

SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Board convened at 4:30 p.m.

Location: RCA Church
550 East Post St
Lone Pine, CA 93545

Present

Jaqueline Hickman, President
Mark Lacey, Vice President
Charles Carson, Treasurer
Richard Fedchenko, Director (via phone)

Absent

Carma Roper, Secretary

Others

Brian Cotter, Associate Administrator
Jerrold Tucker, CFO
Scott Nave, Attorney (via phone)
Ashley McDow, Attorney (via phone)
Jaime Trejo, Financial Consultant (via phone)
Dave Olson, Financial Consultant (via phone)

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mrs. Hickman Called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda

Action: Mr. Lacey moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Carson seconded. All approved.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Larry Kraus provided comment.
Sandra Spiedel provided comment.
Anne Bramhall provided comment.
Leroy provided comment.
Linda Tucker provided comment.
Amy Shephard provided comment.
Teresa McFarland provided comment.

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Doug Thompson provided comment.
Cathleen New, LP Chamber of Commerce provided comment.

III. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2017.
 - b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2017.
2. Approval of the Physician Privileges
 - a. **Michael Noyes, MD, Emergency Physician**, Extended Active Medical Staff Privileges
3. Approval of Contracts
 - a. **Brian Cotter**, CEO Employment Agreement

Action: Mr. Carson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lacey seconded. All approved.

B. Discussion of Emergency Room Transfers

Matt Kingsley recognized efforts and support from Sierra LifeFlight. Mr. Kingsley discussed recent concerns on securing flights for patients and safety for the pilots and patients.

Mr. Carson shared concerns on communication and transfers. Mr. Carson requested setting a plan.

Mike Patterson Regional Director provided dispatch record of recent call. Also provided rules, map with restrictions and procedures that Sierra LifeFlight needs to follow.

Mr. Carson, Mr. Kingsley and Mr. Patterson set meeting to discuss issues on transfers and setting a plan (open to public).

Mr. Cotter shared his concerns on recent ER transfer and making sure SIH provides services to all patients that arrive in the ER.

C. Update on Proposed Parcel Tax

Scott Nave discussed the process of adopting the Parcel Tax and what is needed to complete which would include amount, request to county,

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terms, date of election and reimbursement to county. Clarification is needed on dates.

III. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

Mr. Tucker provided update on financials and the on-going process on having to pull records to get accurate numbers to get a budget in place.

B. CEO Report

Mr. Cotter provided update on finance operations, monthly volumes, improving revenue cycle, relicensing survey, ED, transfers, pharmacy, facility operations, understanding patient care and staffing.

C. Medical Staff Report

None

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mrs. Hickman made comment in regards to website and thanks to Chris Marks, RCA Church, Jeff Ray, Linda Tucker and hospital staff.

Mrs. Hickman made comment in regards to working on other revenue sources, team work and better communications. Also acknowledged that Sierra LifeFlight assisted the community while the hospital was closed.

Mr. Lacey made comment in regards to the Bankruptcy plan. Mr. Lacey requested that Ashley McDow give a tutorial of the bankruptcy plan. Ashley McDow gave the 2 options that can occur-plan is confirmed or case dismissed. If case dismissed SIH will no longer have the benefit of automatic stay which will allow creditors to collect debt at will.

V. CLOSED SESSION

A. Existing Litigation (Govt Code 54956.9): Chapter 9 Bankruptcy

VI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Chapter 9 Bankruptcy was discussed. No other items were discussed. There was no action taken by the Board in Closed Session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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