



November 1, 2023

Welcome Announcement of Open Meeting Law Posting

Loren Wiedel called the Meeting of the Thayer County Health Services Board of Trustees to order on November 1, 2023, at 6:59 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 Mike Long, Loren Wiedel, Connie Lichty, and Laura Tuma (via phone). Not in attendance was Karen Dahlkoetter. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Amanda Vandervoort, Jamie Koch, Scott Cook, Rita Luongo, Paul Traczek, Lori Grummert, and Mike DeFoe. Recorder: Heidi Leners, Executive Assistant/HR Assistant.

Approval of Agenda & Approval of September 27, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes:

Mike motioned to approve the agenda along with September 27, 2023 Board Meeting as written. Connie seconded. Roll call vote: Loren yes, Connie yes, Mike yes, and Laura yes. Motion carried.

Financial Statements – September 2023:

Mike reviewed the financial statement packet for the Third Month Ending September 30, 2023, and 2022 with the Board:

Month of September: Overview of the September 30, 2023 financial statements for the third month of fiscal year 2024. MTD there was an operating loss of (\$597,000) and an EBIDA of (\$433,000). Total patient revenues were under budget (19%) and under prior year (19%). Outpatient and clinical services were under budget and prior year and inpatient services continue to be significantly down to start fiscal 2024. The average daily census for the floor was 2.5 with one birth for the month. September was mainly under budgeted outpatient stats with surgeries and ER visits under (25%) and (29%) respectively. Some departments with increases over budget were the TC Pharmacy 2%, Senior Life 16% and Specialty up 13%. Clinic visits were under budget (17%) and under prior year by (15%). Total expenses were under budget (21%).

Year to Date: The YTD operating loss was (\$700,000), total margin (\$642,000) and an EBIDA of (\$190,000). We will be implementing the 3.92 % charge master increase for FY24 this month. AR Days were 57 (gross) and 46 (net). We are starting to see some self-pay increase and continue to monitor the ATB for trends.

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 the FY23 audit.

Discussion: There were discussions regarding when the decline in numbers started, if it has increased in the month of October, and growing current services with current staffing to increase overall numbers.

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

Annual Audit Report (WIPFI): Paul Traczek from Wipfli reviewed the audit results for the year ending June 30, 2023 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 leases on balance sheets, federal credits, and COVID funding. **Laura moved to accept the results for the June 30, 2023 audit as written. Connie seconded. Roll call vote, Laura, yes, Connie yes, Loren yes and Mike yes. Motion carried.**

Officers Reports:

Chief Executive Officer Report - Brian Rokusek

- a. Consent Agenda (September) – Mike made a motion to approve the September consent agenda as written; Connie seconded. Roll call vote, Laura yes, Mike yes, Loren yes, and Connie yes. Motion Carried.
- b. **Administration Update:** Brian gave an update on employee benefits since open enrollment is in the near future. Brian also added human resources will be utilizing Sun Life services to stream line the benefit enrollment process. Brian stated upcoming events include; Employee Benefits Fair November 7th 12:30-5pm, Community Health Fair November 9th 11-1:30pm at Stastny Community Center, and November 15th 5:30-8pm.
- c. **New Hires:** Brian reported there was one new hire; Kaylee Mohler, pharmacy clerk/cashier.

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. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, Mike yes, Loren yes, Laura yes, and Connie yes. Motion carried.
- b. **Quality Scorecard:** Jamie stated the quality score card and HCAHPS scores were enclosed in the board packet.

Chief Financial Officer Report - Mike DeFoe

- a. **None:** n/a

Chief Operations Officer – Amanda Vandervoort

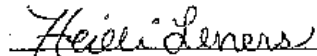
- a. **Provider Update:** Amanda gave a brief update on Laura Baxa. Amanda also added Christy is doing a wonderful job with training so far and the provider team is doing a great job working as a team to provide Christy with a robust training plan.

Old Business for the Board: Loren asked for a roof update. Mike stated facilities is getting four bids for a full repair of the roof and will let the board know of the quotes once they are all received.

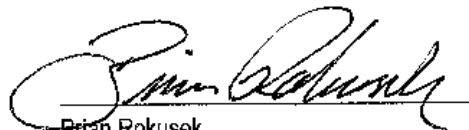
Miscellaneous/New Business for the Board: n/a.

Visitor Comments: Scott Cook, CHI Health, gave an update on leadership changes at CHI along with a leadership development cohort that will happen spring and fall with CHI. Scott also added that Senator Deb Fischer released information on the NHA and NeRHA's Rural Veteran Referral Program. Brian and Scott also added an update about nurses don't have to have a master's degree to teach in a clinical setting anymore but they do require the nurse has a BSN.

Connie moved, and Mike seconded to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:48 pm. Roll call taken. Laura yes, Loren yes, Mike yes, and Connie yes. Motion carried.



Heidi Leners
Executive Assistant/HR Assistant



Brian Rokusek
Chief Executive Officer