

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
APRIL 23, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Patrick Kuhns, Vice-President

Ryan Head, M.D., Secretary

H. Farrar Bentley

Sean Hightower

Lisa King

James Stockman

ABSENT:

Anita Kite, President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary L. Stokes, Interim CEO

Rhonda McCabe, CFO

Kristine Sutton, CNO

Noella Crayton, CCO

Edwin Ferren, M.D., CMO

Richard Wallace, Administrator

Jerry Baker, Legal Counsel

Ella Nobles, Executive Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER: Patrick Kuhns called the regular scheduled Board meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Farrar Bentley conducted a Moment of Silence for Anita Kite and Family. Ms. Kite was out due to a family death.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Some changes were made to the minutes- removing James Stockman and adding Ryan Head to the minutes. Motion was made by Farrar Bentley to approve changes to the minutes and seconded by Ryan Head. Motion carried unanimously.

III. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: Michael Bishop wanted to address some allegations from 2016 which resulted in Dr. Henderson's resignation of his medical license. Michael wanted to

correct the wrong that had been done and asked for a public retraction of the allegations from the Board. The Board took no action.

“ACCOLADES TO ONE OF OUR OWN”: Kristine Sutton wanted to recognize Anjou Bice for her AAUW Woman of the Year Award in the healthcare field and her outstanding service to Memorial. Kristine also mentioned that Maryanne Bentley was recognized at the same banquet as Anjou.

“WOW MOMENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION”: Kristine Sutton presented the WOW moment. The WOW moment is a duty performed outside of the normal duties. The WOW moment this month recognized ultrasound tech Alberta Bryan for taking care of a patient who was in an uncomfortable situation.

Kristine also mentioned that Auxiliary donated a gently used ultrasound machine.

“SPECIAL STAFF RECOGNITION FOR A JOB WELL DONE”: Patrick Kuhns presented the Staff Recognition award to Pamela Williams who was also recognized for her outstanding work in the dietary department.

V. MEDICAL STAFF REPORTS- Jeremy Smith: Recommendations, one new appointment, and some withdrawals were brought to the Board for approval. Ryan Head, M.D. recused himself from the vote. Motion to accept medical staff recommendations made by Lisa King and seconded by James Stockman. Motion passes.

VI. ACTION AND PURCHASE REQUESTS

- A. Results of Operations- Rhonda McCabe**: Ms. McCabe presented the Results of Operations from March to the Board. We had 291 admissions and 1,148 patient days. 24 rehab admissions compared to 26 from February. 43 births compared to 51 from the last month. 63 Cath Lab procedures compared to 78 and 68 GI procedures compared to 46. We had 2,077 ER visits.

Admissions by payer: Medicare was the highest at 130 admissions. 66 Medicaid admissions, self-pay were 27 as compared to 39 in March.

Days unbilled were 7 in March, but the month ended on a weekend. Patient collections for the calendar year were at \$5.2 Million. March 2018 was \$4.5 Million.

Patient revenue was at \$24M for the year to date. Net revenue was \$5.3M. Total operating expenses were at \$58M. Last year at this time total operating expenses were at \$65M. 9.7% of our costs were pulled out.

Motion to approve Results of Operations made by Sean Hightower and seconded by James Stockman. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Audit & Compliance Committee Report-Noella Crayton:** This past month we have been trying to get our year three OIG report out, which did get out in time. They received the report, and will be following up if they have any questions. Motion to move the rest of the compliance report into executive session. Motion made by Lisa King and seconded by Ryan Head, M.D. Motion carries.
- C. Resolution 2019-06: Rhonda-** Making Gary Stokes the authorized delegate of our nursing homes, removing Gary Kendrick from the delegation. Motion made by James Stockman and seconded by Sean Hightower to change the delegation. Motion carries.
- D. Contracts & Agreements**
- 1. Extension of Tradition Energy contract: Michelle McCollum** – Current contract expires May 31st, 2019. The current rate is .03371 per kilowatt hour. March 29th bid from .0436 per kilowatt-hour from THC Energy. Extension of contract with Tradition Energy for twelve months of .04727 per kilowatt-hour. Motion made by Ryan Head, M.D. and seconded by Sean Hightower to approve this contract. Motion carries.
 - 2. Lease renewal agreement with Kelley Moon: Richard Wallace-** Table this discussion until May to look at additional options. Motion made by Farrar Bentley and seconded by Sean Hightower to table discussion. Motion carries.
 - 3. Revised Cardiology Call Agreement- Vijaya Pokala, M.D.:** Motion made by Patrick Kuhns and seconded by James Stockman. Motion carries.
 - 4. Revised Cardiology Call Agreement- S. Uthamalingam, M.D.:** Motion made by James Stockman and seconded by Lisa King. Motion carries.
 - 5. Commercial lease Agreement- 801 North Street:** Will take effect in October. Motion made by Farrar Bentley and seconded by Sean Hightower. Motion carries.
 - 6. Werfen Blood Gas Rental Agreement Renewal-Kristine Sutton:** Motion made by Lisa King and seconded by Farrar Bentley. Motion Carries.
 - 7. Insurance Renewal Proposal-Ashley Ortego/ Jeff Summers:** Mr. Summers presented the renewal date for ancillary coverage for employees. Open

enrollment beginning May 8 and 9. Proposal of a \$50 co pay. Don't increase the number of payroll deductions. Increase of dental and vision. Added Telemedicine video or app to the policy. Motion made by Ryan Head, M.D. and seconded by Farrar Bentley to approve renewal. Motion carries.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- A. CNO REPORT - Kristine Sutton:** Submitted action plans to Joint Commission and they accepted all of them. Expected a visit in April, but it will be within the next four months.
- B. CEO REPORT- Gary L. Stokes:** Working with suitor list of partners for the hospital. "Dark period" 4-7 months, continuing with their due diligence. Hospital employee banquet was last week. Volunteer appreciation banquet last week as well. Looking into a space utilization plan to increase our services. 340B Drug program: just got back into this program, which will be a million dollar savings.

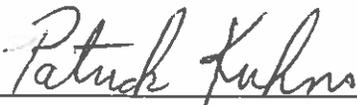
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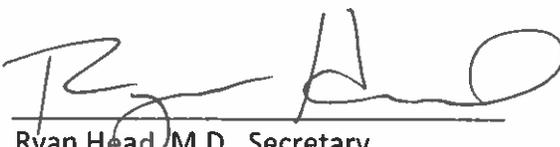
- Fifth Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 3, 2019. Katy Crawford Foundation Director.
- Encouraged Donation for Golf Tournament

VIII. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING: Recessed the meeting to Executive Session at 5:53 p.m.

- Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation under Tex. Govt. Code §551.071
- Deliberate the Appointment, Employment and Duties of an Employee under Tex. Govt. Code §551.074
- Deliberation of the provision of healthcare services under Tex. Govt. §Code 551.085

This meeting in its entirety is available by recording in the Administration records


Patrick Kuhns, Vice- President


Ryan Head M.D., Secretary