

General Hospital District Information Update:

All departments have spent the past several weeks in providing feedback on the 2018-2019 FY budget preparation. Brenda and I have prepared the budget for your review. We recognize the current Mill Levy does not expire until June 30, 2019 (after this next budget year) and it is a possible the Mill Levy election will be placed on the Fall General Election ballot and may pass at that time However, given the present uncertainty, we have prepared the leanest budget possible. It is important to point out, the use of travel staff to provide direct patient care creates the largest unavoidable fluctuation in our budget. If we do not need to use travel staff, we could fall well below budget. Alternately if we do need them and we do not adequately budget for this potential expense, we will fall far short and this would not be fiscally responsible. I cannot stress enough the value of retaining the staff we currently employ. Recruitment and retention must be our priority going forward. In our frontier community the employment pool is very limited; it is a great challenge to find qualified candidates to fill any open position. Our staff is our greatest asset and our financial stability.

Activities /Life Enrichment:

- Activities had 3 Field Trips in May. On Wednesday the 2nd patients went to the Granite County Museum for Soup & Salad, as they look forward to this each year.
- On Friday the 4th there was a trip to Butte to attend an event to celebrate Older Americans. It was held at the Bowling Alley. There were games to play and some won prizes. Lunch was served and a few patients took the opportunity to bowl.
- On the 21st there was a trip to Butte for some shopping. This one of their favorite trips. They go out to lunch, then go shopping.
- Our current project in Quilting & Sewing is a Baby Quilt that will be shown at the Quilt Show in Drummond this Fall. Most patients attend quilting class, even if just to watch.
- A new Field trip has been planned for those that only like to go for rides. This occurs on Sunday afternoons and they drive around our beautiful valley for about an hour. All enjoy seeing the baby cows and sheep.
- I would like to announce; Cindy Selensky was selected by the patients as our Volunteer of the Year. She has been a dedicated volunteer, giving of her time and kindness, offering to assist with outing and helping out wherever there is a need. In addition we celebrated all our wonderful Volunteers on the 24th. There was an afternoon party to celebrate and share all the amazing things they do for our patients. Quality of life is truly enhanced by their many talents and contributions.
- On the 29th Susan Sundstrom shared her slide show of her trip to Africa. There were many questions and much excitement about the pictures. All were fascinated by the experience.
- The weather is getting nicer outside, allowing patients to sit in the courtyard. There was a cookout in our courtyard on Sunday the 27th to celebrate Memorial Day. Many had their lunch outside, enjoying hamburgers, homemade potato salad, baked beans and of course, watermelon for dessert.

Business Department/ Revenue Cycle Team:

- I have reviewed and selected the renewal of our workman's compensation insurance for FY 2018-2019. I have selected State Fund Insurance and in doing so; the district will save \$37,159 over last year.
- Brenda and I have included an additional report in your packet to display AP aging by vendor, to broaden the view on financials. It has been discussed in the past that when the district was making the transition to Athena, our revenue stream was greatly impacted while staff were becoming proficient in the workflows. As reporting capabilities have expanded, we can provide greater detail now on AP and as our revenue stream is now more consistent, we are catching up on any past due invoices. I have established a payment plan on the oldest item and expect to have it resolved within 12 months.

Central Supply: No Report

Clinics / Radiology: I have been in discussion with Providers on the Drummond Clinic Schedule. We have come to an agreement on adjusting the scheduled day to allow Ashley to see patients in Drummond on Tuesday and in Philipsburg on Mondays beginning late July, pending proper notification of the patients in both areas. I believe this will give our Drummond patients the improved coverage and greater convenience they have requested.

Dental: No Report

Dietary: No Report

Grants:

- CT Project was the topic of discussion at the special board meeting last Wednesday. Only one bid was received for the modular, which was over our budgeted expense. It is suspected that many modular suppliers have a full load of orders and this may prevent them from bidding on a modular of this size. It was decided to reduce the size of the modular building and restart the bidding process. In the new proposal, this smaller modular will only house the CT machine and not allow for combining standard x-ray into one full service suite. It is projected with a smaller footprint, this modular will be within budget and likely we will receive additional bids with a smaller scale project. This may push our completion date out, however it is not expected to create a lengthy delay. We are still expected to become operational this Fall.
- In February, I reported on our application for the **HRSA Network Planning Grant**. I just received word, GCHD has been awarded this grant. The purpose of the Network Planning program is to assist in the development of an integrated healthcare network, achieve efficiencies, expand access, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.
The first action is to build the network. Granite County Medical Center (lead agency) intends to form an inclusive, collaborative group of stakeholders, dedicated to shaping responsive health improvement programs for our county. It is to be called **the Healthy Granite County Network**. The purpose of the group is to identify and develop strategies to address top health issues in this rural area.

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The network will begin work next month and will develop actionable plans for beginning a roll out within approximately 18 months with a clear focus on health improvement strategy. The network will include public health, our critical access hospital and rural health clinics, schools, regional medical/receiving hospital advisors, area seniors and council on aging, and emergency medical personnel. In addition, community members with an interest and willingness to tackle pervasive and persistent challenging topics of how to improve our community health will be sought as members and as focus group participants.

While members have collaborated in the past on specific projects (i.e. to bring oral health screenings to schoolchildren), we have never convened as a whole to engage in ongoing, formalized planning. Given the success of smaller-scale interventions, we now intend to establish an aligned strategic vision, communication protocols, and a governance structure for our network, to enable the partners to create a comprehensive work plan for health improvement throughout the County.

Emergency Preparedness: No Report

Environmental Services: No Report

Human Resources: No Report

IT: On June 6th, AthenaHealth announced that its Board of Directors has initiated a process to explore strategic alternatives. As part of this process, the Board will consider a sale, merger or other transaction involving AthenaHealth as well as continuing as an independent company. In addition, AthenaHealth announced that Jonathan Bush has stepped down as President, Chief Executive Officer and as a member of the AthenaHealth Board, effective immediately. Accordingly, in parallel to having discussions with third parties regarding a potential business combination, the AthenaHealth Board has initiated a search process to identify qualified CEO candidates. The Board's strategic exploration process is designed to maximize shareholder value and better position AthenaHealth to capitalize on its premier healthcare technology platform.

Jeff Immelt, Chairman of AthenaHealth, has been appointed Executive Chairman, Mr. Immelt said, "AthenaHealth is the most universally connected healthcare network in the country, and we believe there remains significant, unrealized value in the Company. To ensure AthenaHealth maximizes shareholder value and is best positioned to realize the full potential of its premier healthcare technology platform, the Board has authorized a thorough evaluation of strategic alternatives. We approach this process with an open mind and a commitment to continuing to strengthen the company - including its rich data asset, platform strategy, and culture of innovation. We are fully focused on serving the best interests of our shareholders, employees and clients."

Laboratory: No Report

Maintenance / Transportation: No Report

Marketing: No Report

Medical Staff:

- New Credentials: None
- Re-credentialed Provider: Cyrus Larson DMD

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Nursing:

May Patient Census

Intermediate Swing Bed (LTC)	= 19	Adult Day Care Visits	= 5
Swing Bed billable days	= 9 (2)	Deaths	= 0
Acute billable days	= 4 (1)	ER Visits	= 14
Observation Patients	= 1	OP Nursing	= 0
		Unusual events	= 0

Physical Therapy:

115 Patients seen in May

14 new referrals:

5 Missoula

4 Anaconda

2 GCMC

1 Butte

1 Washington

1 Oregon

Safety Report:

No new concerns or incidents reported in May

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Stoppler CEO/DON