



September 28, 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 September 28, 2022, at 7:01 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 the roll call were Karen Dahlkoetter, Loren Wiedel, and Michael Long. Not present were Connie Lichty and Laura Tuma. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Scott Cook, Jamie Koch, Mike DeFoe, Amanda Vandervoort, and Lori Grummet. Recorder: Heidi McClintock, Executive Assistant.

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

**Loren motioned to hold off on approving the August 31, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and motioned to approve the agenda. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**

**Financial Statements- August 2022:**

Mike reviewed the financial statement packet for the Second Month Ended August 31, 2022, and 2021 with the Board:

Month of August: Overview of the August 31, 2022 financial statements for the second month of fiscal year 2023. MTD there was an operating gain of \$178,000 and an EBIDA of \$345,000. Total patient revenues were up 18% in comparison to the prior year and 16% above the current budget. Outpatient services were the main segment for the increase. The average daily census for the floor was 3.2 with three births for the month.

August was a complete turnaround from the first month of FY23 for the majority of outpatient services, as stats were above both prior year and budget. Some departments with significant increases over prior year include ER visits up 25%, Imaging up 13% and Rehab up 31%. Clinic visits were also above prior year by 7%. Total expenses were over budget by 11% and influenza vaccine and chemo drugs were the main increase.

For the month total cash and investments decreased by (\$900,000). Day's cash on hand decreased and were at 120 days due to the Cerner billing issue that was not resolved until July and payment has continued to come in from the bill release.

Year to Date: YTD Operating Income was (\$20,000), total margin (\$161), and an EBIDA of \$296,000. AR Days were 52 (gross) and 46 (net) down 4 days due to receiving payments on the above-mentioned billing issue.

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 \$3,366, OP 66% and SWB \$2,967.

Discussion: There were discussions regarding the way senior life solutions leadership changed their payment processes, the three pay periods and how it affects salaries in September, and COVID grant audits.

**Loren made a motion to approve the August 2022 Financial Statements, and Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**

**Officers Reports:**

**Chief Executive Officer Report- Brian Rokusek**

- a. **Consent Agenda (August) – Loren made a motion to approve the August consent agenda as written; Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**
- b. **Administration Update:** Brian reported to the board he sent over an agreement to Blue Valley Lutheran Homes to start therapy services with a projected start date of January 1, 2023. Brian added they haven't heard back yet but expects it to be signed as there has been a lot of discussion with the BVLH team. Brian stated the Pharmacy remodel would start after the close of business on October 15<sup>th</sup> and new cabinetry would be installed the week of November

28<sup>th</sup> and plans to reopen the first week in December. While the building is getting remodeled, patients are encouraged to call ahead and have curbside pickup or delivery. In-town delivery will be free and in the county will be \$5. Brian also added from now until October 15<sup>th</sup> all cards, decor, and store merchandise is 25 percent off. Brian also added the new generator would get installed at the pharmacy while the store is getting remodeled. Brian stated Mike D., Andy, and himself met with another architect, Patrick Leahy of Emergent Architecture, and would like to have the building committee meet both architecture firms so the process can move forward with the addition and remodel of TCHS. Brian also mentioned the employee giving campaign is coming up and stated he would like to see 75% of employees giving even if it was a small amount per pay period. Brian also invited the board members to the TCHS Family Tailgate that is taking place on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at the Stasny Community Center at 5:30 pm. Brian also stated he did an interview with the local paper, Hebron Journal, about providing outstanding healthcare. Brian stated they received Grant Anderson's 90-day notice and they hope to replace him with an experienced APP.

- c. **New Hires:** Brian reported that there were four new hires for September. They included Ashley Fayle; Environmental Services Tech II, Brooke Fowler; Surgery RN, Susan Sly; Ambulatory Services Coordinator-RN, and Shaun Calkins; Ambulance Driver (PRN). Brian also informed the group this was the first time in a very long time; EVS had a full staff.

**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. Loren seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Discussion prior to approval: Jamie noted that there was no Medical Staff meeting in August.
- b. **Quest for Excellence:** Jamie informed the group that TCHS is receiving the Quest for Excellence Award, CAH division from NHA after Stephanie Moody put a lot of work into the 15-plus page application. Jamie also stated she thinks this is the first time TCHS has ever been awarded this award.
- c. **Upcoming Flu Vaccine Clinics:** Jamie stated it's almost that time of year for the flu clinics and TCHS would be doing the drive-thru clinics and the information about the clinics are in the handouts.

**Chief Financial Officer Report- Mike DeFoe**

- a. **Pharmacy Claims Process Review:** Mike shared that the pharmacy review cycle didn't start till December 2020 and as of June 2022 they have 19 months of data. Mike included a handout for the board to help everyone understand how the revenue cycle worked to include co-pays, insurance percentages, and full payment timelines. Mike stated that for most claims it takes anywhere from 180-240 days to get the full payment.

**Chief Operations Officer- Amanda Vandervoort**

- a. **Provider Update:** Amanda stated Grant Anderson will be leaving in December and the job is already advertised. Amanda also stated Dr. Jeremy Hosein, a neurosurgeon out of Lincoln, is really interested in coming here. We hope to get him into the specialty clinic on one of the Thursdays that Dr. Bohlen is not here but there are still some logistics that need to be figured out first. Amanda stated there will not be an update with ACO till November but the proposed rule looks good. Amanda added it looks like we will stay with them in 2023 unless there is something that surprises us in November. Amanda also added there are plans in place either way.

**Old Business for the Board:** Karen stated that she was very happy to see all the providers at Dr. Myers's meet and greet and she hopes that all the providers can get out in the community at events like this because she heard only good things from community members.

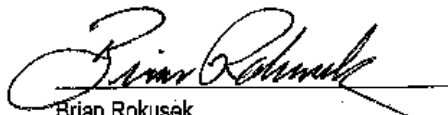
**Miscellaneous/New Business for the Board:** none.

**Visitor Comments:** none.

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



Heidi McClintock  
Executive Assistant



Brian Rokusek  
Chief Executive Officer