in 2010. There are changes with the susceptibility cards and need to replace it. She has investigated the Patterson Grant but it is out, as it has been applied for already by the hospital. The new

microanalyzer she recommends is the same brand and would be \$71k. Carol moved to purchase the microanalyzer from internal use funds, Ruth second, motion carried.

- b. Flooring in hospital (replace kitchen flooring) – The flooring in the kitchen needs replaced and the carpet in the business office is in bad shape. A quote was attached and for the 2 locations it would be \$10,350. The quote includes flooring down the upstairs hallway, but after looking at it, Maintenance is going to replace the cracked tiles instead of relacing it all.

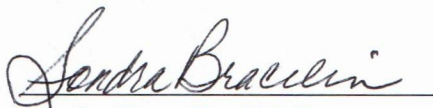
Ryan requested that the board get an annual priority list of projects that the hospital would like done and then the board can see what is out there and plan for these bigger projects. Items in the past have included the roof, AC units, chiller and flooring. Carol moved to replace the kitchen and business office flooring from internal use assets, Ruth second, motion carried.

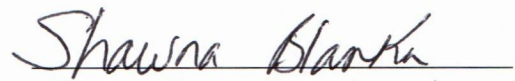
Jeremy did report that the pharmacy refrigerator that was approved prior is not going to be replaced. Ruth moved to rescind the refrigerator approval for \$7500, Carol second, motion carried.

Announcements:

The next board meeting is Thursday, July 24 at 8:30 a.m.

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


Sondra Bracelin, VC/Secretary


Shawna Blanka, Recorder