

**Granite County Hospital District
Board of Directors
DRAFT Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 09, 2016**

Present:

- Mr. Ken Burd
- Mr. Jim Waldbillig
- Mrs. Judy Friede
- Mr. John Barbara
- Mr. Chris Miller Esq.

A quorum of the Board was present.

The meeting was called to order by Ken Burd on June, 09, 2016 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Granite County Medical Center Conference Facility in Philipsburg, MT.

Old Business

Follow up on review of the employee group health policy renewal for GCMC:

The board reviewed the proposal made by Given Kutz to move the GCMC group health policy from the Pacific Source "Value Silver PSN 3000" network to the Pacific Source "SmartHealth Value Silver" network. Given Kutz expressed his conviction that the impacts would be small and few by moving to the new network but that the premium savings would amount to over \$1000 per month. He recommended that GCMC move to the new network.

Chris Miller asked what the "small and few" impacts might be. Given said that the provider membership in the two networks is slightly different and there is a minimal chance that an employee's provider might no longer be recognized as an "in network" provider but that it is practically impossible to determine if any specific employee might be affected by this. Maria Stoppler noted that both networks count 69 providers available within a 25 mile radius and that they are most-likely they are the same ones. John Barbara asked what the coverage difference was between "in network" and "out of network" providers. Given said that there are separate deductibles and out-of-pocket rates for each of "in" and "out of" network coverage. Judy Friede asked if out of network visits would require patients to do their own claim paperwork and Given said they would not.

Judy Friede asked about the increase in the deductible from \$3000 to \$3600 dollars. Given said that this increase has been mandated by the Affordable Healthcare Act and will eventually apply to all policies. Maria Stoppler noted that most employees never reach their current \$3000 deductible.

Ken Burd then said that Bob and Given have always given them good advice in the past and that the savings were important for the facility. He asked the Board at large if they were inclined to accept the proposal. There were no objections so Ken Burd made the motion to accept the recommendation from Bob Rowe and Given Kutz to switch from the Pacific Source "Value Silver PSN 3000" plan to the Pacific Source "SmartHealth Silver" plan to be effective on July 1, 2016. This was seconded by John Barbara. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Comment

There were no members present from the community.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim Waldbillig to adjourn. This was seconded by Judy Friede. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

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

Ken Burd (Chairman of GCHD Board of Trustees)

Date