

Big Sandy Medical Center (BSMC) Board of Directors Meeting

March 20, 2025

Present:

Current Board Members: Anna Bold - Chair, Amber Terry-Vice Chair, Dr. Karen Baumann-Secretary, Ann Quinn (by phone), Matt Gullickson

Cypress Healthcare: Rob Brant, Tony Pfaff, Ron Wiens, CEO
Employees: Sarah Schlepp: Finance, Jessica Ophus: NICHE
Lisa Sipler, Activities Director

Chairman Anna Bold called the meeting to order at 5:30pm (Quorum present)

The February minutes were read and approved.

Financial Report:

Sarah reviewed the census numbers and financial results.

Census Statistics:

- Hospital Inpatient: 6, Skilled SB: 63, LTC SB: 503
- Laboratory: 113, Xray: 12, Physical Therapy: 32 patients with 373 modalities,
- Clinic: 202, Chiropractic: 21, ER visits: 20

Financial Results:

- Total Revenues: \$704,728, Expenses: \$570,989, Net Income: 133,739
- YTD Net Loss: \$(124,060)

Sarah noted that an interim cost report is being prepared: July 2024 – Feb 2025

Amber Terry requested that A/R days be broken down by insurance and self-pay

Amber Terry moved and Karen Baumann seconded a motion to approve the financial report as presented.
Motion carried.

DON Report (Jess Ophus provided for DON)

Current census: 1 inpatient, 3 swing bed and 18 long term residents. Day shifts are fully staffed. Still working to fill night shift positions

Jess also gave an update on the NICHE program success in reducing patient falls

Medical Staff: Ron reviewed key topics of the March 2025 Medical Staff meeting.

QAPI Report:

QAPI report prepared by Zoe Obert was included in the board packet and reviewed at the board meeting.
Discussion followed.

HR Report: Karma was not able to attend board meeting. Ron and Jess reported on the job openings and the plan to run a half page ad in the Havre Chronicle listing the open positions.

CEO Report presented by Ron Wiens:

- Bill 245- Removes the sunset clause which will keep Medicaid as is and was passed by the House and Senate and now awaits the Governors signature.

Project update:

- Jess presented a video of the pharmacy/office project
- Ron reported that FICO was here last week and will be giving us a quote on updating the HVAC and installing a chiller to cover the patient care areas of the building
- Ron reported that we already have a quote on the windows from last year so just need to get those updated
- A small task force has been formed to start working on the patient room upgrades
- Ron reported that he sent in a Letter of Intent to the Browning Kimball Foundation for \$30k to fund a new roof on the Wellness Center
- Ron presented a new \$10,000 grant opportunity with the MTHF for small rural organizations. He proposed to apply for funds to purchase a "demo" greenhouse and to make some minor upgrades to the Wellness Center. ~~The board was in agreement on this idea.~~

Discussion followed

Old Business:

- Ron reported that the Murdock grant funds should arrive the first week of April.

Ron will be gone the first week in April for training on the cost report.

New Business:

- Lisa S. shared with the Board the dates of the upcoming Hospital Week in May and asked the Board members to volunteer to help with the Friday BBQ.
- Ron shared that SMA will be here next week to tour the facility and meet staff, and then start working on a proposal on what it would cost to build a new facility

Public Comment:

none

Regular Meeting adjourned: 7:15pm

Executive Session held

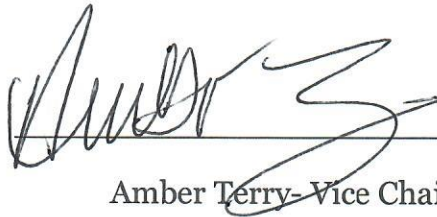
Regular Meeting reopened: 7:30pm

Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm

Next Board Meeting: April 17th at 5:30



Anna Bold- Chairman



Amber Terry- Vice Chairman