



April 27, 2022

Welcome Announcement of Open Meeting Law Posting

Karen Dahlkoetter called the Meeting of the Thayer County Health Services Board of Trustees to order on April 27, 2022 at 5:30 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, Connie Lichty, and Mike Long. Not present were Laura Tuma. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Scott Cook, Jamie Koch, Mike DeFoe, Amanda Vandervoort, Lori Grummert, Audra Hergott, Lisa Sypal, Dave Bruning, and Michael Logsdon. Recorder: Heidi McClintock, Executive Assistant.

Approval of Agenda & Approval of March 30, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes: Loren motioned to approve the agenda along with March 30, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

Financial Statements- March 2022:

Mike reviewed the financial statement packet for the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 with the Board:

Month of March: Overview of the March 31, 2022 financial statements for the ninth month of fiscal year 2022. There was an operating gain of \$241,298 or 8.0% and an EBIDA of \$388,567 or 12.9%. Outpatient and clinic revenue were up 11.7% and 4.8% respectively. Inpatient revenue was under budget (24.8%) due to IP days being (37) under budget. Some of the departmental factors having an impact for the month, include: Specialty Clinic visits up 27.9% and Rehab visits up 75.3%. Surgeries and scopes returned to budget with a full month of the new pain management provider. There were 15 hospital admits, resulting in an average daily census of 3.74, under budget but closer to our YTD average daily census of nearly 4. Total expenses were over budget 25.1% due mainly to salaries, wages and benefits. For the month total cash and investments decreased by (\$207,749). Day's cash on hand decreased and were at 143.3 days.

Year to Date: YTD Operating Income was \$2,264,807 or 9.6%, total margin of \$2,303,464 or 9.8%, and an EBIDA of \$3,664,365 or 15.5%. AR Days were 48.0 (gross) and 45.1 (net). Through the first nine months of FY22, TCHS revenues continue to be guided by outpatient and clinic service. In comparison to prior YTD, outpatient revenues are up 4.6%, \$724,272 and clinic revenues are up 21.9%, \$579,026.

Additional Information: Per the cost report monthly template supplied by Wipfli, our current estimated Medicare rates for the month were: IP \$4,413, OP 67.90% and SWB \$3,575. Prior year rates were IP \$3,366, OP 66% and SWB \$2,967. Mike also stated there was additional handout with the capital budget summary to where we are sitting as of March 31, 2022.

Discussion: There were discussions regarding the 2018 audit/cost report and the information TCHS got back from WPS.

Loren made a motion to approve the March 2022 Financial Statements, Connie seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

Officers Reports:

Chief Executive Officer Report- Brian Rokusek

- a. **Consent Agenda (March) – Loren made a motion to approve the March consent agenda as written; Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.** Discussion before approval: There were discussions regarding the

medical terminology of elopement (a patient who is incapable of adequately protecting himself, and who departs the health care facility unsupervised and undetected), the shortages/supply issues we are seeing at the hospital and clinics, and how Medicare numbers are reported with flu shots.

- b. **Legislative Update:** Brian reported on a few legislative updates to include; requiring behavioral health point of contacts for school districts, required coverage of continuous glucose monitoring devices under the medical assistance act, and the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act which includes scholarship healthcare programs, \$10,000 to any student with a 20-27 ACT attending UNL and \$25,000 to any student with an ACT score of 28 or higher. Brian also reported the bill that required employers to provide for vaccine exemptions is now state law that matches federal law. Brian also reported that there is a Nebraska nursing incentive act scholarship program (\$2,500 per semester) that will help pay for Nebraska residents to be an LPN or Nurse Aide. Brian said they were all good things coming out of legislation and looks forward in seeing what the rules will be for the different bills. They will all help TCHS for our communities and our health services to grow.
- c. **Expansion Update:** Brian reported that he asked all of the providers and staff for their input on the expansion and has received a lot of good feedback on the current designs. Brian also reported there will be additional meetings with the building committee (Mike & Louren) as we receive information back from the architects. Mike said he would like to have Marla included in those meetings as well.
- d. **New Hires:** Brian reported that there was three new hires for the month of March. They included, Gina Scollin LPN, Clinic Nurse, Kesley Hagen, PharmD, Staff Pharmacist and Lucy Kuhlman, Health and Wellness Coordinator. Brian also stated we are starting to get more applications in so it is nice to have more candidates.

Chief Nursing Officer Report- Jamie Koch

- a. **Physician Credentialing:** Mike motioned to approve the initial appointments and re-appointments as recommended by the Medical Staff. Louren seconded. Roll call vote. Discussion prior to approval: none.
- b. **Quality Initiatives/Scorecard:** Jamie reviewed that the TCHS Quality Scorecard with the board. TCHS is at 283 days without falls and TCHS's fall rate will continue to go down.
- c. **Age Friendly Project & Swingbed Project:** Jamie reported that the Swingbed Project has been a project for almost two years now and the whole staff has been working to improve the quality care. Jamie stated we have seen good results in the project and quality staff has put a lot of time and effort into making it a great success. Jamie also reported about the new Age Friendly project that will focus on the 4 M's for the elderly; what matters, medication, mentation and mobility.

Chief Financial Officer Report- Mike DeFoe

- a. **2023 Budget Update:** Mike reported how all of the departments are working on their individual budgets and advised them all to include a small percentage for inflation.

Chief Operations Officer- Amanda Vandervoort

- a. **Provider Update:** Amanda reported that Dr. Myers Nebraska license did arrive. Dr. Myers and her family plan on moving here mid-June and will start in July. Next, Amanda reported Janet Bock put in her termination for June 30th. Amanda discussed what the transition plan would be for Jan leaving and told the board that there has been a lot of discussions with all the providers on how we transition with Jan's current patients.
- b. **Compliance Manual Annual Review:** Amanda stated that the senior leadership team reviewed the compliance manual and with a transition in compliance officers would like the board to review the manual so it can be approved at the next board meeting. Brian added that Amanda is the new compliance officer.

Old Business for the Board: none.

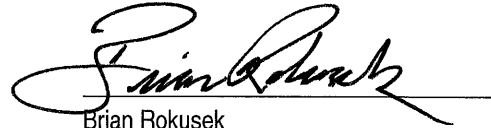
Miscellaneous/New Business for the Board: Brian stated that national hospital week is coming up in the beginning of May and wanted to invite the board to come to the hospital to participate in the different activities TCHS will be having.

Visitor Comments: Scott Cook, CHI Health, introduced Lisa Spyal, the new network development consultant for CHI Health. Scott stated she would be another great contact if TCHS needed anything and couldn't get ahold of himself. Scott also stated that CHI will start providing provider recruiting to help support all of their network hospitals.

Mike moved, Connie seconded to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting at 6:31 pm. Roll call taken. All yes. Motion carried.



Heidi McClintock
Executive Assistant



Brian Rokusek
Chief Executive Officer