

MINUTES OF THE KEARNY COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 30, 2009

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

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

The Finance Committee of the Board of Directors met at 2:00 pm on Monday, November 30. Members in attendance were Pauline Neff, Ralph Reimer and Tom Vincent. John Loebel, CEO, ReChelle Kennedy, CFO, and Sue Stingley, RN, DNS were also in attendance. The committee reviewed the financial report for October, discussed projected short and long-term cash flow issues and reviewed on-going cost reductions.

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

The agenda was amended by adding an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel issue and by adding Ralph Reimer to the strategic planning report to discuss cost reductions.

The Board went into executive session for 15 minutes for the 2nd Qtr 2009 Quality Assurance/Risk Management report with all invited to stay except Missy Gerritzen. The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:05 pm and came out at 6:20 pm. The Board went back into Executive Session for another 15 minutes at 6:21 pm and came out of Executive Session at 6:34 pm.

After coming out of executive session, the Board approved the QA/RM report as presented.

Sue Stingley advised the Board that the state surveyors arrived on Monday morning to survey the hospital on its license as a Critical Access Hospital. She thought that they would be here until Thursday, December 3rd. She also provided an update on the installation of the Elopement Deterrent system at High Plains retirement Village and Assisted Living.

Marian Hunter reported that there are two open beds at HPRV and the Activities Director has resigned.

She also reported that the HPRV Holiday Bazaar raised over \$1,000. The proceeds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for residents and new Christmas decorations for HPRV. The Christmas party for the residents in the "300" hall in Assisted Living is scheduled for Thursday, December 10. The parties for the residents of HPRV and the "400" hall in Assisted Living is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15.

Marian provided an update to the Board about the visit to Lakepoint in Augusta to view the Optimus system. She will continue to research other systems as well.

Dr Reimer reported that Dr Vrtiska, our consulting OB/GYN from Dodge City, is moving his practice to Pratt and will not come to KCH after December. He also reported that November was a record-breaking month for births at KCH with 19 babies and 18 births.

Dr Sandstrom stated that he had nothing further to add to Marian's report other than he also feels that things are going well at HPRV.

John Loebel discussed the consent agenda and made the board aware that the cardiology consultants from Hays are now advertising again in *The Lakin Independent* and the Garden City paper. The consent agenda was approved as mailed.

The Board discussed the date for the next meeting since the December meeting would fall on December 28th in the middle of the Christmas holidays. It was decided to hold the December meeting on Monday, January 4, 2010.

ReChelle Kennedy reviewed the October financial report. October was a fairly strong month for Kearny County Hospital. The Board approved the October financials, checks #068999 - #069197 in the amount of \$409,627.37 and electronic transfers in the amount of \$884,845.70.

ReChelle discussed a Medicare year to year (2008 – 2009) analysis that was provided by the auditors. She will email copies of the analysis to the Board members.

John reported on physician recruitment. Dr Jeremy Kirchoff and his wife, Leah, visited KCH on Friday, November 13th. He will be graduating in July 2010 and then possibly completing a year-long OB fellowship. The Board is continuing discussions with Dr Birky and Dr Miller. John and Jon Wheat met with them in Wichita on November 9th. They and their families visited Lakin and KCH on November 21 – 22.

John provided an update on the progress of Strategic Plan initiatives. Administrative rounds will continue to be a priority. He complimented Hatty on the progress of the website and the addition of Kids Korner. ReChelle is working on a health initiative that will involve the hospital as well as other local businesses. John presented a list of organizations that KCH would like to speak with and invite to tour our facility.

Dr Munson requested number of surgeries be added to the monthly statistics that are in the newspaper.

John reported on the cost reductions that were presented at the finance meeting earlier in the day.

The Board went into executive session at 725 pm for thirty minutes for a personnel matter with Dr. Reimer, Dr. Sandstrom, Dr. Munson, John and Donna asked to stay. The Board came out of executive session at 753 pm.

After coming out of executive session the Board approved the employment contracts for Helen Heintz, ARNP, and Tammy Meisel, ARNP, as negotiated by the committee appointed by the Board.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Reimer, Secretary

Approved:

Jon Wheat, Chairman

Heather Combs Platter, Recording Secretary