

MINUTES OF THE KEARNY COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 26, 2009

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Bentley, CRNA; Dave Bose, CRNA; Marian Hunter, RN, DON-HPRV; John Loebel, CEO; Julie Munson, DO; Arlo Reimer, MD; Erik Sandstrom, MD; Sue Stingley, RN,DNS; Donna Winright and Melissa Gerritzen.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Directors met at 2:00 pm on Monday, October 26. Members in attendance were Pauline Neff, Ralph Reimer and Tom Vincent. John Loebel, ReChelle Kennedy and Sue Stingley were also present. The Finance Committee reviewed the financial statements for September, discussed potential changes for the monthly accounts receivable aging report and reviewed the cost reductions being reported since the September Board meeting.

The Kearny County Hospital Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Tom Vincent, Vice Chairman at 6:02 pm. The agenda was approved as mailed.

Marian Hunter reported that HPRV is full with 40 residents. There is a Holiday Bazaar scheduled for Wednesday, November 25 at HPRV and homemade donations will be appreciated. Marian informed the Board that she has visited on the telephone with the nursing home in Augusta where they have been using the Point of Care system for five years. They have invited staff from HPRV to visit and observe its use.

Sue Stingley reported that the Kearny County Health Department with assistance from KCH nursing staff will be administering the H1N1 vaccine during the week of November 2nd according to the guidelines set forth by the CDC.

Dr. Reimer reported that Dr. Duick, a cardiologist from the Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita, was here today to check on our satisfaction with the services they are providing at St. Catherine's in Garden City. Dr. Ferrell, the cardiologist in Garden City, is actually employed by the Kansas Heart Hospital. Dr. Reimer also reported on the monthly clinic being provided through the DeBaakey Heart Institute at the Hays Medical Center. Dr. Ali is the cardiologist who comes on the fourth Friday of each month and sees patients in at the Family Health Center. This gives Kearny County residents a choice for their cardiac care. John Loebel will follow up with the coordinator from Hays to increase their promotion of the clinic being provided here.

Dr. Sandstrom reported that HPRV is full, busy and doing well.

As part of the consent agenda John discussed the cost savings that have been implemented. The total reductions implemented to date are \$92,473.31 from the operating budget and \$39,609.90 from the capital budget. John also reported that the bids to repair the roof and guttering at HPRV and the air handling units on top of the Family

Health Center were opened at the County commissioners meeting on October 19th. The roofing/guttering contract was awarded to Ready Roofer at a cost of \$125,769.05 (\$124,300.00 for the roof and \$1,469.05 for the gutters) and the air handling work went to Weber Refrigeration at a cost of \$31,990. The consent agenda was approved.

In ReChelle's absence, John reviewed the September financial reports. September was a strong month for Kearny County Hospital. Inpatient Revenue was under budget slightly but Outpatient Revenue exceeded the budget again this month. The Board approved the September financials, checks #068819-068998 in the amount of \$353,003.62 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$694,944.18.

John provided an update on physician recruitment. The mutual interest between Kearny County Hospital and Drs. Drew Miller and John Birky has heightened significantly. An extended weekend is being planned for them and their wives to visit Lakin. Dr. Jeremy Kirchoff, MD, and his wife will visit Kearny County Hospital on Friday, November 13th. Bryna will be attending a recruitment fair for residents and medical students at KU Medical Center in Kansas City on Friday, October 29th.

John reviewed the summary of the Strategic Planning Session held on Tuesday, October 6th. With Emergency Room visits continuing to rise, the Board asked John to explore options for ER coverage.

Ralph Reimer reported on his meeting with Kearny County residents to discuss issues that the public may have with the hospital. The Board will take the summary presented under advisement.

The Board approved the resolution for patient loans with Kearny County Bank. Marilyn Wolfe abstained from voting.

The Board approved the rescission of the motion passed at the September meeting to pay 50% of the increase (effective January 1, 2010) in health insurance premiums for each employee participating in the plan. There was an error in the calculation of the cost increase and the increase was significantly less than first thought.

The Board approved the recommendations of the KCH Medical Staff and the Joint Medical Staff Executive Committee to reappoint Douglas Brown, DPM, to the Courtesy staff; appoint Patrick Barker, MD, to the Courtesy staff; appoint Rahul Kapur, MD, and David Alcindor, MD, to the Locum Tenens staff; and appoint George Greenberg, MD, and Carl Fieser, MD, to the Consulting staff.

Tom Vincent appointed Raymond Yakel, Marilyn Wolfe, Hatty Rebel and John Loebel to meet with Helen Heinitz, ARNP and Tammy Meisel, ARNP for performance evaluations and contract reviews before the November Board Meeting.

The Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter for forty minutes with Dr. Reimer, Dr. Sandstrom, Dr. Munson, John and Donna invited to stay. The executive session started at 7:40 pm and ended at 8:20 pm. The Board went back into executive session for the same personnel matter for twenty minutes with the same individuals invited to stay. The executive session started at 8:33 pm and ended at 8:43 pm.

The Board authorized John Loebel to continue contract negotiations with Drs. Drew Miller and John Birky according to Board direction.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Reimer, Secretary

Approved:
Tom Vincent, Acting Chairman

Donna Winright, Recording Secretary