

**Granite County Hospital District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes –DRAFT
Tuesday, May 29, 2018**

Present:

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

A quorum of the Board was present.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Waldbillig on May 29, 2018 at 5:30 pm. The meeting was held in the Granite County Medical Center Conference Facility in Philipsburg, MT.

New Business

GCMC Health Renewal 2018

A presentation on the GCMC Group Health Renewal 2018 was given by Bob Rowe and Given Kutz, an item that was moved to the top of the agenda.

Kutz said that the rates for the GCMC had gone down about \$20 because of the median age of the group. They still recommended staying with PacificSource, as the impact to staff would be minimal. An option would be the Montana Health Co-op, but there was an increase in cost and it would mean a mid-year company change. BCBSMT was not competitive. The Montana Medical Association had been discussed, but they would require medical underwriting – not worth the drill and possibly would be invasive medical questioning. Kutz summarized that the GCMC had decided last year – because the two rates offered were dramatically different, to offer both the bronze and silver plan. Half of the employees accepted the higher deductible at no cost to them. The other half decided to go with premium payments at \$63 a month. There would now be a reduction in their holdings of \$27 a month, which may mean that more employees would elect to go with the silver plan. Going back to the silver plan for everyone would be about \$1,900 a month. John Barbara asked how much the GCMC was paying of the silver. It was \$500 per person. That \$27 reduction in cost would go directly to the staff, unless the board decided differently. This is an employee-only plan, though they do work with staff to provide coverage for families, Rowe and Kutz said. Mainwaring asked why it would be different numbers for a company of 85 and over. Rowe said that the hospital was in the 50 and under bracket and they were bound by the limits of the small group market. It also had to do with the age of the employees. From the public seats, Ashley Westphal asked if there was any discussion about a family plan being offered. This led to a discussion on loopholes within Obamacare, Medicaid, and company health coverage – meaning that Westphal’s family paid more for health coverage than other hospital employees because it was employee-only coverage, but the rest of her family didn’t qualify for tax credits offered through Obamacare. Financially, possibly for several employees, it would be easier to not have their employer offer health insurance. Though, Westphal said, it was not known how each employee felt about having a family plan offered, which was another option. Rowe cautioned that if the hospital offered the family plan, they would have to contribute to this, as this would be disastrous for low-income families. Both Mainwaring and Westphal asked about the possibility of an evaluation of the staff: who would be interested in family coverage, if that were available. Kutz discussed the possibility of employees qualifying for Medicaid, instead of going with the hospital’s insurance. Barbara asked if there was a way to offer family coverage and not contribute. Rowe said there was, and there was a possibility that the rate would be less. Jim Waldbillig summarized the presentation by stating that it sounded like there was a recommendation to stay with PacificSource as a carrier, but Waldbillig asked if an analysis of the staff’s preference on health coverage be done and a decision could then be made from that. Mainwaring added that it was an exercise worth doing to move forward. Kutz said they would do this. It would take about ten days to collect the information. PacificSource would need to have this information by the end of June.

CT Scanner Module Building Bids

Bill Lloyd of Great West Engineering said there were three interested bidders. Every modular builder around the state had been contacted, but everyone is busy. He was asking the board to delay the bid process until the following week. It doesn't have to be a board meeting, he said. It could be Maria Stoppler, CEO, opening the bids and informing the board of the amounts. The silver lining in the situation was that it gave them time to coordinate with GE. Also, the footprint of the 31x32 square foot building had shrunk. The benefit is that they are saving the parking and the five-foot sidewalk. Some aesthetic issues have also been solved. Barbara pointed out that theoretically, the cost should also be less. The building itself, yes, Lloyd said. A special meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2018 at 5 pm to discuss the bids. From that point on they could make up the time lost in the bidding process. Lloyd said he would stay optimistic on this. The module was the difficult aspect to source contractors for, he added. He was hopeful that there would be more availability for contractors in excavation and concrete. May wasn't an ideal time to be bidding – but that was where they were at.

Standing Items

The minutes from the April 24, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Ken Burd made a motion to approve them as written, with a spelling correction. Mainwaring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report:

Maria Stoppler, CEO, DON, RN, presented her Administrator's Report.
(Please refer to the posted report for details.)

Barbara asked if Drummond Clinic days had been decided yet. Stoppler said she was wanting to send a questionnaire out first. Barbara said he had been asked about this recently.

Numbers at the health fair were slightly lower, but this was probably because there had been a recent health fair at the end of 2017. Mainwaring added that it sounded like several people had made appointments with a clinic, following a visit to the health fair booths.

Financial Report:

Brenda Peyton, JCCS accountant, presented the financial report.

(Please refer to the posted report for details.) Peyton noted that they ended the month in the black at \$32,000. It was the first time in the financial year. Revenue, at \$43,00, was also as high as she had seen it. About 69 percent of this was in swing bed, the remainder was in outpatient and clinic. Right now, only nine percent is at self pay – a significant decrease from the previous two years.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

- Burd had nothing to report.

Policy Committee

- Mainwaring said policy reviews had been scheduled.

Quality and Safety Committee

- Mainwaring had nothing to report.

Facilities

-Waldbillig referred to discussion on the CT scanner modular.

Marketing Committee

- Mainwaring said they were preparing for budget discussions.

Technology Committee

-Barbara referred to an update on a possible Athena buyout, though no

new news had been reported.

Professional Affairs

- Burd had two new credentials: Dr Michael S. Enslow and Dr. Scott J.

Parker. He moved that they approve both based on the recommendation of medical staff. Mainwaring seconded this. It passed unanimously.

There were six for re-credentialing. This was: Dr. David A. Behrmann; Dr. Dirk E. Bigler; Dr. Stephen R. Preece; Dr. Anne W. Giuliano; Dr. Bertrand Jones; and Edward A. Amberg, PA-C.

Burd made a motion to approve all six based on the recommendation of medical staff. This was seconded by Crouse. It passed unanimously. Mainwaring asked what kind of credentialing was needed to operate the CT scanner. Stopper said the CT technician would be a regular employee.

Medical Staff Report:

None.

Foundation Report:

Stoppler said she had spoken at the recent foundation meeting on the facts on the impact of the mill levy, but was not able to lobby this. This would be something that the foundation would be able to do. They were busy with planning the Festival of Trees for 2018.

Approval of Warrants:

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Old Business Topic: 2018-2019 Budget

Waldbillig noted that this would be a discussion topic at the June meeting.

Open Comment

It was noted that this was Ken Burd's last meeting as trustee. He had been on the board for six years. He was thanked for his time by Waldbillig and Stoppler.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Waldbillig to adjourn. This was seconded by Burd. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

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

Jim Waldbillig (Chairman of GCHD Board of Trustees)

Date