



June 28, 2023

**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 28, 2023, at 7:00 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 Michael Long, Loren Wiedel, Connie Lichty, and Karen Dahlkoetter. Not in attendance was Laura Tuma. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Amanda Vandervoort, Scott Cook, Jamie Koch, and Mike DeFoe. Recorder: Heidi McClintock, Executive Assistant.

**Approval of Agenda & Approval of May 31, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes:**

**Loren motioned to approve the agenda along with May 31, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Connie seconded. Roll call vote: Loren yes, Connie yes, Mike yes, and Karen yes. Motion carried.**

**Financial Statements - May 2023:**

Mike reviewed the financial statement packet for the Eleventh Month Ending May 31, 2023, and 2022 with the Board:

Month of May: Overview of the May 31, 2023 financial statements for the eleventh month of fiscal year 2023. MTD there was an operating loss of (\$106,000) and an EBIDA of \$64,000. Total patient service revenues were under budget (0.1%) and prior year (0.8%). Total monthly revenue was under budget (0.5%) and above prior year MTD 4%. Monthly operating expenses were over budget 7% and prior year 33% with supplies (implants) and retail drugs having most significant impact. The average daily census for the floor was 2.0, (50%) under budget. There were no births for the month. The month of May generated outpatient services above budget except for ER visits and hospital pharmacy. Major departmental variances from budget include an increase in Surgeries of 22%, Radiology procedures of 12%, Specialty visits 18% and 105% on behavioral visits. Clinic visits were above budget 1% and above prior year 11%. For the month total cash and investments increased \$454,000. Day's cash on hand were at 103 days.

Year to Date: YTD Operating income was \$981,000, total margin \$1,061,000 and an EBIDA of \$2,689,000. YTD patient service revenue was up 4% on budget and 8% on prior year. Total revenue was up 8% on budget and 2% on prior year. AR Days were 47 gross and 40 net.

Additional Information: Per the cost report monthly template supplied by Wipfli, our current estimated Medicare rates for the month were: IP \$5,947, OP 74% and SWB \$4,543. Prior year rates were IP \$4,139, OP 68.2% and SWB \$3,331.

Discussion: There were discussions regarding the baby/nursery numbers, capital budget finalization, and hospital beds.

**Loren made a motion to approve the May 2023 Financial Statements, and Mike seconded. Roll call vote, Karen yes, Connie yes, Mike yes, and Loren yes. Motion Carried.**

**Officers Reports:**

**Chief Executive Officer Report - Brian Rokusek**

- a. **Consent Agenda (April) – Mike made a motion to approve the May consent agenda as written; Connie seconded. Roll call vote, Karen yes, Mike yes, Loren yes, and Connie yes. Motion Carried.**
- b. **Administration Update:** Brian stated the senior leadership team had a goal of 80 percent participation for employee engagement survey for this year and was happy to report this year's participation was 86 percent. Brian stated Deshler Clinic open house is June 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm with free will donation hamburger/hotdogs and the money raised will go to the new non-profit daycare in Deshler. Brian added June 30<sup>th</sup>, TCHS will be closing on the property across the street and are having a little celebration with the owners in the Stasny Conference Room from 2-3pm. In addition, TCHS is having a team in the softball tournament on Friday, June 30 night at 9pm. Additionally, Brian spoke about how marketing is trying to get more patient and

employee testimonials, so if you have anyone you know that would like to speak about their experience at TCHS let marketing or foundation know.

- c. **New Hires:** Brian reported there was one new hire for the month of May; Suzie Chhouk, a contract pharmacist that will be with TCHS for 13 weeks.

**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. Loren seconded. Roll call vote, Mike yes, Loren yes, Karen yes, and Connie yes. Motion carried.

**Chief Financial Officer Report - Mike DeFoe**

- a. **Budget:** Loren motioned to approve the budget for FY 2024 as submitted and recommended by the finance committee. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, Mike yes, Loren yes, Karen yes, and Connie yes. Motion carried.

Discussion included: parking lot capital budget, clinic visits, phone systems and overall risks in budget.

**Chief Operations Officer – Amanda Vandervoort**

- a. **Provider Update:** Amanda stated the medical staff is working on a transition plan when new staff comes on board for smoother transitions. Amanda stated she plans on doing the rural health clinic program review at the August board meeting. Amanda added beginning Jan. 2024 LIMHP's can enroll in Medicare.

**Old Business for the Board:** Karen asked about the pharmacy cash register situation. Mike stated the cash register area is on back order for about three weeks. Then they will move one of the cash registers from the back to the front near the photo area.

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

**Visitor Comments:** Scott Cook, CHI, gave a brief update from CHI Health, a lot of national structure changes at CHI with changes at division level.

**Mike moved, and Connie seconded to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting at 7:49 pm. Roll call taken. Karen yes, Loren yes, Mike yes, and Connie yes. Motion carried.**



Heidi McClintock  
Executive Assistant



Brian Rokusek  
Chief Executive Officer