

**GOVE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
QUINTER, KANSAS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
March 20, 2024**

The March meeting of the Gove County Medical Center Board of Trustees (BOT) was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room.

Members Present were:

Dave Polifka
Cheryl Remington
Deana Zerr
Terry Ostmeyer

Employees:

Conner Fiscarelli
Rob LaPierre
Harry Sturgeon
Amber Yingling(In 9:46 am) (Out 10:03-10:04 am) (Out at 10:42 am)
Doreen Wente
Liz McDonald
Andrea Hargitt (In 8:40 am)
Ericka Nicholson (Out 8:54 am)
Brad Mullins (In 8:10 am) (Out 10:00 – 10:02 am)
Tara Thornburg
Wade Richard (Out 9:31 – 9:33 am) (Out 11:16 am)
Michelle Drexler
Megan Heier

Visitors:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson, Dave Polifka called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. QUERY FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA:

- Deanna added KHA Conference report.
- Conner added KOMA update.

Terry made a motion to amend the agenda. Deana seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

3. MINUTES:

Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Deana seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT MANAGERS REPORTS:

4.1 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.

- Sleep Studies and the reason for personnel changes were discussed.

4.2 QUALITY/RISK:

Nothing to discuss.

4.3 CEO:

RHIG: Conner stated that he hasn't heard back, but the payment could be \$10,000 to \$12,000.

ERC--Update: Connor had no update at this time.

HRSA--Update: Conner stated that he has asked for an update but has never gotten a response. He will send another email today.

Aledade--Update: Conner has reviewed the contract. He didn't see anything concerning and has sent it to loegal to look over. We will need an official vote to approve this contract.

Conner emergency purchase limit increase: Currently, Conner is approved for purchases up to \$15,000. He discussed increasing this limit in emergency situations. It is not always convenient to have a special board meeting in emergent situations to gain board approval. Conner will make adjustments to the purchasing policy and check with the attorney to make sure it is worded correctly. He will bring the policy to the next board meeting for a vote and approval.

4.4 CFO:

January 2024 Financials: Rob went over the January financials that were handed out to board members. Board questions were answered. Discussion held.

2024 Budget Conversaton: Conner discussed the budget delay and options for 2024. Board questions were answered. Discussion held. There was discussion concerning the start of the 2025 budget. Rob will work on 2024 and update the board at the April meeting.

4.5 DEPARTMENT TOUR:

At 8:03 am, the board went to Bluestem clinic for a tour of the facility. The arrived back in the conference room and resumed the meeting at 8:42 am. Next meeting, the board will tour the Acute department.

NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 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:

- Charles Hagedorn, CRNA—Full
- Ana Regalado, LMSW—Full
- Mary Stithem, LMSW—Full
- Gulam Ashfaq H. Khan,--StatRad

After reviewing the above Provider applications, Cheryl made a motion to approve the Providers as presented. Terry seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

5.2 BANKING APPROVALS--Brad:

- **Approve Conner, Rob, Brad and Natasha to be on the GCMC Public Fund MMA at Kansasland Bank:** Discussion held. Deana moved to amend the agenda to reflect the following wording change: Approve Conner, Rob, Brad and Natasha to be added to the GCMC accounts at Kansasland Bank, Equity Bank, and The Bank. Terry seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

After more discussion, Dave moved to approve Conner, Rob, Brad and Natasha to be added to the GCMC accounts at Kansasland Bank, Equity Bank and The Bank. Cheryl seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

- **Approve Conner, Rob, Brad and Natasha to receive E-statements and create online accounts at Kansasland, Equity and The Bank:**

Terry moved to approve Conner, Rob, Brad and Natasha to receive E-statements and create online accounts at Kansasland Bank, Equity Bank and The Bank. Deana seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

At 10:40 am, the board took a 10 minute recess. The meeting resumed at 10:53 am.

OTHER BUSINESS:

6.1 Policy & Procedure:

- FI-003 Charity Care: Conner discussed the changes to this policy and why they were needed. We need to be 501R compliant due to Jamie Mense, APRN. Discussion held.

Chery moved to approve the policy with range corrections. Deana seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

6.2 Review Minutes:

The following February minutes were reviewed with no discussion.

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

Other:

- KHA Report—Deana: Deana handed out Legislative Priority information to the board members. She stated that we can get more of these pamphlets to hand out in the community. She discussed cybersecurity and the KHA recommendation for a CCbersecurity Assessment. Conner discussed increased funding and expansion of Medicaid. He has sent a letter on behalf of GCMC to legislation on the impact on Gove County. The possibility of a regional meeting was discussed. Conner stated that KHA has a legislative dinner each year. He will reach out to his contact for more information.
- KOMA Investigation Update—Conner: Conner stated that the person who filed the original complaint, is entitled to receive a copy of our response to the complaint. He has not received it and has now submitted a new complaint with KORA. We had a deadline of March 29, but the attorney general accepted our extension due to our attorney being ill with COVID. Conner discussed.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no executive sessions held.

8. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be Friday, April 26, 2024 at 8:00 am in the Conference Room.

9. Adjourn:

There was no further business to discuss. Deana made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 p.m.


Deana Zerr, Secretary