

SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: RCA Church

550 East Post St

Lone Pine, CA 93545

AGENDA

PRESENT

Jaquie Hickman, President

Richard Fedchenko, Treasurer

Charles Carson, Vice President

ABSENT

Carma Roper, Secretary

Mark Lacey, Director

OTHERS

Chet Beedle, Financial Consultant

Shannon Jimerson, CNO

Scott Nave, Attorney

Chris Mark, IT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

Treasurer Fedchenko moved to approve the 07/09/2019 Regular Board Meeting Agenda. Vice President Carson seconded. All Approved.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Discussion regarding future of Southern Inyo Hospital facilities.
(President/Attorney)

Attorney Scott Nave reported that the next hearing is on July 24th. The filing is due July 10, 2019. He is working with the bankruptcy attorney. SIHD is hoping that the judge allows us to continue with the case. Still working on the HCCA portion.

There is no decision on the Optum case which is a big part of our organization plan.

B. Consent Agenda: These items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. If a member of the Board or public wishes to discuss an item, it will removed from Consent and considered separately at the end of Business Items.

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1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 06/11/2019.
- b. Special Board Meeting Minutes of 06/18/2019.
- c. Special Board Meeting Minutes of 07/02/2019.

President Hickman stated that one of the reasons for a special meeting was regarding the revolving loan with the Inyo County Treasury. When IGT's are due, SIHD can request the money from Inyo County without having to have a board meeting. Once SIHD receives the funds, we turn around and pay the county back. We are in good standing with Inyo Co. Treasury and they recommended we go with a revolving loan. The other reason was to give clinic medical staff privileges for Dr. Tracy Levens.

2. Approval of Medical Staff Privileges

- a. Jasiri Kennedy, MD, ER Physician, Extended Temporary Medical Staff Privileges

3. Approval of Contracts

- a. MModal Renewal Quote-

Chris Marks, IT requested that the MModal Renewal Quote be removed from Consent Agenda and moved to Business Item for discussion.

MModal Renewal Quote was pulled from consent agenda and put as an Individual Business Item for further discussion.

Action: Vice President Carson approved the Consent agenda with the removal of MModal Renewal Quote. Treasurer Fedchenko seconded. All Approved.

MModal Renewal Quote- Chris Marks stated that he was on vacation and unfortunately the original quote was added to the packet. Chris spoke with MModal they said we can upgrade and move server offsite to hosted solution for the same price. SIHD will not have to worry about the back up or operating system. We have been having a couple issues when Chris updates the work stations which will be eliminated once we get the upgrade.

President Hickman asked that Chris Marks confirm if we can return the old server or reuse if needed.

Earl (Public) asked where the info will be stored. Per Chris, currently the data is stored onsite. If the board approves the quote the data will be stored on MModal's server. We will have a BAA- Business Associate Agreement which protects the district. Earl was looking for the specific location (what state). Chris Marks will find out where the data center is located.

Action: Vice President Carson moved to approve the renewal quote (cloud) with MModal (provided at Board Meeting). President Hickman seconded. Treasurer Fedchenko abstains.

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C. ATI Medical Waste Service Agreement (Facility Director)

Jeff Sheffield resigned with ATI for 24 months (SIHD's previous medical waste vendor before Medasend). The monthly cost will be \$595.00 a month, anything above 44 gallon container will be additional \$49.00. This will be a cost savings compared to Medasend.

Attorney Nave has concerns on the termination portion on contract. It states 24 months with automatic renewal. SIHD should not have contracts with automatic renewal. Attorney Nave recommends changing that provision and have it state only to be renewed with agreement of both parties. There are good business reasons why you do not want automatic renewal. In addition, CMS does not like its Healthcare facilities to have contracts with automatic renewal.

Action: Treasurer Fedchenko approved the ATI Medical Waste Service agreement with the modification of one time renewal with subject to mutual agreement change. Vice President Carson seconded. All approved.

D. Transfer Agreement-Southern Inyo Healthcare District and Kern Valley Healthcare District. (Interim Administrator)

SIHD had a life safety survey which included Disaster Transfer agreements surrounding SIHD. A lot of the transfer agreements were out dated. CNO Shannon Jimerson reached out to Kern Valley Healthcare District. Will need to update with Ridgecrest Hospital and Northern Inyo Hospital. Shannon will be handing the update with other surrounding hospitals.

Treasurer Fedchenko asked what are the important aspects of a Transfer Agreement. The reason is so that we have mutual agreement between hospitals. For example, if either Kern Valley or SIHD needed to evacuate, either hospital is willing to accept patients.

SIHD needs to have the transfer agreements renewed annually. Will need to revise the contract. SIHD will need to update all other transfer agreements to have annually renewal.

Action: President Hickman moved to approve the Transfer Agreement between Southern Inyo Healthcare District and Kern Valley Healthcare District for a three year agreement. Vice President Carson seconded.

E. ER Physician Agreement- Michael Dillon, MD

Action: Vice President Carson moved to approve the ER Physician Agreement with Michael Dillon, MD. Treasurer Fedchenko seconded. All Approved.

III. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

1. Financial Statement for April 2019
2. Cash flow Projections-2020 Budget

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Financial Consultant Chet Beedle reviewed the financials and cash flow projections that were presented at the Finance Committee Meeting. Also reviewed was the cash flow projections for 2020.

Chet Beedle stated that SIHD is on a Medicare Withhold.

B. Interim Administrator Report

CNO Shannon Jimerson reviewed the monthly numbers.
SIHD needs a telemetry unit.
Jimerson stated that SIHD is still waiting on the Swing Bed License.

C. Medical Staff Report (Quarterly Report)

Nothing reported at this time.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dallas Bumpus stated he was a patient at SIHD recently. He wanted to thank everyone at SIHD. He had a great experience.

President Hickman acknowledged Dallas Bumpus. Dallas Bumpus was SIHD's Activities Director for almost 27 years. He is officially retiring. He would like to come back for volunteer work.

V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

President Hickman stated that it has been challenging for the staff. Working through Payroll. Chet and Shannon trying to work through payroll to see what we can do to maximize our revenue. There was a recent Life and Safety survey. Jeff is dealing with an old generator. Due to generator being old, there are tags and corrections needed. The only solution is a new generator. SIHD needs a new sign and paint. Will talk to the public about that. Stay tuned. Things are looking up.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

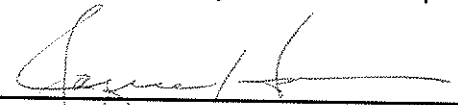
- A. Existing Litigation (Govt Code 54956.9): Chapter 9 Bankruptcy
- B. Personnel Appointment-CEO

VII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

In closed session, the Board of Directors discussed the status of the Chapter 9 bankruptcy and appointment of a CEO. No other items were discussed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The open session adjourned at 5:54 pm.



President or Secretary of the Board of Directors

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