

**GOVE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
QUINTER, KANSAS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
April 26, 2024**

The April meeting of the Gove County Medical Center Board of Trustees (BOT) was held on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room.

Members Present were:

Dave Polifka (in @ 9:22 am – 11:05 am)
Cheryl Remington
Deana Zerr
Terry Ostmeyer
Greg Beougher (ZOOM)

Employees:

Conner Fiscarelli (out @ 10:43 am – 10:46 am)
Rob LaPierre (in @ 8:09 am)
Harry Sturgeon
Ericka Nicholson
Sonya Cap
Tara Thornburg
Michelle Drexler
Andrea Hargitt (out @ 8:22 am)
Brad Mullins
Natasha Flora
Megan Heier
Liz McDonald (in @ 8:08)
Doreen Wente

Visitors:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairperson, Terry Ostmeyer called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

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

Check run signatures was added.

Cheryl moved to approve the additions to 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:

- Review Quarterly reports:
 - Andrea answered questions about bluestem progress. Grainfield clinic marketing was discussed.
 - Deana had questions about the Physical Therapy gym renovations. Conner discussed. Brad discussed HVAC requirements.
 - Terry asked about a half circle driveway at the ELC West. Discussion held.
 - The board went through each department report. Comment made and discussion held.

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.

4.2 QUALITY/RISK:

Nothing to discuss.

4.3 CEO:

RHIG: Conner has not heard back. He discussed PT Bariatric program.

ERC--Update: Conner stated that we should receive \$1.7 million after fees. He has had no updates on payouts and will check into it again after the meeting.

HRSA--Update: Conner stated that he has emailed several times, but no one has gotten back to him.

Aledade ACO--Update: Andrea and Conner have participated in calls to clarify information and the contract. Conner discussed. We are working with an attorney on the contract. He will bring the contract to the board for approval of signatures.

Marketing/Communications Plan--MVV: The marketing team met two weeks ago and looked at the next six months for marketing. The MVV commercial will be rolling out mid-May, early June. Conner discussed the flow of the marketing plan. Discussion was held about the sales tax and marketing. Terry discussed the possibility of having to give up some of the funds to Elder Care or EMS and how that would affect us. Discussion held.

Future Board Meetings—Time?: Conner shared information that will be pushed out detailing the timeline of election requirements. Discussion held concerning county residents not

knowing/having the correct information. A “job description” of a board member will be shared. Discussion held concerning changing the day/time of board meetings as it could affect candidates due to work conflicts for potential filers. Conner clarified “at large” position. Discussion held concerning districts. Conner will get clarification at the next commissioners’ meeting.

Grainfield Clinic—Marketing: Conner stated that we have not seen growth in the first two months. Jamie is on-site 3 days per week. Conner discussed that access needs may not be as great as previously thought. Options such as pulling a day from Grainfield and adding a day here were discussed. Conner discussed what the neighboring clinic is offering. He does not feel that a lack of patients is the problem. He feels that most are established elsewhere. Ideas given, discussion held.

Telemedicine Services: Conner discussed 3 options of companies providing varied telemed services. Telemed services could be used by inpatient as well as outpatient. With these services, we would not have to send our patients out for consults from specialists. Conner discussed the offerings of Eagle Telemed, Amplify MD and Stormont Vail. We would need special telemed equipment to offer this service and Ericka is working on a grant. Discussion held.

4.4 CFO:

Rob reviewed the financials for February and March. Conner discussed capital items and limiting purchases to patient safety items for now until Medicare payments, etc. start coming in. Conner discussed issues with coding at the clinic and how it is being remedied. Questions asked, discussion held.

4.5 DEPARTMENT TOUR:

At 8:22 am, the board went to the Acute Nursing floor for a tour. The arrived back in the conference room and resumed the meeting at 9:11 am. Next meeting, the board will tour the Laboratory 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:

- Jamie Mense, APRN/NP—Provisional
- Michelle Peters, LMSW—Full
- Candace Fielder, LSCSW—Full

- Matthew Douglas, PA—Provisional
- Tiffany Tweedle, Iola Pharmacy—Provisional
- Mitchell, Bailey, CRNA—Full

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

6.1 Policy & Procedure:

There were no policies to review at this time.

6.2 Review Minutes:

The following March minutes were reviewed with no discussion.

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

Check run signatures:

We currently require a board member signature on all checks that go out. Conner feels this is an unusual practice these days. Cheryl stated that she has to make a special trip to the facility to sign. Conner feels we should be able to have 2 employees with the ability to sign checks without a board member. Conner will look into the details and regulations. Rob will do some research.

Other:

- Deana asked how Ericka's compliance class is going. Conner states that it is going well.
- Conner discussed a couple of maintenance issues that the board needed to be made aware of.
- Deana asked about the ILA basement. Conner states it is cleared out and belongs to the county now.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no executive sessions held.

8. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be Friday, May 24, 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 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.



Deana Zerr, Secretary