



December 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 December 28, 2022, at 7:01 pm 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, Laura Tuma and Connie Lichty. Michael Long was absent. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Scott Cook, Jamie Koch, Amanda Vandervoort, Mike DeFoe, and Lori Grummert. Recorder: Heidi McClintock, Executive Assistant.

**Approval of Agenda & Approval of November 30, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes:**

Loren motioned to approve the agenda along with November 30, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Laura seconded. Roll call vote: Loren yes, Laura yes, and Karen yes. Connie abstain. Motion carried.

**Financial Statements - November 2022:**

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

Month of November: Overview of the November 30, 2022 financial statements for the fifth month of fiscal year 2023. MTD there was an operating loss of (\$132,000) and an EBIDA of \$16,000. Total patient revenues were up 14% in comparison to prior year and 13% above current budget. All services were up over prior year with IP at 3%, OP 16% and Professional 15%. The MTD percentage adjustment was 23%. The average daily census for the floor was 4.1 with four births for the month.

The month of November had a mix of outpatient services above and below prior year stats. Some of the down areas from PY were Hospital Pharmacy and Retail Pharmacy off (6%), Rehab off (3%) and Specialty off (7%). Departments significantly up were Imaging 16%, ER 18% and Behavioral Clinic 34%. Total expenses were over budget 16%. Salaries and wages were up due to 11 days being brought in on the accrual for the month. During the month of November, December's insurance in employee benefits was included in the month for a total increase of \$154,000 to employee benefits which offsets the operating loss for the month.

For the month total cash and investments increased \$200,000. Day's cash on hand and were at 106 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 (\$219,000), total margin (\$187,000) and an EBIDA of \$547,000. AR Days were 44 (gross) and 38 (net) and each day we can reduce the AR we can add \$98,000 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 \$3,203, OP 63.5% and SWB \$2,669. Wipfli is waiting on the Home Office Cost Report from Common Spirit for the TCHS cost report completion for 2022.

Discussion: There was discussions regarding the pharmacy drug costs, retail pharmacy cost report, and non-ledger adjustment to clean up the financials.

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

**Officers Reports:**

**Chief Executive Officer Report - Brian Rokusek**

- a. **Consent Agenda (November) – Loren made a motion to approve the November consent agenda as written; Laura seconded. Roll call vote, Karen yes, Loren yes, Connie yes and Laura yes. Motion Carried.**
- b. **Administration Update:** Brian reported to the board, Blue Valley Lutheran Homes signed the therapy agreement with TCHS to start therapy services January 1, 2023. Brian added there are still discussions going on about laundry with Blue Valley Lutheran

Homes and other laundry services to see what the best solution is for TCHS laundry. Brian stated he has met with key members from the community of Bruning about the needs of the Bruning Clinic. The Rural Health Clinics have received some grant funding to update the clinics; but the money cannot be used to add on square footage. The money will be used to update the facilities to make them better for patients and staff. The Bruning Clinic contractor plans to start in January to make updates. Brian added hopefully this grant will be able to be used to help pay for the Hebron Clinic's portion of the master facility plan.

- c. **New Hires:** Brian reported Laura Baxa officially started December 1<sup>st</sup> and Shannon Brantley took a promotion to the retail pharmacy manager. Brian added Salina Lepant, started in the clinic as an LPN and staff have been very welcoming to these new employees.

**Chief Nursing Officer Report - Jamie Koch**

- a. **New Services Update:** Jamie informed the group, TCHS staff is updating the joint camp booklet and program. Jamie added Dr. Bohlen will officially start doing total hip replacements in January. The joint camp helps patients prepare for their hospital stay and hopes the group setting for joint camp will help patients connect with others going through a similar surgery. Jamie reported baby camp will start back up again with social services, rehab, clinic and hospital nursing helping provide education and resources to families before the birth of their baby.

**Chief Financial Officer Report - Mike DeFoe**

- a. **Cost Report Update:** Mike stated all the COVID grant money was spent. Mike added the bulk oxygen tank was installed and asked the board if they heard anything about the needs of community members with the pharmacy to please let him or senior leadership know because they want the pharmacy to be a great asset to Thayer County.

**Chief Operations Officer - Amanda Vandervoort**

- a. **Provider Update:** Amanda stated Laura Baxa started with TCHS and has completed all of her required training but two classes left in January and February. Amanda added TCHS is still waiting on Blue Cross Blue Shield to get Laura credentialed but after that she should be able to be credentialed at the January medical staff meeting. Amanda added Dr. Hosein will officially come to TCHS specialty clinic on February 9<sup>th</sup> to see patients for neurosurgery.

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

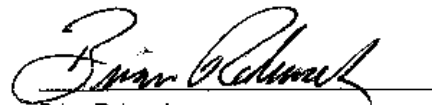
**Miscellaneous/New Business for the Board:** None.

**Visitor Comments:** Scott Cook, CHI, gave a brief update on a compliance meeting for compliance leaders state wide thanks to Amanda. Scott also added there are monthly webinars available to the leadership and if anyone misses they can always contact CHI to get the information later. Scott stated transfers should go to CUMC- Bergan Mercy as they are staffing more there and hope to increase bed size by double. Lori G. added they received notice on Friday, TCHS is getting \$60,000 back from their third WPS audit this year.

**Connie moved, and Laura seconded to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:03 pm. Roll call taken. All yes. Motion carried.**



Heidi McClintock  
Executive Assistant



Brian Rokusek  
Chief Executive Officer