



February 28, 2024

Welcome Announcement of Open Meeting Law Posting

Karen Dahlkoetter called the Meeting of the Thayer County Health Services Board of Trustees to order on February 28, 2024, at 8:00 am 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, Karen Dahlkoetter, Connie Lichty, and Laura Tuma via phone. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Amanda Vandervoort, Jamie Koch, Alex Burhop, Lori Grummert, Mike Defoe, Grant Creger (CGID), Jeremy Klima (CGID), and Gideon Creager (CGID). Recorder: Heidi Leners, Executive Assistant/HR Assistant.

Approval of Agenda & Approval of January 31, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:

Loren motioned to approve the agenda along with January 31, 2024 Board Meeting as written. Mike seconded. Roll call vote: Loren yes, Mike yes, Connie yes, and Karen yes. Motion carried.

Financial Statements – January 2024:

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

Month of January: Overview of the January 31, 2024, financial statements for the seventh month of fiscal year 2024. MTD there was an operating gain of \$210,000 and an EBIDA of \$376,000. Total patient revenues were under budget (9%) and under the prior year (3%). Inpatient revenue was above budget 14% with outpatient and professional services revenue under budget (12%) and (8%) respectively. The average daily census for the floor was 5.2 with two births in the month. Outpatient stats for the month of January were above budget in all areas except rehab units (7%), imaging (4%) and surgery & scopes (28%). Clinic visits were under budget (16%) and under the prior year by (8%). Total expenses were under budget (15%). For the month total cash and investments increased by \$35,000. The days cash on hand ended at 80 days.

Year to Date: The YTD operating loss was (\$739,000), total margin (\$612,000) and an EBIDA of \$437,000. The YTD total patient revenue was under budget (11%) and prior YTD (5%). The net patient revenue is under budget (16%) and the prior year (6%). The January financials were prepared using the cost report template that was updated with the TCHS FY23 audited data. AR Days were 55 days net. We continue working with our revenue cycle team on coding and have increased billing hours for submission.

Additional Information: Per the cost report monthly template supplied by Wipfli, our current estimated Medicare rates for the month were: IP \$5,457, OP 73% and SWB \$5,190. Prior year rates were IP \$5,631, OP 72% and SWB \$4,395.

Discussion: There were discussions regarding the CHI Management fee, leases, audit, and acute inpatient stays.

Laura made a motion to approve the January 2024 Financial Statements, and Mike seconded. Roll call vote, Mike yes, Laura yes, Connie yes, Karen yes, and Loren yes. Motion Carried.

Officers Reports:

Chief Executive Officer Report - Brian Rokusek

- a. **Consent Agenda (January) – Loren made a motion to approve the January consent agenda as written; Connie seconded. Roll call vote, Mike yes, Laura yes, Connie yes, Loren yes, and Karen yes. Motion Carried.**
- b. **Administration Update:** Brian introduced Alex Burhop, director of operations - regional critical access hospitals for CHI Health. Alex briefly introduced himself and explained how he would attend most Thayer County Health Service Board meetings. Brian gave an update on LB1087. Brian stated the bill passed and will go into effect in the next fiscal year. Brian added that the program would require quality measures and metrics, but after two years, the program should bring around two million dollars to TCHS. Brian spoke about the Optimum cyber-attack and how it has affected TCHS. Brian added that March 14th is the TECDA annual meeting and banquet if any board members want to attend. Brian also said that March 16th is the Foundation Gala.

- c. **Master Facility Plan (Grant Creager):** Grant Creager, Gideon Creager, and Jeremy Klima from CGID presented the master facility plan. CGID also handed out maps and a redesign to the board. Grant explained how senior leadership and the employees of TCHS got to this design and how best to utilize the current space and overall lot of TCHS. Grant added that the construction would take place in different phases as there would need to be an expansion/addition to the current square footage. Jeremy said a list of all the equipment TCHS has, and the longevity of the equipment will help TCHS plan for the future.
- d. **New Hires:** Brian reported three new hires for the month, which includes: Nathan Koch, paramedic, Debbie Beck, EVS Tech, and Jannette Suarez, EVS Tech.

Chief Nursing Officer Report - Jamie Koch

- a. **Review of Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Plan:** Jamie stated that our state survey window will be in 2025, and the QAPI needs to be presented to the board and updated yearly.
- b. **Physician Credentialing:** Loren motioned to approve the initial appointments and re-appointments as recommended by the Medical Staff. Laura seconded. Roll call vote, Mike yes, Loren yes, Karen yes, Laura yes, and Connie yes. Motion carried.

Chief Financial Officer Report - Mike DeFoe

- a. **Finance Committee Members:** Mike updated the board on how TCHS has been working on a contract with the MRI company to park the trailer for a three or five-year contract option. The trailer would have our logo on it, and our staff would be able to provide MRI service during the week. Mike added that we only have the MRI truck here on Wednesdays, and if it is needed faster, we have to send patients to Broadstone or Lincoln. Staci is our only employee trained for MRI, but we could train the rest of the radiology staff.

Chief Operations Officer – Amanda Vandervoort

- a. **Provider Update:** Amanda stated that Christy is on FMLA and that Dr. Myers will be going on FMLA next month. Laura resigned voluntarily. Amanda also said we have a PA candidate with ER experience.


Old Business for the Board: n/a.

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

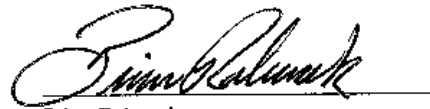
Visitor Comments: Alex Burhop gave an update on CHI organizational chart and stated he would be happy to assist TCHS whenever he can.

Executive Session: n/a.

Mike moved, and Loren seconded to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting at 10:24 am. Roll call taken. Loren yes, Laura yes, Connie yes, Mike yes, and Karen yes. Motion carried.



Heidi Leners
Executive Assistant/HR Assistant



Brian Rokusek
Chief Executive Officer