

Audubon County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2021 at 12 Noon

Board Room

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Brett Irlmeier, Marlene Ballou, Michelle Sprague, Vicky Robinson, Mark Kessler

Board Members Absent: Anne Miller, Rev. Phillip Beisswenger

Staff Present: Suzanne Cooner, Melinda Alt, Paul Topliff, Dr. Michelle Rebelsky, Haillie Bruch

I. CALL TO ORDER

Brett Irlmeier, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Vicky Robinson made a motion, seconded by Michelle Sprague to approve the agenda in accordance with the Code of Iowa Open Meetings Law. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Marlene Ballou made a motion seconded by Michelle Sprague to approve the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes and the Executive Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

Melinda Alt, CFO, reviewed the financial reports and budget scorecard. The financial report for the month of November 2021 Operating Statement "excess of revenue over expenses" for the month was a negative \$63,759.50. YTD is a positive \$127,909.66 compared to budget of \$30,019.63.

CD #23552 at Landmands Bank matured on 12/02/2021. Bids were: Landmands Bank 0.15%; Exchange State Bank 0.05%; Audubon State Bank passed on bidding. The CD was reinvested at the highest rate of 0.15% at Landmands Bank for another 12 months.

Mark Kessler made a motion, seconded by Vicky Robinson to approve the financials. Motion carried.

VI. MEDICAL STAFF REPORT AND CREDENTIALING

Suzanne Cooner, CEO, gave the medical staff report and credentialing recommendations, on behalf of Dr. Michelle Rebelsky. The following appointments, reappointments, and resignations from the medical staff were reviewed:

Initial Appointment to Allied Health Staff:

1. Shana Wright, ARNP

Reappointment to Consulting Medical Staff:

1. Karl Digman, MD
2. Michael Disbro, MD
3. Mitchell Erickson, MD
4. Terry Falk, MD
5. Kraig Kirkpatrick, MD
6. Thomas Mallisee, MD
7. Alan McDaniel, MD
8. Sandra Ruhs, MD

Board members reviewed the application, the supporting documentation, the recommendations from the Medical Staff, and information received during the credentialing and privileging processes. Based on this review, it is the Board's opinion that the above applicant meets the requirements for Medical Staff Initial Appointment, Reappointments, and Resignations.

Dr. Rebelsky reported that Avel eHospitalist program is going very well. Dr. Saima Shahid started this week and will be here for 90 days to cover for Dr. Vampola's maternity leave. The Dietary Manual was approved by the medical staff.

Marlene Ballou made the motion seconded by Michelle Sprague to approve the above credentialing. Motion carried.

VIII. COMPLIANCE/QUALITY/RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

Suzanne Cooner, Chief Executive Officer, provided the compliance, quality, patient safety and risk management reports.

- The Quality Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.
- Reviewed operational summary and summary of risk management activities.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVALS

The following were presented to the board for approval.

- Barbara Jacobsen Professional Services Agreement
- Iowa Radiology Group Agreement

Mark Kessler made a motion seconded by Michelle Sprague to approve the Barbara Jacobsen Agreement and the Iowa Radiology Group Agreement. Motion Carried.

X. CEO Report

Suzanne Cooner, CEO provided the following report:

- New hire – Ashley Bertelsen, RN, was hired for the Med/Surg/ED department as a prn staff nurse. Resignations: Clara Schmidt – LPN; Kristin Hayes RN (PRN), Megan Andersen RN (PRN), Sara Wede C.N.A (PRN).
- President Biden signed a bill into law Dec. 10 that halted a mandatory 2 percent federal Medicare spending sequester until April 2022 and stops a 4 percent statutory pay-as-you-go sequester which was scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2022. The law also reduces the mandatory Medicare sequester to 1 percent from April through June of 2022 and includes a 3 percent increase in pay for providers in the Medicare physician fee schedule.
- Construction began on December 7th on the Community Health Center (old storage room) which will house the Community Education classroom, Public Health, and the testing and vaccine center.
- Heartland Natural Gas Agreement saved us \$2,371.94 this month.

XII. Board Discussion

No further discussion at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. with a motion by Michelle Sprague and seconded by Marlene Ballou. Motion carried.