

**GOVE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
QUINTER, KANSAS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
December 21, 2023**

The December meeting of the Gove County Medical Center Board of Trustees (BOT) was held on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room.

Members Present were:

Dave Polifka
Cheryl Remington
Deana Zerr (Zoom, out 9:07 a.m.)
Terry Ostmeyer (Out at 10:00 -10:02 a.m.)

Employees:

Conner Fiscarelli (Out 9:11 - 9:20 a.m., Out 10:04 - 10:07 a.m., Out 12:32 - 12:40 p.m.)
Chris Dover
Harry Sturgeon
Amber Yingling
Megan Heier
Doreen Wente
Liz McDonald
Andrea Hargitt

Attorney:

Anne Kindling – Joseph, Hollander & Craft LLC (Zoom) (Present 8:30 - 11:00 a.m., Present 12:40 - 1:34 p.m.)

Visitors:

None

Chairperson, Dave Polifka called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Dave made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Terry seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

MINUTES:

The BOT stated they were not able to access the Bellesboard portal and would like to have packets for the next meeting. They asked Megan to do a presentation demonstrating how Bellesboard works and help each member access the portal at the January meeting. Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dave seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT MANAGERS REPORTS:

PERSONNEL:

A handout displaying a list of resignations, new employees, current open positions, pending new employees, terminations and employees changing status or positions was reviewed. Conner stated an Early Learning Center (ELC) employee is transitioning into a position with Senior Life Solutions (SLS). The SLS director will be leaving to transition into a regional manager. The new SLS director has already been hired and will begin in January 2024.. Conner informed the BOT that Steve Smith a maintenance specialist will be retiring January 2, 2024.

QUALITY/RISK:

The 2024 Risk Plan was presented. Megan stated a change to the providers section in the plan was made by Ericka.. Terry made a motion to approve the 2024 Risk Plan as presented. Cheryl seconded to the motion and it carried 4-0.

CEO:

Bluestem Acquisition – Andrea Hargitt stated this has been a positive change/transition. Issues are being resolved as they are encountered. Providers are engaged with CPSI and have a positive attitude. Amber Yingling reported the changes to the process for orders has been good so far. Conner discussed financial issues with billing, etc. due to the move to CPSI.

340B Update - Conner discussed the process and informed the BOT that the attorney is reviewing the 340B contract. Rays's Pharmacy has been set to be GCMC's contracting pharmacy. A discussion was held pertaining to the cost of prescriptions to the patients.

Minutes of Board Meetings on Website – The first official, approved BOT minutes to be uploaded on the GCMC website will be the November 2023 minutes.

Provider Staffing Model - Conner discussed Glenda's decision to not sign her contract with GCMC. He stated he had many confidential conversations with Glenda regarding her contract. Conner feels that she was made a very lucrative offer that went above and beyond what she had at Bluestem and she still chose not to sign the presented contract. It was with regret that Conner accepted her declination after every avenue was explored to try and retain a great provider.

BKD Engagement Letter – Conner asked Chris Dover, CFO to look into this.

Interim Cost Report-Update - Chris and Conner are working with Forvis on the interim cost report. All information has been submitted and he stated GCMC should begin recognizing cost report savings. Conner discussed the idle space impact on the cost report. Liz discussed

some of the changes being made in the Physical Therapy Department. Conner stated we still have room to expand services and are currently looking into expanded outpatient services for the treatment of depression.

CFO:

November 2023 Financials – Chris Dover stated November was a good month financially. A discussion pertaining to the financial documents was held. Cheryl encouraged Christ to keep encouraging the managers to apply for grants. Terry made a motion to approve the November 2023 financials as presented. Dave seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

The Medical Staff recommended the BOT consider the following Providers for initial appointment and reappointment to the Medical Staff or Allied Health Professional Staff (AHP):

- New: Philip Eisinger, D.O. – StatRad
Sunil Gujrathi, M.D. – StatRad
Zachary Plotz, M.D. – StatRad
Andrey Yusupov, M.D. -- StatRad

After reviewing the above Provider applications, Terry made a motion to approve the Providers as presented. Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Policy & Procedure:

- BOT Bylaws - Review and bring back any corrections or questions to the January 2024 meeting. Annual approval for Bylaws needed.
 - Conner stated the BOT Bylaws are going to go through a thorough review in 2024.. Terry asked about the new process for election of the GCMC BOT members and who should have had the authority to initiate that change. Conner discussed the Kansas statute that he knew with the BOT. Dave asked if this question/concern can be ran by the attorney.. Conner stated he could send the question to her.
- 2023 Infection Prevention Plan - This policy was tabled until the January 2024 meeting..
- Emergency Operations Plan - Conner stated Sonya and himself worked on this plan and it is ready to be approved.

Terry made a motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The following November minutes were reviewed with no discussion.

- QA/QI Minutes
- PFAC Minutes
- Risk Management, Corporate Compliance and HIPPA Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dave made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:46 a.m. for 30 minutes for the purpose of privileged attorney-client consultation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) with Anne Kindling and Conner present. Terry seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. The open meeting reconvened at 9:16 a.m. with no decisions made.

Dave made a motion to recess at 9:17 a.m. for five (5) minutes. Terry seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The open meeting reconvened at 9:22 a.m.

Dave made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:36 a.m. for 30 minutes for the purpose of privileged attorney-client consultation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) with Anne Kindling and Conner present. Terry seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The open meeting reconvened at 10:06 a.m. with no decisions made.

Terry made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:08 a.m. for 30 minutes for the purpose of privileged attorney-client consultation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) with Anne Kindling and Conner present. Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The open meeting reconvened at 10:38 a.m. with no decisions made.

Cheryl made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:40 a.m. for 20 minutes for the purpose of privileged attorney-client consultation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) with Anne Kindling and Conner present. Terry seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The open meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with no decisions made.

Dave made a motion to recess at 11:05 for 15 minutes. Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The open meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

Cheryl made a motion to enter into executive session at 12:44 p.m. for 30 minutes for the purpose of privileged attorney-client consultation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) with Anne Kindling and Conner present. Terry seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The open meeting reconvened at 1:14 p.m. with no decisions made.

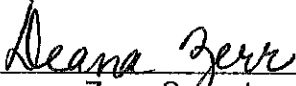
Dave made a motion to enter into executive session at 1:15 p.m. for 15 minutes for the purpose of privileged attorney-client consultation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) with Anne Kindling and Conner present. Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The open meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

The BOT received the investigation of the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) complaint to sign and submit to the attorney general. Anne emailed the document to Conner. Conner presented the document to the BOT and asked the BOT members to sign the signature page. Dave stated he would take a copy to Greg Beougher to get his signature.

Adjourn:

There was no further business to discuss. Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting.. Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Friday, January 26, 2024 at 8:00 am.



Deana Zerr, Secretary