



Exceptional Health... Close to Home

August 31, 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 August 31, 2022, at 6:00 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 were Karen Dahlkoetter, Connie Lichty, Laura Tuma and Loren Wiedel. Not present Mike Long. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Scott Cook, Jamie Koch, Mike DeFoe, Amanda Vandervoort, and recorder Lori Grummert, Controller.

Approval of Agenda & Approval of July Board Minutes: Loren motioned to approve the agenda along with the July 27, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Connie seconded. Roll Call vote, all yes with Laura abstaining. Motioned carried.

Financials Statements – July 2022:

Mike reviewed the financial statement packet for the First Months ended July 31, 2022 and 2021 for the Board:

Month of July 31, 2022: Financial statements for the first month of fiscal year 2023 will result in the same YTD data. There was an operating loss of (\$198,000) and an EBIDA of (\$49,000). Inpatient, outpatient, and professional revenues were up 1% in comparison to the prior year and (4%) under the current budget. The average daily census for the floor was 3.13 with one birth for the month.

The majority of outpatient services were short in comparison to the prior year and the budget. In comparison to the prior year, we had COVID patients last year and limited patients this year in the first month. Clinic visits were also off of a budget and prior year due in part to 10 days of provider PTO. Total expenses were under budget by 4% and over the prior year by 5%. For the month total cash and investments decreased by (\$80,000). Day's cash on hand decreased and was at 125 days due to last month's Cerner billing issue that was not resolved until July for TCHS to release the billings and complete work on the rebills.

YTD: AR Days were 55 (gross) and 52 (net) due to the above-mentioned billing issue.

Discussion: There were discussions regarding the Cerner billing issue, Medicare numbers, government funding and Thayer County Pharmacy Revenue, and Expenses. Additionally, Laura asked about how wages and benefits are driving the budget.

Financials Approval – Loren made a motion to approve the July Financials and Laura seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

Officers Reports:

Chief Executive Office Report – Brian Rokusek

- a. **Consent Agenda (July) – Loren made a motion to approve the July consent agenda as written: Connie seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**
- b. **Administration Update:** Nathan Pavelka from the wellness center was awarded employee of the month, with one outside nomination and ten star cards. Brian shared staff is still interviewing for a new architect firm. Brian also shared, Raven has been doing a great job as HR Director and it's been all positive feedback from employees.
- c. **New Hires:** Sam Carpenter - Ward Clerk/CNA and Jacey Fowler – Surgery/Specialty Clinic CNA.

Chief Nursing Officer Report – Jamie Koch

- a. **Physician Credentialing:** None
- b. **Covid-19 and masking update:** Slight uptick in cases, still masking due to guidance from CMS. Leadership and employees discussed masking at the employee forms.

Chief Financial Officer – Mike DeFoe

- a. **Facilities Update:** Two areas of construction here at the facility, outside of the therapy area the sidewalk has been torn up and found holes under the foundation and a drain that was covered up. TCHS will be moving the sidewalk away from the building. The other project is up by the ambulance bay. The ground is dug up to accommodate a new Bulk Oxygen tank, this project will be finished by the end of the year.

Chief Operations Officer – Amanda Vandervoort

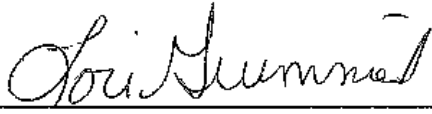
- a. **Provider Update:** Dr. Myers's meet and greet will be on September 21.
- b. **Sneak Peak "We Care" Model:** Amanda shared about a new initiative that came about from an HCHAPS meeting. Amanda shared a slide with information on it. The topic was: How can we make the patient experience better?

Old Business for the Board: None

Miscellaneous/New Business for the Board: October board meeting on October 26 will be at 7:30 a.m. with Wipfli presenting the audit at 8:00 a.m. The change is due to the Women's Health Night being scheduled for the evening of October 26.

Visitors Comments: Scott Cook, CHI, shared that CHI is working with NE DHHS on a grant program to provide rural health education. It will be partnered with WinterGreen, providing webinars, in-person training, and cost report audits. Scott shared that Creighton University is working on a medicine pipeline program that they are developing. It will be used to start educating people earlier in their lives, in elementary school and work with the schools and hospitals to work them in a mini-med school program.

7:12 p.m. Loren moved, Laura seconded to adjourn and go into executive session. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried.



Lori Grummert
Controller



Brian Rokusek
Chief Executive Officer