



March 27, 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 March 27, 2024, 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 Mike Long, Loren Wiedel, Karen Dahlkoetter, Connie Lichty via phone, and Laura Tuma. Others in attendance: Brian Rokusek, Amanda Vandervoort, Jamie Koch, Lori Grummert, David Jones (Common Spirit). Recorder: Heidi Leners, Executive Assistant/HR Assistant.

**Approval of Agenda & Approval of February 28, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:**

Mike motioned to approve the agenda along with February 28, 2024 Board Meeting as written. Connie seconded. Roll call vote: Loren yes, Mike yes, Connie yes, and Karen yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statements – February 2024:**

Lori reviewed the financial statement packet for the Eighth Month Ending February 29, 2024, and 2023 with the Board:

Month of February: Overview of the February 29, 2024, financial statements for the eighth month of fiscal year 2024. MTD there was an operating loss of (\$69,000) and an EBIDA of \$97,000. Total patient revenues were above budget 2% and the prior year 14%. Inpatient revenue was under budget (15%) with outpatient and professional services revenue above budget 4% and 6% respectively. The average daily census for the floor was 3.8 with a birth in the month. Outpatient stats for the month of February were at or slightly above budget in all areas except ER visits (17%). Clinic visits were under budget (3%) but above the prior year by 15%. Total expenses were at budget for the month. For the month total cash and investments decreased by (\$293,000). The days cash on hand ended at 76 days.

Year to Date: The YTD operating loss was (\$809,000), total margin (\$668,000) and an EBIDA of \$535,000. The YTD total patient revenue was under budget (10%) and prior YTD (3%). The net patient revenue is under budget (16%) and the prior year (5%). The February financials were prepared using the cost report template that was updated with the TCHS FY23 audited data. AR Days increased to 60 days net and will continue to increase due to the national cyber security attack on Change Healthcare. On February 21, 2024, a cyber security attack impacted the clearinghouse TCHS uses for claims scrubbing and submissions. TCHS was not able to send claims to any payers. As of March 21, 2024, claims are being submitted to Medicare and some other payers but not all. TCHS submitted claims to Medicare on March 20, 2024, and will hopefully have funds received within 15 days.

Additional Information: Per the cost report monthly template supplied by Wipfli, our current estimated Medicare rates for the month were: IP \$5,5417, OP 73% and SWB \$5,264. Prior year rates were IP \$5,631, OP 72% and SWB \$4,395.

Discussion: There were discussions regarding the claims being submitted, Cerner process for billing and adjustments.

Loren made a motion to approve the February 2024 Financial Statements, and Laura 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 (February) – Mike made a motion to approve the February consent agenda as written; Loren seconded. Roll call vote. Mike yes, Laura yes, Connie yes, Loren yes, and Karen yes. Motion Carried.**
- b. **Administration Update:** Brian introduced David Jones, his boss from Common Spirit. David briefly introduced himself and provided an update on the structural leadership changes with CHI/Common Spirit. Brian added that the new phone installation is in place and that it's been a great transition so far. Brian stated that the Gala raised over \$20,000 for the foundation and hoped everyone enjoyed the new event theme. The roof replacement process has started, and the first phase is vacuuming the rock off

the roof. In addition, Brian added that TCHS had signed an agreement to have the MRI trailer here full time, which will start in early May, allowing our patients to get an MRI in-house Monday-Friday and not just on Wednesdays. Also, Brian has been showing the master facility plan to community members at different meetings, and the strategic plan planning process will start in the next few weeks.

- c. **New Hires:** Brian reported four new hires for the month, which includes: Cloe Sinn, Radiology Tech. (PRN); Ian Hrasky, Payroll Clerk; Anthony Kelly, Fitness Instructor (PRN); and Kaitlyn Harrison, C.N.A./Ward Clerk (PRN).

**Chief Nursing Officer Report - Jamie Koch**

- a. **Physician Credentialing:** Loren motioned to approve the initial appointments and re-appointments as recommended by the Medical Staff. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, Mike yes, Loren yes, Karen yes, Laura yes, and Connie yes. Motion carried.

**Chief Financial Officer Report - Mike DeFoe**

- a. **Change Health Update:** Mike updated the board with the effects of the Change Health Cyber Attack, which included changing our clearing house, Cerner helping with the transition on the billing side, and finally getting statements out again.

**Chief Operations Officer - Amanda Vandervoort**

- a. **Provider Update:** Amanda stated that Christy will return part-time in mid-April and full-time at the end of April, and Dr. Myers plans to return from FMLA at the beginning of May. Amanda added that the ENT specialist will not be coming to TCHS due to retirement but plans to return when they have the staffing. Amanda also said that we are searching for an experienced PA, and we have a few candidates.

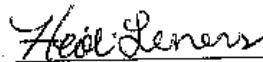
**Old Business for the Board:** n/a.

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

**Visitor Comments:** David Jones, Brian's boss at Common Spirit, gave an update from CHI/Common Spirit and let the board know he and Alex Burhop would be able to assist the board and Brian with anything they needed.

**Executive Session:** n/a.

**Mike moved, and Laura seconded to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting at 7:48 pm. 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