

MINUTES OF THE KEARNY COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 25, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pauline Neff, Hatty Rebel, Ralph Reimer, Tom Vincent, Jon Wheat, Marilyn Wolfe and Raymond Yakel

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Bentley, CRNA; Heather Combs Platter; ReChelle Kennedy, CFO; John Loebel, CEO; Julie Munson, DO; Arlo Reimer, MD; Erik Sandstrom, MD; Sue Stingley, RN, DNS; Donna Winright and Paul Bowerman, CPA

The Finance Committee of the Board of Directors met at 2:00 pm on Monday, January 25. Members in attendance were Pauline Neff, Ralph Reimer, Tom Vincent, and Jon Wheat. John Loebel, CEO; ReChelle Kennedy, CFO; and Sue Stingley, RN, DNS; Larry Combs; Shannon McCormick; Jana Jenkinson and Paul Bowerman, CPA were also in attendance. Paul Bowerman of George, Bowerman and Noel reviewed the 2009 Financial Audit and the Management Letter in detail with those present.

The Kearny County Hospital Board of Directors was called to order by Jon Wheat, Chairman at 6:06 pm.

The agenda was amended to add follow-up information from Hatty regarding the KCH website.

Paul Bowerman, CPA of George, Bowerman and Noel presented the FY 2009 Audit Report to the Board including financial statements and the management letter. The Board thanked Paul for coming to Lakin and giving his report.

Sue Stingley updated the Board on the proposed tiered billing system and plans to have information to present at the February meeting. She also reported that the Elopement Deterrent Alarm system is live and functioning appropriately.

Sue reported that Garden City Community College Nursing students are completing clinical rotations at KCH on Thursdays and Fridays. In addition, EMS first responder students will also be completing clinical rotations at our facility starting in February. There are also students from LHS job shadowing throughout the facility.

Sue updated the Board on Electronic Health Records and the importance of meaningful use. The hospital, clinic and long term care continue to demo software. The government is mandating that Phase 1 be implemented by 2011 and hospitals will begin paying penalties if they are not on schedule for implementation. There was much discussion regarding the EHR.

She stated that Kearny County Home Health had a state and federal survey on January 11 – 14, 2010. She provided information about the deficiencies cited including the development of a QA/QI process team to review personnel files.

Sue informed the Board that the issue of humidity control in the OR is still not resolved. John Loebel stated that the parts and elements needed for the repair have been ordered. As soon as those are received, technicians from Trane will be scheduled to make the modifications that are proposed to solve the problem.

Sue reported on HPRV for Marian and stated there are currently 38 residents with 2 semi-private rooms available in Long Term Care.

Dr Reimer reported that the Cardiology group from Hays will be in Lakin for the Coffee, Dessert and Cardiac event on Thursday night, January 28th.

John presented the cost reduction report. The consent agenda was approved as mailed .

ReChelle reviewed the December financial report. December was another good month for Kearny County Hospital. The Board approved the December financials, checks #069390 – 069580 in the amount of \$469,077.83 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$755,446.25.

John provided an update on Physician Recruitment. He continues to be in discussions with Dr Miller and Dr Birky. He also discussed the strategic plan and stated that administrative rounds are going well. ReChelle and Sue will be providing articles for The Lakin Independent. The Chamber of Commerce “After Hours” meeting for March will be hosted by Kearny County Hospital on Thursday, March 13th. John is working on getting other groups to meet here.

Hatty Rebel circulated information about a free service to measure and analyze the hits on the KCH website. The Board agreed this would be good information to accumulate and thanked Hatty for finding this service.

There was much discussion regarding the Health Fair. No decisions were made.

John provided information about professional and general liability insurance as well as the Directors and Officers policy. John recommended changing carriers for the professional liability. The cost of moving to KaMMCO from Pro Assurance would save \$6,067 for the one year period of February 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011. The other advantage in changing to KaMMCO is that the hospital will be covered by the same liability carrier as the physicians. John recommended that the hospital continue the same D&O policy with Great American Insurance with a \$2 million coverage limit at the same annual premium as last year of \$10,965. The Board approved changing to KaMMCO for professional and general liability insurance and retaining the D&O policy with Great American Insurance Company at the quoted rates.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:12 pm for a personnel matter with John, Sue and Donna Winright invited to stay. The Board came out of executive session at 8:17 pm. It was moved, seconded and carried to grant the personnel request.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Reimer, Secretary

Approved:

Jon Wheat, Chairman

Heather Combs Platter, Recording Secretary