



August 30, 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 August 30, 2023, 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 Laura Turna, Loren Wiedel, Connie Lichty, and Karen Dahlkoetter. Not in attendance was Michael Long. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Amanda Vandervoort, Scott Cook, Jamie Koch, Lori Grummer, and Mike DeFoe. Recorder: Heidi Leners, Executive Assistant/HR Assistant.

Approval of Agenda & Approval of July 26, 2023 Board Meeting & Executive Session Minutes:

Loren motioned to approve the agenda along with July 26, 2023 Board Meeting and Executive Session Minutes as written. Connie seconded. Roll call vote; Loren yes, Connie yes, Laura yes, and Karen yes. Motion carried.

Financial Statements – July 2023:

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

Month of July: Overview of the July 31, 2023 financial statements for the first month of the fiscal year 2024, which will result in the same YTD data. There was an operating loss of (\$238,000) and an EBIDA of (\$67,000). Some of the loss could be attributed to 22 days of provider PTO, not including the Fourth of July. Inpatient, outpatient and professional revenues were under budget (19%) and prior year (7%). Inpatient was significantly under and the average daily census for the floor was 1.58 with two births for the month. The majority of outpatient services were short in comparison to prior year and the budget. In comparison to prior year, we had COVID patients last year and limited patients this year in the first month. Clinic visits were also off of budget and similar to prior year. Total expenses were under budget (4%) and over prior year 1%. For the month total cash and investments decreased by (\$97,000). Day's cash on hand were at 109 days.

Year to Date: AR Days were 49 (gross) and 42 (net) for the month. We did have some employee PTO utilization, but in-house statements process continues to go well and days were held consistent.

Additional Information: This is the time of year we can't use the monthly template supplied by Wipfli, our current estimated Medicare rates for the month were: IP \$5,905, OP 74% and SWB \$4,558. Prior year rates were IP \$4,421, OP 68% and SWB \$2,967. Audit prepared by client information is being submitted for FY23 for the upcoming audit due to start September 11th.

Discussion: There were discussions regarding the correct budget from March and September months, pharmacy revenue being up for last year, and staff asking on the phone if they want their prescriptions delivered.

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

Officers Reports:

Chief Executive Officer Report - Brian Rokusek

- a. **Consent Agenda (July) – Loren made a motion to approve the July consent agenda as written; Connie seconded. Roll call vote, Karen yes, Laura yes, Loren yes, and Connie yes. Motion Carried.** Discussion included UA numbers and the importance of education before UAs.
- b. **Administration Update:** Brian stated the staff news and upcoming events were included in the board packets. Brian noted that TCHS had just signed with a new health insurance broker, INSPRO, which would replace Steve Albin, who had been with TCHS since the early 2000's. Inspro brings a wealth of education and a larger staffed team to help keep rates down and help with benefit education and information. Brian stated there could be a 35% rate increase in health benefits and by having inspro on our side they will help TCHS. Brian spoke about NHA's steering committee that is focused on a self-funded plan and how some

healthcare organizations are going to a trust-funded plan. Brian spoke about the current strategic plan and his plan towards the next strategic plan. Brian stated his time frame for the next strategic plan would be after the first of the year, which would give time to develop the plan based on the needs of the organization. Brian and Jamie spoke about the ambulance grant and the intentions of TCHS to sign a purchase agreement on a brand new one to ensure we get the \$75,000 match from the grant. Board would like to vote on this next month.

- c. **New Hires:** Brian reported there was four new hires; Renee Monter, Clinical Informatist, Phillip Price, Ambulance Driver (PRN), Rebecca Friedman, Pharmacy Technician, and Clarissa Voorhees, Patient Access Representative.

Chief Nursing Officer Report - Jamie Koch

- a. **Physician Credentialing:** None.

Chief Financial Officer Report - Mike DeFoe

- a. **Audit Update:** Mike stated the annual audit will be taking place over two weeks next month and they will be on site for the October board meeting to give their report.

Chief Operations Officer – Amanda Vandervoort

- a. **Provider Update:** Amanda stated Laura is currently on medical leave and Dr. Bohlen is happy and excited about his full days with TCHS. Discussion included working with high school student while in high school for internships and scholarships to get them to come back to TCHS after college completion. Amanda also spoke about a compliance update with cyber security goals and a company called Artic Wolf which will provide training and education to our employees.

Old Business for the Board: None.

Miscellaneous/New Business for the Board: None.

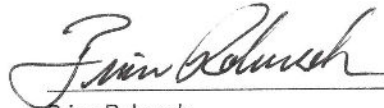
Visitor Comments: Scott Cook, CHI, gave a brief update from CHI Health, about the employee retention credit, a contract management webinar in October and a nurse's conference in April of 2024.

Laura moved, and Connie seconded to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:31 pm. Roll call taken. Karen yes, Loren yes, Mike yes, and Connie yes. Motion carried.



Heidi Leners

Executive Assistant/HR Assistant



Brian Rokusek

Chief Executive Officer