

**MINUTES OF THE KEARNY COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**July 27, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hatty Rebel, Ralph Reimer, Tom Vincent, Marilyn Wolfe and Raymond Yakel

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Bentley, CRNA; Heather Combs Platter; Kevin Hoover, RN, DON - HPRV; Marian Hunter, RN, DON-HPRV; ReChelle Kennedy, CFO; John Loebel, CEO; Julie Munson, DO; Arlo Reimer, MD; Erik Sandstrom, MD; Sue Stingley, RN, DNS; and Donna Winright

The Finance Committee of the Board of Directors did not meet during the month of July.

The Kearny County Hospital Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Tom Vincent, Vice Chairman at 6:10 pm.

Tom amended the agenda by adding recognition of years of service and addressing community concerns to the administrative section. The agenda was approved as amended.

Kevin Hoover introduced Marian Hunter, as the new Director of Nursing at High Plains Retirement Village. Marian reported that HPRV currently has one bed available for a female although they are close to having it filled.

Sue Stingley updated the Board on the elopement alarm system for Assisted Living/HPRV. Equipment is currently on backorder with Bosch. However, once that equipment arrives the system will be implemented as quickly as possible. The new anticipated completion date is mid-August.

Dr Sandstrom reported HPRV is doing well.

Dr Reimer reported on the Electronic Medical Records meeting that he attended in Wichita along with Denise Robinson, Sue Stingley and Scott Good. The meeting proved to be beneficial and provided insight to processes that will need to be implemented here at KCH. While in Wichita, Dr Reimer tried to meet with Dr Miller and Dr Hetzel. Unfortunately they both had prior commitments and were unable to meet. Both Dr Miller and Dr Hetzel indicated that they still remain interested in discussions with KCH.

John Loebel reported that the first outreach clinic with the cardiologists from Hays occurred on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. There were two patients. This outreach clinic is scheduled for the fourth Friday of every month and Dr. Babar Ali is the cardiologist who will be staffing it.

John presented the occupancy report. The assisted living apartments currently have 28 residents living in 25 apartments with one new admission pending. Donna Winright reported that 84% of the eligible employees have enrolled in the new health insurance benefit. The consent agenda was approved as presented.

ReChelle reviewed the June financial reports. June was an excellent month to end the fiscal year 2008-2009 for Kearny County Hospital. The June financials, checks #068183 - #068413 in the amount of \$377,218.57 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$698,341.83 were approved.

John presented the administrative report and updated the Board on physician recruitment. Dr Sandoval was in Lakin over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and visited with Dr Sandstrom, Dr Reimer, Jon Wheat and John Loebel. She indicated an interest in KCH along with Dodge City/Jetmore. Dr Miller and Dr Hetzel continue to show interest in KCH and may have another resident interested as well. There was much discussion from the Board regarding physician recruitment.

There was a lengthy discussion about some of the input that the Board members as well as employees have received from the community regarding the upcoming special election. Tom recommended establishing an email address that board members/employees could utilize to share ideas with the board members.

There was also much discussion from the Board regarding recognition of years of service. Donna Winright is working with a committee of supervisors and employees to generate ideas that would appeal to employees and that are practical. Some ideas that have been discussed include increased vacation time or an increase in the Hospital's contribution to the pension benefit based on the number of years of employment. The Board requested that further information be presented at the August Board meeting.

John provided an update on some of the organization's communication efforts relating to the special election scheduled for Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. He also reminded the Board that there will be a strategic planning meeting this fall.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Reimer, Secretary

Approved:

Tom Vincent, Vice Chairman

Heather Combs Platter, Recording Secretary