

**General Hospital District Information Update:**

**Current Healthcare Legislative Issues:**

Medicaid Expansion: During MHA's Committee on Legislation conference call, member hospitals voted to continue its commitment to support all measures that extend Medicaid expansion and ensure continued access to health care services. At the Human Services Committee hearings, MHA supported both bills to extend Medicaid expansion—HB 425 (Rep. Mary Caferro, D-Helena) and HB 658 (Rep. Ed Buttrey, R-Great Falls)—and will continue to serve as a resource to both bill sponsors on amendments. MHA believes that supporting one bill and not the other—or neither bill—jeopardizes their ability to influence this legislation in a way that will protect health care coverage for as many low-income Montanans as possible while reimbursing providers for the cost of the care they provide.

**Activities /Life Enrichment:**

- Activities has been having fun Scrap Booking. Their book is filling up with the many things they do. It is kept in the Activities Room to look at should you want to see it.
- Our Bingo Game draw basket has been updated with new choices. The Bingo Winner of the Month gets to draw from this basket.
- On the calendar you will see "Parachute". This is in place of Flex & Stretch for that day. We have loads of fun. Giggles & chasing the ball all over the room.
- On Tuesdays, Jay plays music for us. And on Fridays Nikki reads novels to us. These are 2 of our favorite events after Bingo of course.
- On the 14<sup>th</sup> we had our Birthday Party/ Valentine's Day Party. It was a fun afternoon of treats, music & Valentines Bingo.

**Business Department/ Revenue Cycle Team:**

- Once again Yellowstone, our risk management insurance company, has had a profitable year as they are delighted to make Subscribers' Savings Account Allocations to member's accounts. The amount to be allocated back to GCHD is \$3,268.69. This is based on Year End 2018 results and will be effective on March 15, 2019. The total amount of all allocations credited to Granite County Hospital District's SSA since the inception of our subscribership in Yellowstone is \$29,037.48. Yellowstone asked that I please remind our Board that Yellowstone has credited over \$9,837,955.01 to its members' SSAs since its inception. Thank you Yellowstone for your partnership !

**Central Supply:** No Report

**Clinics / Radiology:** No Report

**Dental Clinic:**

- The decision has been made to sell the contents of the dental clinic to Dr Mark Messer. He is coordinating with vendors to remove the fixed and fragile equipment; boxed small smaller items have already been removed. Former patients will be notified by USPS and through the Philipsburg Mail. The remaining steps include transferring software licenses, disposition of the computer equipment and final disposition instructions on the dental x-ray machine and the transport van.
- In regards to Dental AR, only a handful of patients are still actively paying on their past due dental accounts. The remaining is being sent to collections.

**Dietary:** No Report

**Grants:**

- **CT Project:** Bill Lloyd is here to discuss the project.
- **HRSA Network Planning Grant.** Kayla Sanders just returned from the HRSA Annual Conference in Washington DC. She gained new insights and made new contacts. The network met last week and committees have been formed to address the top two identified needs of *Access to Care* and *Mental/Behavioral Health*.

**Emergency Preparedness:** No Report

**Environmental Services:** No Report

**Human Resources:**

- Open positions include; One day shift and one night shift nurse, two night shift and one day shift CNAs, and maintenance on call
- In our last meeting the board requested I share opportunities for Board involvement in solving district challenges. Our greatest financial and operational challenge currently, is recruitment and retention of staff. The Board can be of service in advocating for the District throughout and outside of the community. I suggest a Board committee be designated to identify and strategize methods to improve recruitment and retention; specifically addressing staff appreciation, building positive teamwork/morale, evaluating and creatively elevating our benefit package and defining a recruitment strategy. Connecting and aligning with area Nursing Schools to increase our exposure to new graduates would be very beneficial. Secondly, it would be extremely helpful if the Board would lead efforts to solve access to daycare and affordable housing in the county. I recognize this will take a multidisciplinary approach and cannot be solved quickly, however day care and housing are the primary challenges faced by anyone considering employment in Granite County. Without access to daycare and affordable housing, the best recruitment and retention efforts will fail.

**IT:**

- Orchard is now live and is working well. We planned to test the new specimen label printer in Drummond today.
- Now that the new networking for the lab has been established work will resume on the radiology network; the next step involves moving the CR and Ultrasound modalities to the new network.
- Dave continues to work with WMMH to establish a telehealth connection for Crisis Intervention in the ER. The telehealth psychological profiling video requirements have been reviewed and unfortunately our mobile cart computer does not meet the recommended performance requirements. In the interim, a workstation will be built for the desk in ER-2 for use until the mobile cart can be upgraded and a second unit can be obtained.

**Laboratory:** No Report

**Maintenance / Transportation:** Snow removal has been a challenge for everyone and I want to recognize the Philipsburg High School students that volunteered their day to shovel snow from our roof. It was very hard work and I can't say enough in appreciation of their kindness and generosity. I am always impressed by our county member in how they always reach out to help one another in need.

**Marketing and Outreach:**

- Our Committee met and I will defer to Genevieve to report on this.
- The Annual Newsletter has been received from print and will go out as an insert in the Philipsburg Mail. I am also coordinating a targeted mailing to our patients in Anaconda and Drummond. It will be posted on the Website and on our Facebook page. The message of the newsletter is to express to our community, "We are Listening". I want our patients, our staff and our community to be proud of their Hometown Healthcare and our focus is to continually improve the care and service we provide. I am asking for feedback; call me with your thoughts, ideas and concerns. We are listening.

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- We will be hosting an Open House on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 -7:30pm, titled, “Meet your Hometown Healthcare”  
I am requesting Board and Providers be in attendance to answer questions and listen to our community member’s thoughts and ideas.
- I hope all had the chance to view our last ad in the Philipsburg Mail recognizing and appreciating our staff for their years of service to GCHD and our community. Our staff is the foundation of our success in providing high quality care and customer service to those we have the privilege to serving.

**Medical Staff:**

- New Credentials: None
- Re-credentialed Providers: None

**Nursing:**

- This week Yolonda Schulz has begun another CNA training class. There are six students enrolled and it will continue over the next two weeks. The wonderful H&R Thrift Store has graciously donated scholarship to each student as a way of offsetting their travel to class and testing expenses. Each will receive \$100 on the first day of class and another \$100 upon successful completion. I want to extend my personal thank you to the H&R for their generosity, unending dedication and steadfast partnership with the “Hospital and Rest home”.
- Our HCAHPS results are in for overall Q42018. It ranks the four responses we received back out of eight qualifying discharges. Overall rating of the hospital was between and 8 and 9. In response to”Would you recommend this hospital to your friends and family?” 67% was probably Yes and 33% was Definitely Yes.

**February Patient Census**

Intermediate Swing Bed (LTC)	= 21	Adult Day Care Visits	= 4
Swing Bed billable days	= 5 (1)	Deaths	= 0
Acute billable days	= 2 (1)	ER Visits	= 16
Observation Patients	= 0	OP Nursing	= 0

**Physical Therapy:**

February had 106 Visits  
 OP = 104  
 SB = 0  
 LTC = 2

**Safety Report:** No concerns shared for February

**Foundation Report:** No Report

Respectfully submitted,  
 Maria Stoppler CEO/DON