

**Big Sandy Medical Center (BSMC) Board of Directors Meeting  
February 15, 2024**

**Present:**

**Current Board Members:** Anna Bold, Bob Nelson, Amber Terry, Karen Baumann,  
Ann Quinn joined by cell phone  
**Cypress Healthcare:** Tony Pfaff, Rob Brandt, Ron Wiens, CEO  
**Employees:** Sarah Schlepp: Finance, Ashley Allderdice: DON

**Chairman Bob Nelson called to order at 5:30pm**

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

- Anna Bold moved and Amber Terry seconded to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2024 Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

- Sarah reviewed the financial reports and census numbers. The hospital continues to operate in the red due to high contract labor and supply expenses and lower utilization of Swing Beds for the month. Karen moved and Anna seconded a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.
- Ron handed out the final audited financial statements along with a required communication letter from the auditors for the board. After review and discussion, Anna moved and Karen seconded the approval of the audited financial statements. Motion carried.

**Director of Nursing Report – Ashley**

- Ashley Allderdice reported the current census of 18 LTC patients, 2 skilled swing bed patients. There continues to be a waiting list for the LTC beds.

**Medical Staff Report –**

- Joe Epperson, PA-C has signed his contract and will be starting May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**CEO Report:**

- Cypress Healthcare has added a VP of Clinical Services to its staff which will be a resource for BSMC staff to use when working on swing bed admissions, etc.
- Ron gave an update of the clinic building progress. Electric and water hook ups are completed. Sewer hook ups are next.
- Ron gave an update on the dining room expansion. Waiting on wall coverings to finish the project.

**Old Business**

- Ron handed out a draft of the proposed by-laws and a memo from the attorney which provided background for the proposed changes, deletions and additions.

**New Business**

- Amber Terry brought up the Montana Healthcare Foundation "call for proposals" is open until March 16<sup>th</sup> and the funding for NICHE program might be a good proposal to submit.

**Public Comment**

- Ashley Allderdice brought up the concern about nursing on-call issues. Discussion followed.

**Meeting closed and Executive Meeting started**

**Executive Session closed and General Meeting reopened**

- Anna moved and Karen seconded a motion to approve the renewal of a 3-year contract with Cypress Healthcare.

**Next Board Meeting**

- March 21, 2024 at 5:30pm

**Meeting Adjournment**



**Bob Nelson, Chair**



**Anna Bold, Vice Chair**