### SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 Time: 4:30 p.m.

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

### **PRESENT**

Jaque Hickman, President Carma Roper, Secretary Charles Carson, Treasurer Mark Lacey, Vice President (Closed session only)

### **ABSENT**

Richard Fedchenko, Director

### **OTHERS**

Brian Cotter, CEO Scott Nave, Attorney (via phone) Ashley McDow, Attorney (via phone) Todd Farrer, MD, Director of Skilled Nursing (via phone)

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

**Action:** Treasurer Carson moved to approve the agenda for August 14, 2018. Secretary Roper seconded. All approved.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Linda Tucker requested that the photo that was donated to the hospital be raffled off by the Hospital Foundation for organizational startup costs.

Leroy Kritz mentioned the dead trees by the ER entrance. It is SIHD's liability if branches fall down. President Hickman stated this issue has been discussed with Maintenance.

Teresa McFarland commented that SIHDs website has updated news. She encourages the community to view.

Earl Wilson mentioned that the Board of Supervisors had a meeting with the Fire District. There is a shortage of EMTs. There is a meeting coming up to discuss solutions. Earl mentioned that there is a lot of money floating around from Federal Government for our military vets. It would be beneficial to have a full time doctor at SIH. There is grant money to research.

### III. BUSINESS ITEMS

**A.** Discussion regarding future of Southern Inyo Hospital facilities. Ashley McDow stated that an updated status report is due August 15<sup>th</sup>. Status conference scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Earl Wilson stated that Democratic candidate for our Local House of Representative for State is involved with Tulare Hospital issue. ERs will not be shut down anymore. All hospital shut downs will have to go through the attorney general's office. President Hickman will follow up.

President Hickman spoke with Connie Conway and others who are/were involved in the past to protect Rural Hospitals.

### B. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2018.
  - b. Special Board Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2018.
  - c. Special Board Meeting Minutes of August, 8, 2018.

**Action:** Secretary Roper moved to approve the minutes for Regular Board meeting minutes of July 10, 2018, Special Meeting minutes of July 10, 2018 and Special Board meeting minutes of August 8, 2018. Treasurer Carson seconded. All approved.

### C. Discussion and Approval of new Conflict of Interest Codes

President Hickman reviewed Item C. Conflict of Interest Codes which needs to be reviewed, updated and filed every even year with Inyo County.

Scott Nave provided presentation. The political reform act requires local agencies to adopt a conflict of interest code. The conflict of interest code's main function is to identify officers and employees who are designated and required to file Form 700s-Disclosure Statement for economic interest.

The board needs to review those who are designated in the code. Need correct positions and job titles.

President

**Action:** Secretary Roper moved to approve the updated conflict of interest code with the same designations and categories as previous 2016 year Conflict codes. Treasurer Carson seconded. All approved.

### IV. REPORTS

- A. Financial Report
- B. CEO Report
- C. Medical Staff Report

Brian Cotter reviewed the monthly volumes, charts and excel sheets. There is an increase of Acute & Swing Bed. Skilled nursing census is up. There are new hires in SNF.

Introduction-Stephen Fine, Licensed Married Family Therapist. Stephen Fine is averaging 4-6 appointments a day. Available for behavioral health needs for adolescents, adults, people with disorders, substance abuse, anxiety, PTSD, depression, marriage and family therapy.

If SIHD invests in telemetry system, SIHD will capture more admissions. At this time, SIHD is waiting for Medicare reimbursement. Withhold funds have been received (\$180,000.00).

Dr. Farrer stated that there is a system in place for Swing and Acute admissions. The ER physicians are making daily visits. There are new skilled nursing admissions.

Jerrel Tucker, Consulting CFO is no longer able to help SIHD. A new CFO will be joining. Chet Beedle with Kern Valley Hospital.

Northern Inyo Hospital and Southern Inyo Hospital will be having an Intuitive introduction of an equipment used for surgeries at Statham Hall August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There will be Finance meetings every month.

### V. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Hickman gave thanks to Annette Wood who has volunteered in Accounts Payable. Hickman also gave thanks to the clinic for all their hard work. Hickman mentioned that Linda Tucker worked hard to put together a Hospital Foundation.

Secretary Roper welcomed Stephen Fine and stated she is happy to have a LMFT here in Lone Pine to provide services to our community.

