

Big Sandy Medical Center (BSMC) Board of Directors Meeting

March 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:

- Bob Nelson moved to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2023 Board meeting. Anna Bold seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Sarah

- Sarah presented the February and year-to-date financial statements and census data. BSMC had net income of \$141,761 reducing the year-to-date loss to \$430,816. Included in the March Other Revenue was property tax receipts of \$190,000.
- Ron reported that good progress is being made cleaning up the old AR accounts. Total A/R days have dropped to 109 from a high of 125 back on 1/6/2023. Karma Hale is working on this project and expects to be done by the end of June 2023.
- An interim cost report will be completed for the time period July 1, 2022 thru February 28, 2023.
- Ann Quinn moved and Bob Nelson seconded the acceptance of the financial statement as presented.
- A big thank you to Sarah Schlepp for stepping in as the hospital Director of Finance when the hospital lost its CFO and Patient Acct. Rep. in 2021. Sarah is phasing out of providing services to BSMC with her last day on March 31, 2023. BSMC is looking for her replacement.

Director of Nursing Report – Ashley

- Census: 17 LTC, 4 Swing beds
- Ashley reviewed recent hires of RN and CNA positions

Medical Staff Report –

- February 22, 2023 Medical Staff quarterly meeting minutes were included in this board packet.
- The Medical Staff recommended to the Board the reappointment of Krystyl Kulbeck, PA, Paul Bradbury, PA and Carley Robertson, M.D. to the medical staff. Ann Quinn made a motion to approve these providers for reappointment. Bob Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

CEO Report:

- Ron gave an update on the provider recruitment effort. Michael Archer, NP, did not respond back with a signed contract by the deadline resulting in the end of that recruitment effort.
- Ron reviewed the results of the Employee Survey conducted in February of 2023. Overall, all areas of the survey showed improvement from last year.
- Ron reviewed the results of a “Mock Survey” conducted by an outside consultant. There were a number of areas that needed focus and have been assigned to individual leaders for setting up as a QAPI project. The recurring theme was the hospital staff are still operating as if there was still a nursing home. Effort needs to be made to embrace the facility as a hospital with swing beds.
- Ron gave a quick update on outstanding building projects. Not much change from last month as most of the projects are waiting on spring weather to start.
- Ron reported that he has reached out to the Helmsley Trust to see if they would grant funds for the purchase of the C-Arm system. They are interested in the project and Ron has sent a summary of the proposal to them for review.

- Ron, Tony and Rob gave a legislative update. The most concerning bill is SB364 which limits hospital charges to 250% of Medicare reimbursement. MHA and members are working diligently to get this bill tabled or amended. Another bill relates to setting requirements and reporting of a hospital's community benefit expenditures. Nothing final has been voted on.
- Ron, Ashley and Karma will be attending the MHA Health Summit in Helena April 5-7.
- Draft by-laws have been completed and after first review there still needs to be some changes. Ron and Tony will follow up with the attorney with these changes.

Old Business – None

Public Comment

Meeting closed for Executive Session. Regular board meeting was reopened.

Next Board Meeting:

- Moved to May 25, 2023 to accommodate Ron Wiens attending the MHA CEO mid-year event

Meeting adjourned: Moved by Ann Quinn, 2nd by Bob Nelson



Harvey Kellner, Chairman



Bob Nelson, Vice Chairman