



June 29, 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 June 29, 2022 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, Michael Long, Connie Lichty, and Laura Tuma (via zoom). Not present was Loren Wiedel. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Scott Cook, Jamie Koch, Mike DeFoe, Amanda Vandervoort, and Lori Grummert. Recorder: Heidi McClintock, Executive Assistant.

Approval of Agenda & Approval of June 1, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes: Michael motioned to approve the agenda along with June 1, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Connie seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

Financial Statements- May 2022:

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

Month of May: Overview of the May 31, 2022 financial statements for the eleventh month of fiscal year 2022. There was an operating gain of \$782,269 and an EBIDA of \$449,740. Outpatient and professional revenue were up 13.8% and 23.6% respectively. Inpatient revenue was under budget (8.5%) due to IP days being (24) under budget. Some of the departmental factors having an impact for the month, include: Specialty Clinic visits up 33.5%, Pharmacy scripts up 33.3%, ER visits up 31% and Rehab visits up 64.3%. There were 17 hospital admits, resulting in an average daily census of 4.65. Total expenses were under budget (11.6%) due mainly to salaries, wages and benefits accrual reversal from prior month. For the month total cash and investments decreased by (\$641,000) due mainly to \$570,000 Medicare repayment. Day's cash on hand ended the month at 131 days.

Year to Date: YTD Operating Income was \$3,497,175, total margin of \$3,560,214 and an EBIDA of \$5,217,571. In comparison to PY Patient Service Revenue, inpatient is up 0.2%, outpatient up 5.9% and professional up 23.2%. AR Days were 55.3 (gross) and 53.2 (net). Through the first eleven months of FY22, TCHS revenues continue to be guided by outpatient and clinic service.

Additional Information: Per the cost report monthly template supplied by Wiplfli, our current estimated Medicare rates for the month were: IP \$4,259, OP 66.47% and SWB \$3,450. Prior year rates were IP \$3,366, OP 66% and SWB \$2,967. Due to the variance in the Medicare rates for IP, SWB and OP, an interim rate review was requested of WPS on May 24, 2022 for the ten months of fiscal 2022 ended April 30, 2022.

Discussion: There were discussions regarding the rural health clinic visit numbers and the increase in net income versus what we budget our income to be at.

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

Officers Reports:

Chief Executive Officer Report- Brian Rokusek

- a. **Consent Agenda (May) – Michael made a motion to approve the May consent agenda as written; Connie seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**

- b. **Administration Update:** Brian reported to the board that the facilities committee and staff met and discussed the renovation and addition project in early June and it was decided to interview and select another architect to meet the current and future growth of TCHS. Brian also reported the Foundation made over \$20,000 from the annual golf tournament. Brian added the Guild is going to pick up the other portion of the respiratory: pulmonary function test machine. Brian happily reported the machine will be fully funded by the foundation and guild.
- c. **New Hires:** Brian reported that there was three new hires for the month of June. They included, Jaden Siegle, Patient Access Representative, McKenna Troxel, Ward Clerk/CNA and Madison Hammer, CNA: Summer Intern.

Chief Nursing Officer Report- Jamie Koch

- a. **Physician Credentialing:** Connie motioned to approve the initial appointments and re-appointments as recommended by the Medical Staff. Michael seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Discussion prior to approval: none.
- b. **Quality Assurance Improvement Plan FY 2022-2023:** Jamie shared the FY 2022-2023 Quality Assurance Improvement Plan. Jamie stated the handout outlines TCHS's quality improvement plan in which there are three areas TCHS would like to improve on. These include: improve "Recommend the hospital" question on the HCAHPS survey to an average of equal to or greater than 79% by June 2023, Pharmacy will validate every admission and complete discharge counseling with all patients by June 2023 and Implement the 4M framework for the age friendly initiative in the inpatient care unit by December 2022 and the clinics by June 2023. There was discussion on the follow-up policy that TCHS has after discharge or surgeries.

Chief Financial Officer Report- Mike DeFoe

- a. **2023 Budget:** Mike shared the 2023 Budget Packet with the board. Mike reported that the finance committee went over the budget prior to the board meeting. Mike stated overall he hopes to see an increase in visits with the new providers which will drive the operational revenue. Laura motioned to approve the 2023 Budget as written. Michael seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Discussion prior to approval: was over how the budget was decided compared to previous years budgets and if the parking lot will be in this next budget.

Chief Operations Officer- Amanda Vandervoort

- a. **Provider Update:** Amanda reported that Dr. Myers moved to town and her official start date is July 6th with New Hire Orientation. Amanda stated for actually seeing patients we are estimating a start date of sometime in August and Dr. Myers will have her first on call weekend in July.

Old Business for the Board: none.

Miscellaneous/New Business for the Board: Jamie stated the state came for TCHS's trauma review and they found zero deficiencies. Jamie also stated that the staff would receive official notification in 30 days and gave a huge shout out for Ranae and the staff for doing an excellent job.

The board of directors discussed moving the board meeting time up an hour for the next two months (July/August). Michael motioned to approve moving July and August 2022 Board Meetings to 6 p.m. Laura seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Discussion prior to approval: was over if it worked with staff and board schedules.

Visitor Comments: Scott Cook, CHI Health, informed the board and staff of cuts in staff CHI has made in the last few weeks. Scott stated peer review would be going through Lisa Sypal now with the changes in staff.

Connie moved, Michael seconded to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:01 pm. Roll call taken. All yes. Motion carried.


Heidi McClintock
Executive Assistant


Brian Rokusek
Chief Executive Officer