### VI. <u>CLOSED SESSION</u>

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

B. Personnel evaluation: CEO

### VII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Council and the Board discussed the Chapter 9 Bankruptcy and Personnel evaluation. No other items discussed. No other actions taken.

### VIII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Open Session meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

President or Secretary of the Board

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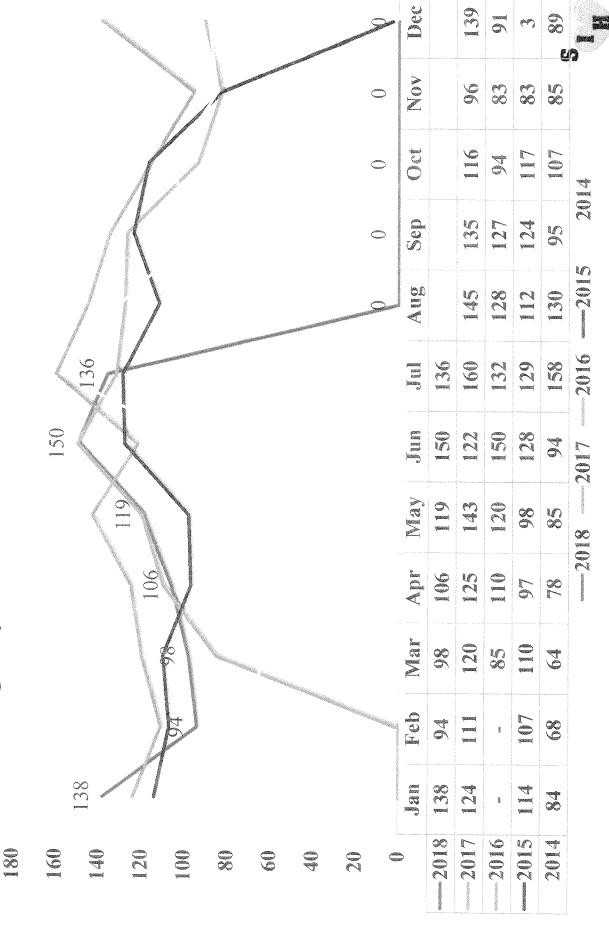


