

**Granite County Hospital District  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 27, 2018**

**Present:**

- Mr. John Barbara (Board Chair)
- Mrs. Vivian Crouse
- Mrs. Kristi Mainwaring
- Mr. Jim Waldbillig

**Absent:**

- Genevieve Kulaski

A quorum of the Board was present.

The meeting was called to order by John Barbara on November 27, 2018 at 5:31 pm. The meeting was held in the Granite County Medical Center Conference Facility in Philipsburg, MT.

The minutes from the October 30, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Kristi Mainwaring made a motion to approve them as written. Vivian Crouse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Because the next monthly board meeting falls on Christmas Day, it was decided to move the meeting a week forward to Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

**Standing Items**

**Administrator's Report:**

Maria Stoppler, CEO, DON, RN, presented her Administrator's Report.

(Please refer to the posted report for details.) Stoppler addressed a recent letter to the editor in Philipsburg Mail from Elena Gagliano and provided some background to Long Term Care Services versus 'Nursing Home' and what each of these require, as far as inspections. As a critical access hospital, the inspections are more rigorous as more on-site services are available than at a facility that is licensed as a nursing home. Waldbillig added in the historic description, that what had been the nursing home, was added as an addition to the building in 1975. Barbara and the board trustees thanked her for the written explanation.

During a discussion on the business department operations and SSA's, Waldbillig asked what the quarterly premiums were. Stoppler said it was between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

During Stoppler's report on changes in Athenahealth, which will be acquired by Veritas Capital and Evergreen Coast Capital as of 2019, Barbara noted that he agreed their position and this would be a good thing for both Athena and the GCMC. As a "fail-safe" they had an agreement that their contract with Athena could be cancelled within 90 days.

Marketing Director Shirley Cornelius spoke on an upcoming meeting to focus on creating a dementia-friendly county.

In looking over warrants, Barbara clarified with Stoppler that a check made out to US Modular was for the deposit for the CT Scanner building.

**Medical Staff Report:**

Medical Director Dr. Terry Jones recommended to the board that Dr. James Taylor and Dr. James Harris be credentialed for telemedicine. Based on Dr. Jones recommendation, Waldbillig made a motion to credential both Dr. James Taylor and Dr. James Harris for two years, for telemedicine. Mainwaring seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mainwaring asked if there would be any changes in credentialing after the CT Scanner was in use. Dr. Jones said there would not.

Dr. Jones said that he had a "Medical Director's Christmas Wish List" – this included local ambulance service that could be relied on. He understood why this was tough, but wanted to bring it up so that it would be at the forefront.

He also wanted to see a steering committee formed that would decide how the hospital would look in 10 years and work to move it in that direction. It was a "miracle" to finally have the CT Scanner coming, that this was finally pushed through. He could see them becoming a referral center for other facilities. The hospital of the future could be doing procedures with this tool, and we could be offering services not available in other places. Stoppler said a steering committee would go hand-in-hand with the network planning group.

Barbara said he agreed with Dr. Jones – that this would both grow our income and provide for a need in the community. Mainwaring said that part of their responsibility as a board was asking how trustees could help the hospital district achieve these things. Jones: "The time to move is now. Healthcare is changing really quickly." Dr. Jones was thanked by the board.

### **Financial Report:**

Brenda Peyton, JCCS accountant, presented the financial report.

(Please refer to the posted report for details.)

Peyton noted that October was a really good month. Critical and high factors were above target. Hospital billable days were twice the target. Physical therapy was 40 above target. Long-term care was 80 days above target. The general fund was at - \$17,800 but they had expected this. Restricted cash dropped because of the down payment on the Ct Scanner and bills to Great West Engineering. Income was \$500,000 in gross revenue; for the year this was 1.38 million. In October, cash in was at \$310,000 which was about average.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee** - Barbara referred to earlier comments on Athena's changes and said the finance committee had not met that month.

**Policy Committee** - Mainwaring said that they were sitting down with all parties to get the policy review completed.

**Quality and Safety Committee** - Crouse had nothing to report.

**Facilities** -Waldbillig noted the fire panel was antiquated and need replacing. The number he was given was \$12,000 – he would run this against at least two other numbers.

Mainwaring asked if there was capital that was set aside for maintenance issues. There should be a discussion on looking to the future and the possibility of a new facility down the line. Waldbillig said for now, the repairs were being done piecemeal. This was not ideal, but for now, seemed the best way to handle maintenance issues.

**Marketing Committee** - On behalf of Kulaski, who was in Chicago, Mainwaring said that they were looking at how to increase communication with the community, especially via Facebook, which had seen a massive increase in traffic to the GCMC's new pag.

**Technology Committee** -Barbara was working on the strategic plan.

**Professional Affairs** - Waldbillig referred to the two credentialings.

### **Foundation Report:**

Stoppler said that the foundation was cramming for the upcoming Festival of Trees weekend.

### **Approval of Warrants:**

Circulated.

### **Old Business**

#### **Old Business Topic: CT Scanner**

Emails were going back and forth to ensure safe transport of module.

## **New Business**

### **New Business Topic: Bylaws and Mission Statement**

Mainwaring noted that Kulaski had written up a draft of a mission statement for board members to look at. They had also gone through the bylaws and said that they needed to have more detail and solid timelines. She suggested that she and Barbara could do pre-editing with other trustees' comments ahead of the next meeting to save time.

### **Open Comment**

Stoppler said that the Billings Clinic had just purchased 53 acres outside Bozeman and it would be interesting to see what the new facility would look like. Mainwaring commented that in the future, the GCMC would have to look different. From the public seats, Deonna Laurie said that it had been great to learn what was available at the hospital now. She and her family went to Anaconda and Bozeman for services but it would be wonderful to bring them to the GCMC and not to travel, if services that they needed were available.

From the public seats, Dave Lee said that following a discussion in the community, he felt that a regular newsletter was long overdue, and that there was some feeling that this administration was not reaching out. Mainwaring said that this would show that they were doing due diligence. Dr. Jones said this would be a great time to do one, following the levy vote. Barbara said the timing was also good because they could list the accomplishments and movements of the GCMC in the last year.

Barbara also noted that after a discussion with Blaine Bradshaw, it was clear that Crouse's seat would not be up for re-election in 2019, as she was appointed by acclamation and no one ran against her. It would just be Barbara and Kulaski up for re-election in 2019.

Shirley Cornelius invited everyone to two Christmas parties held at the GCMC. One was Thursday, Dec. 20 and the other was on Christmas Day.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Waldbillig to adjourn. This was seconded by Crouse. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

**These minutes have been reviewed and approved by motion of the board:**

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John Barbara (Chairman of GCHD Board of Trustees)

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