

**GOVE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
QUINTER, KANSAS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
May 31, 2024**

The May meeting of the Gove County Medical Center Board of Trustees (BOT) was held on Friday, May 31, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room.

Members Present were:

Dave Polifka
Cheryl Remington
Deana Zerr
Greg Beougher (out at 11 am)

Employees:

Conner Fiscarelli
Rob LaPierre
Sonya Cap
Tara Thornburg
Amber Yingling
Harry Sturgeon
Doreen Wente

Visitors:

Anna Kindling (8:30 – 9:00 am)
Kevin Atkins (9:30 – 9:50 am)
Amy Byer (9:30 – 9:50 am)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Dave Polifa called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

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

The agenda was amended to reflect the Department Tour as Radiology rather than Laboratory.

Deana moved to approve the amendment to the agenda. Greg seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

3. MINUTES:

Deana made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Greg 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. Conner reviewed the retirees. Discussion held. The AP staff accountant started Monday. Sonya discussed the Sunflower and Maple awards. We already have four Sunflower nominations and two maple.

4.2 QUALITY/RISK:

Harry discussed the mock survey program. Our mock survey is scheduled for July. Our last official survey was in 2017. We are preparing for a potentially upcoming survey.

4.3 CEO:

RHIG: Conner stated that this has been awarded. We should be receiving \$30,000.

ERC--Update: Conner has sent emails requesting updates but has no response. Conner reminded the board what this is.

HRSA--Update: Same as above.

Aledade ACO—Discussion and Approval—Kevin Atkins on ZOOM: Kevin Atkins, Director of Network Development and Amy Byer, Executive Director from Wichita joined the meeting via zoom at 9:30 am. Conner updated the board on Aledade services, etc. Bluestem has been on board with Aledade since 2015. Conner has been working with Kevin and Amy on contract language for the last few months and they have made modifications. The contract is ready to be signed. The board asked various questions of Amy and Kevin. Conner asked for a vote to move forward. Deana moved that we move forward with the Aledade contract. Greg seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Marketing/Communications Plan--MVV: Conner showed the television ad to the board. The ad will be beginning Monday. It will be on the website and used for staff orientation in the future. An email will go out to staff on Monday as well. Conner is planning to hold employee meetings in the future to communicate the changes. The marketing group meets weekly and will continually update the ad by recording testimonials, etc. Deana suggested that the ad be played on the televisions at the clinic. Strategic priorities were discussed. Conner would like to redesign the BOT agenda to reflect the priorities. Discussion held.

457b: This is a tax shelter retirement plan. Conner explained. GCMC would like to offer a tax shelter option for employees in addition to KHPERS. Discussion held.

Partnership Opportunities: Conner discussed partnerships with other facilities for financial sustainability. Examples were given. We are currently affiliated with the Sunflower Health Network. With a partnership, we would have access to cheaper health insurance rates, access to technology, a wider pool of recruitment, and resource sharing. We would be able to remain independent and keep decision making in-house. Conner asked for permission to begin exploring option. Board concensus was iven to Conner to begin researchin possibilities.

At 9:53 am, the board took a 10 minutes recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:59 am.

4.4 CFO:

April Financials: Rob reviewed the April finanacials and answered board questions. We will be starting to have revenue cycle meetings either weekly or bi-weekly.

Budget: Rob reviewed the budget with the board. Questions were asked and discussion was held. Capital still needs to be added in per Conner. This is a rough draft and we are not approving it today. Rob and Conner will continue to work on the budet with board recommendations. They will bring back a final copy when it is finished, hopefully in June.

4.5 DEPARTMENT TOUR:

At 10:50 am, the board went to the Radiology Department for a tour. They arrived back in the conference room and resumed the meeting at 11:40 am. At the 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:

- Jane Hur—StatRad
- Justin Kerby, II—United Radiology
- Regina Taylor, PA—HPM—Temporary Privileges

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 April minutes were reviewed with no discussion.

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

Other:

The KOMA/KORA training with Anna Kindling scheduled for this meeting was moved to the June 2024 meeting due to illness. Going forward, annual training with new board members will take place at the first of the year.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Deana made a motion to enter executive session at 8:32 am for 10 minutes for the purpose of attorney-client privilege with Conner present. Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. The open meeting reconvened at 8:42 am with no decision made.

Deana made a motion to enter executive session at 8:43 am for 10 minutes for the purpose of attorney-client privilege with Conner present. Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. The open meeting reconvened at 8:53 am with no decision made.

Deana made a motion to enter executive session at 8:53 am for 5 minutes for the purpose of attorney-client privilege with Conner present. Cheryl seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. The open meeting reconvened at 8:56 am with no decision made.

8. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be Friday, June 21, 2024 at 8:00 am in the Conference Room.

9. Adjourn:

There was no further business to discuss. Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deana seconded the motion and it carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.



Deana Zerr, Secretary