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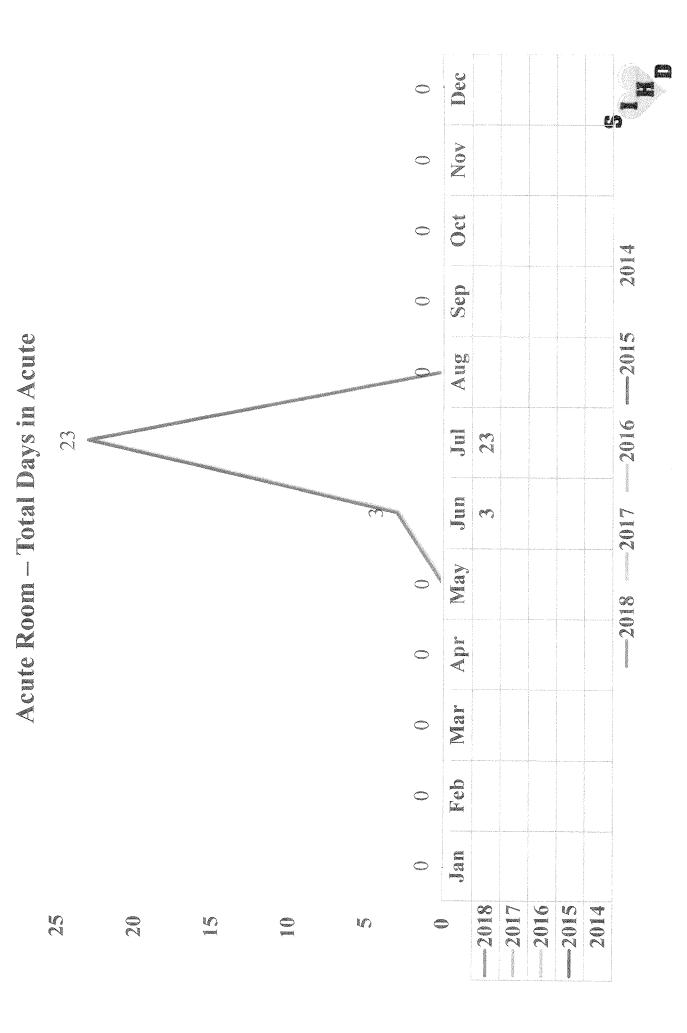
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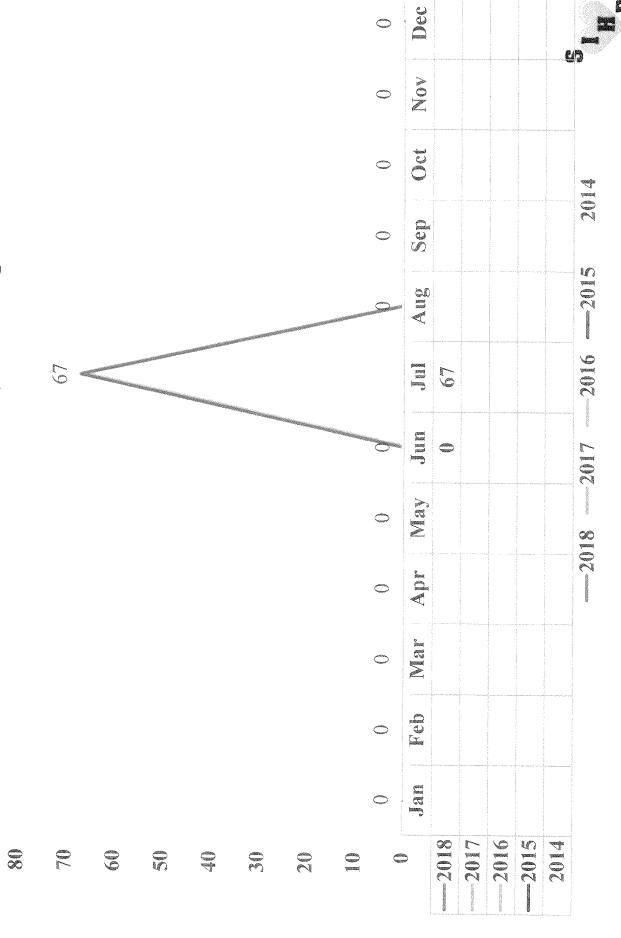
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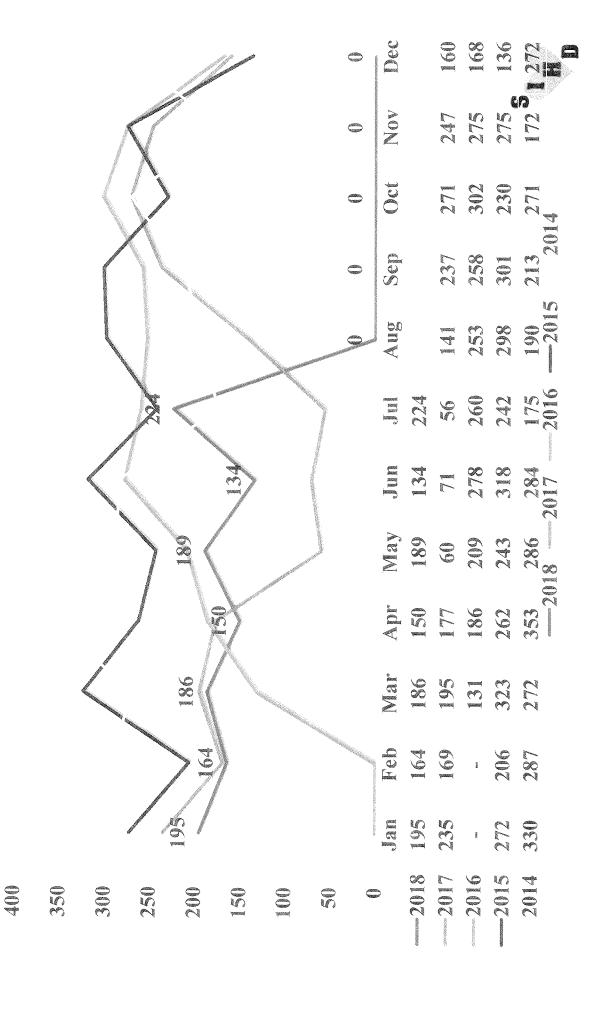


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