

**Big Sandy Medical Center (BSMC) Board of Directors Meeting
February 16, 2023**

Present:

Board Members: Harvey Keller, Ann Quinn, Anna Bold, Bob Nelson, Nicole Allderdice

Cypress Healthcare: Tony Pfaff, Rob Brandt, Ron Wiens, CEO

Employees: Sarah Schlepp, Ashley Allderdice, DON

Harvey Keller called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Nicole Allderdice moved to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2023 Board meeting. Bob Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Sarah

- Sarah presented the January and year-to-date financial statements and census data.
- The hospital continues to experience both high costs of travelers and low utilization of inpatient and Swing Bed rehab patients resulting in a significant year-to-date loss.
- Ron stated that the Hospital District board met and approved a distribution to BSMC of \$190,000.
- Anna Bold moved and Nicole Allderdice seconded the acceptance of the financial statement as presented.

Director of Nursing Report – Ashley

- Census: 18 LTC, 2 Swing beds, will be admitting another swing bed later in the week, early next week.
- COVID Report: closed with no further spread, just continue to monitor residents for any signs/symptoms

Medical Staff Report –

- Last Medical Staff quarterly meeting minutes were included in this board packet.
- CMS requires a practitioner be approved by the board for infection control in the facility. It was recommended that Krystyl Kulbeck, PA, be approved. Anna Bold motioned and Bob Nelson seconded the approval of Krystyl as the infection control practitioner.

CEO Report:

- Ron Wiens gave an update on the various projects in process.
- Ron gave a legislative update stating that currently the biggest issue that may impact BSMC is the proposed bills on reporting and implementing community benefit services.
- A Mock Survey was completed and the results were discussed. Ron stated there were several areas that needed attention before the actual surveyors showed up. Many of the hospital policies still referred to the hospital as a nursing home. The Dept. Leaders are putting together an action plan through the QAPI Committee process.
- The Revenue Cycle processes need updating in order to reduce inefficiencies and improve revenue integrity. Plans are in place to address all revenue cycle processes.
- Ron gave an update on Archer's interest in coming to Big Sandy. M. Archer changed his mind on the salary requirements he originally needed and agreed to sign the Letter of Intent.
- Open positions still exist for RNs, CNAs, Housekeeping and Physical Therapy

Election of Officers:

- After a brief discussion, Bob Nelson moved for the current officers to retain these positions for another year. Anna Bold seconded. Motion carried.

Credit Card Program Resolution:

- BSMC has the opportunity to join the 1st Bank of Montana credit card program which offers a 1% rebate on any hospital purchases paid with the card. After discussion, Nicole Allderdice moved and Bob Nelson seconded a Corporate Resolution for BSMC to join this program with 1st Bank of MT. Motion passed.

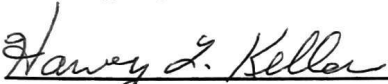
Old Business: None

Public Comment: Lisa Sipler raised the point that there are a number of projects being prioritized and funded for improving the kitchen, generator and clinic space, yet the areas of our core business of inpatient and swing bed services are needing much attention as they are getting run down and crowded. Comments were welcomed by the Board.

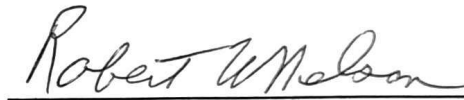
Next Board Meeting

- March 16, 2023

Meeting Adjournment



Harvey Keller, Chairman



Bob Nelson, Vice Chairman