



October 26, 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 October 26, 2022, at 7:28 am 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 the roll call were Karen Dahlkoetter, Loren Wiedel, Connie Lichty and Michael Long. Laura Tuma was present via zoom for part of the meeting. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Scott Cook, Jamie Koch, Mike DeFoe, Amanda Vandervoort, Cheryl Dougherty, and Lori Grummert. Recorder: Heidi McClintock, Executive Assistant.

**Approval of August 31, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes:**

**Connie motioned to approve the August 31, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, Karen yes, Connie yes, Mike yes, and Laura yes. Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Agenda & Approval of September 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes:**

**Loren motioned to approve the agenda along with the September 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, Loren yes, Mike yes, and Karen yes. Motion carried.**

**Financial Statements- September 2022:**

Mike reviewed the financial statement packet for the Third Month Ended September 30, 2022, and 2021 with the Board:

Month of September: Overview of the September 30, 2022 financial statements for the third month of fiscal year 2023. MTD there was an operating loss of (\$168,000) and an EBIDA of (\$15,000). Total patient revenues were up 16% in comparison to prior year and 14% above current budget. All services were up over prior year however our deductions from revenue have been held at 26% as we near our completion of the cost report. If we were to reduce our contractual percentage to the annual average 24% our month and year to date operating margin would be near breakeven. The average daily census for the floor was 5.2 with three births for the month.

The month of September saw all outpatient areas exceed the prior year except Surgeries, Senior Life and Specialty Clinic. The TC Pharmacy Scripts-Retail was budgeted but all scripts and revenue have been moved to TC Pharmacy Scripts. With this update, we will have to make an addendum to the budget for those departments for the remaining 2023 fiscal year. Total expenses were under budget 1% as the salaries came back in line with the quarter completion. We had influenza vaccine and chemo drugs increasing the pharmacy and Thayer County Pharmacy Drug expenses.

For the month total cash and investments decreased by (\$300,000). Day's cash on hand decreased and were at 110 days. We continue to utilize government funding for expense and capital opportunities as these funds need to be utilized prior to December 31, 2022.

Year to Date: YTD Operating Loss was (\$188,000), total margin (\$159,000) and an EBIDA of \$281,000. AR Days were 49 (gross) and 48 (net) and each day we can reduce the AR we can add \$95,000 in cash to the financials.

Additional Information: Per the cost report monthly template supplied by Wipfli, our current estimated Medicare rates for the month were: IP \$4,421, OP 68% and SWB \$3,567. Prior year rates were IP \$3,786, OP 69% and SWB \$2,967.

Discussion: There was discussion regarding the Medicare balance sheet in which there was an adjustment to contractual costs.

**Mike made a motion to approve the September 2022 Financial Statements, and Loren seconded. Roll call vote, Karen yes, Connie yes, Mike yes, Loren yes, and Laura yes. Motion Carried.**

**Officers Reports:**

**Chief Executive Officer Report- Brian Rokusek**

- a. **Consent Agenda (September) – Loren made a motion to approve the September consent agenda as written; Connie seconded. Roll call vote, Karen yes, Connie yes, Loren yes, Mike yes and Laura yes. Motion Carried.**
- b. **Administration Update:** Brian reported to the board on November 8<sup>th</sup> the building committee and senior leadership would be meeting with two architecture firms to go over their proposals for the remodel and addition of TCHS. Brian also reported a list of upcoming events TCHS is hosting or a part of which included: Women's Health Night in Deshler October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, Senior Symposium November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Stastny Conference Center from 11 am to 2 pm, and the Foundation's Gala on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Stastny Conference Center starting at 5 pm. Brian reported the retail pharmacy is still on time for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December to have the renovation done in the front retail space. Brian also reported Blue Valley Lutheran Homes agreed to the agreement to provide therapy services starting January 1, 2023. Brian also stated Jamie and he had a good discussion with Parkview Haven Nursing Home in Deshler and they have agreed to have their patients' lab services done with TCHS and senior leadership is working on getting them to consider therapy services with TCHS as well.

**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. Connie seconded. Roll call vote, Mike yes, Connie yes, Karen yes, and Laura yes. Motion carried.**
- b. **Universal Masking Update:** Jamie informed the group, TCHS updated their universal masking policy. Jamie stated it now reads, when the number of positive cases meets or exceeds 1% of Thayer County's population, we will implement universal masking for all patients, visitors, and staff at Thayer County Health Services.
- c. **Quality Scorecard:** Jamie stated the quality scorecard is in the board packet along with a few new graphs, Stephanie made to hopefully be able to read the data easier.

**Chief Financial Officer Report- Mike DeFoe**

- a. **None**

**Chief Operations Officer- Amanda Vandervoort**

- a. **Provider Update:** Amanda stated TCHS has an applicant for Grant's position. Her name is Laura Baxa, her and her husband recently moved back to Hebron and are fixing up a family farmhouse. Laura is a nurse practitioner with over 10 years' experience. Amanda informed the board she would keep them updated with the progress. Amanda reported they are still working on Dr. Hosein's credentialing and hopefully getting him a Thursday availability in specialty clinic for neurosurgery once he is credentialed.
- b. **Compliance Report:** Amanda included a handout in the board packet with general information regarding compliance for this quarter but she stated that she uses the seven elements of an effective compliance program but Amanda stated that she noticed the culture and communication has really changed since taking over the compliance program.

**Annual Audit Report (WIPFI):** Paul Traczek from Wipfi reviewed the audit results for the year ending June 30, 2022 with the board. The auditor reviewed the required communications, financial analysis, ratio analysis, industry updates and healthcare trends. Following the review of the results, there were discussions regarding COVID relief funds, audit requirement and scheduling models for services. **Loren moved to accept the results for the June 30, 2022 audit as written, Mike seconded. Roll call vote, Karen yes, Connie yes, Loren yes and Mike yes. Motion carried.**

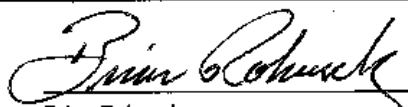
**Old Business for the Board:** none.

**Miscellaneous/New Business for the Board:** The board had a discussion regarding November's board meeting as it would fall on the day before Thanksgiving. The board agreed on the next meeting being November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.

**Visitor Comments:** Scott Cook, CHI, gave a brief update on the ransomware attack that CHI Health experienced. Scott also stated that the CHI transfer center experienced some leadership changes.

**Mike moved, and Connie seconded to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:23 am. Roll call taken. All yes. Motion carried.**

  
 Heidi McClintock  
 Executive Assistant

  
 Brian Rokusek  
 Chief Executive Officer