



August 25, 2021

Welcome Announcement of Open Meeting Law Posting

Karen Dahlkoetter called the Meeting of the Thayer County Health Services Board of Trustees to order on August 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the TCHS Bruning Conference Room, 120 Park Avenue, Hebron, NE. The open meeting laws are posted and viewable in the conference room. Present on roll call were Karen Dahlkoetter, Loren Wiedel, Laura Tuma, Connie Lichty, and Mike Long. Others in attendance: Scott Cook, Jamie Koch via phone, Marie Knedler via phone, Peggy Hamilton, Lori Grummert, Michael DeFoe, Amanda Vandervoort, Jeremy Pearson, Rita Luongo, and Dean Krueger. Recorder: Bridget Behrends, Executive Assistant.

Approval of Agenda & Approval of July 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Loren motioned to approve the agenda along with July 2021 Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried.

Financial Statements- July 2021:

Lori Grummert, Controller reviewed the financial statement packet for the Twelve Months Ended July 31, 2021 and 2020 with the Board:

Month: Results are for the first month of the year and therefore the year to date results will be identical to July results. Operating gain of \$205,042 or 8.6% and an EBIDA of \$358,100 or 15.0%. These results are favorable to budget and, of note, nearly identical to the results for July last year. Last year the tax revenue is recognized in July, without this the results would have reflected an improvement. Several factors have contributed to this strong result, including: significant favorable activity in Outpatient areas, specifically Specialty Clinic, ER, Outpatient Surgery, and Outpatient Pharmacy. Other Operation areas are strong as well, including Pharmacy services. Salaries are favorable by \$97,169, however this is offset by a nearly identical unfavorable variance in Contract Services/Professional Fees of -92,247. Maintenance and repairs are favorable to budget, however it is much too early in the year to draw any conclusions. In total Pharmacy and Drugs are slightly over budget, but more than offset by favorable Pharmacy revenues. Cash and equivalents increased by \$230,148 to \$11,895,538 from June. Days cash on hand remain strong at 185.5.

Year to Date: Operating results are the same as July activity as this is the first month of the year. AR Days at the end of June were 49.5 (gross) and 47.6 (net). TCHS AR days are very good and considerably better than comparable benchmarks. The balance sheet and key ratios look good.

Additional Information: Still on our planning horizon is the operational and financial review of Pharmacy areas. TCHS now has several separate Pharmacies and we participate in the 340B program. This review will occur at the end of the first quarter this year when we have: a contribution from the auditors, several more months of actual results, and the new incoming CFO.

Mike made a motion to approve the July 2021 Financial Statements, Laura seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried.

Officers Reports:

Chief Executive Officer Report- Scott Cock

- a. **Consent Agenda (August) – Loren made a motion to approve the August consent agenda as written; Connie seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.** Discussion before approval: none.
- b. **Chiller Quotes Update:** Scott reviewed the updated Daikin Chilled Water Piping Project Proposal with the board. During this time, Scott explained that the quote increased due to the size of piping. Although, the quote is well below budgeted.

Following the review of this project proposal, there were discussions regarding the project timeline, clarification of items with the facilities department, impact of chiller piping reinstallation, and air flow measurement. **Laura motioned to approve purchase of the chiller for \$129,900.00 of the Capital Budget. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**

- c. **Recruitment Update:** Scott reported that TCHS is on the verge of signing a mid-level provider. Grant Anderson PA-C comes with over 20 years of rural health practice experience. Grant originally graduated from Hastings College and previously practiced in Geneva. Upon signing on, Grant will begin the first week of December. Additionally, Scott reported that Lindsey Meyers, MD will be onsite Friday, October 1, 2021. Dr. Meyers is a family medicine with obstetrics physician who currently works in Tennessee. TCHS and the community plans to make a good impression.
- d. **New Hires:** Scott reported that there were three new hires in the month of August. These individuals include: Rick Bates, Front Desk Receptionist, Destinee Crosgrove, Wellness Center Front Desk Attendant, and Jeremy Pearson, Marketing Director.

Chief Nursing Officer Report- Jamie Koch

- a. **COVID-19 Update:** Jamie reported that TCHS has recently experienced a significant increase in COVID-19 exposures, testing, and positive cases for employees. As a result, the TCHS HICS Team is meeting to assess COVID-19 protocols and supplies moving forward. Jamie explained that TCHS is doing everything possible to keep everyone safe and continue to provide care for TCHS patients. Following this information, there were discussions regarding COVID-19 hospital transfers, testing, monoclonal antibody infusions, TCHS Vaccine Clinics, the new COVID-19 Variant, symptoms, quarantine length, supplies, staffing, TCHS Isolation Rooms, and the COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot. Scott stressed the importance of hand washing and masking diligence in order to provide quality care for TCHS patients regardless of vaccination status. TCHS plans to communicate with the communities and schools as the new COVID-19 Variant can spread quickly. Lastly, Scott thanked Jamie and Ranae for their efforts as both have gone above and beyond to help cover the floor.
- b. **Senior Life Solutions:** Jamie reported that the Senior Life Solutions Program has been doing very well as the program is full with a waiting list. This program involves behavioral health for those 55 years and older. The new Senior Life Solutions Director, Makita Francis started in July. TCHS is working on a plan to transition individuals out and bring new individuals into the program along with recruitment of a behavioral health therapist.

Chief Financial Officer Report- Lori Grummert

- a. **Additional Chiller Approval:** Lori reported that chiller approval was made during the Chiller Quotes Update. Lori will update this item in the Capital Budget for the September 2021 Board Meeting.
- b. **Restated June Financials:** Lori provided the Restated June Financials to the board that were approved at the July 2021 Board Meeting. TCHS is currently in an audit and auditors will present at the October 2021 Board Meeting.

Vice President of Clinic Services-

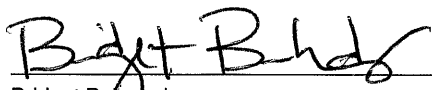
- a. **None.**

Old Business for The Board: *none.*

Miscellaneous/New Business for the Board: *none.*

Visitor Comments: *none.*

Executive Session: **Laura moved to go into Executive Session at 7:47pm, Loren seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.** (See Executive Session minutes attached).


Bridget Behrends
Executive Assistant


Scott Cook
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Minutes for Executive Session

Thayer County Health Services Board of Directors

Bruning Conference Room

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Laura moved to go into executive session. Loren seconded. The motion carried. The board entered executive session at 7:47 p.m.

Marie Knedler joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss potential CEO candidates.

The board ended executive session at 9:00 p.m.

Laura moved to adjourn the meeting. Connie seconded. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Lichty, Secretary