### SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 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 Richard Fedchenko, Director

### **ABSENT**

Mark Lacey, Vice President

### **OTHERS**

Chet Beedle, Financial Consultant Shannon Jimerson, CNO Scott Nave, Attorney (via phone) Ashley McDow, Attorney (via phone)

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

Approval of Agenda- Director Fedchenko reported that a situation arose after the posting of the agenda. The Board needs to unanimously vote that an extension of the Temporary Medical Staff Privileges for Eric Bradfield, FNP be added to the agenda. The process of credentialing was not completed. This would be an item that requires immediate action. Director Fedchenko moved to approve that the emergency Extension of 90 day Temporary Privileges for Eric Bradfield, FNP be added to the agenda (Item III, E). Treasurer Carson seconded. All approved.

Secretary Roper moved to approve the amended agenda. Treasurer Carson seconded. All Approved.

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

Richard White visits the Hospital weekly and stated the dead trees and branches north of the ER are a possible hazard. President Hickman stated that this issue

has been brought up at a previous Board Meeting and Maintenance is working on the issue.

Robert Deforrest, Fire Chief thanked the Board and Hospital Management for allowing the volunteers to leave the hospital to assist with emergencies. There was a volunteer who was not allowed to leave on an emergency call and hopes that it will not be a trend. The Fire Dept. relies on the volunteers. President Hickman will check into the recent incident.

President Hickman welcomed and gave thanks to Mr. Deforrest. She heard wonderful things personally and the dept. in general.

David Tait stated that the public needs to know what is going on with the Hospital and Clinic. Mr. Tait suggested to put bios on the website of new hires, the Board and improvements. Need to give the community the opportunity to see what we are doing through the Newsletter or Website. Also, include the services we provide.

President Hickman agrees and stated Chris Marks is working on bios of some staff members and Board members to post on the website.

Director Fedchenko stated he may know someone who can do SIHD's PR.

Introduction of Natalie Tait, SIHD's new Business Office Receptionist. Ms. Tait gave a brief description of what she has learned and what she will be trained on.

Linda Tucker mentioned that SIH Salvation Foundation meetings will be every last Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday, September 24, 2018 at noon in the Employee Dining Room. Everyone is invited.

Anita Sonke is the Treasurer of the SIH Salvation Foundation. Mrs. Sonke is also SIHD's new Account Payable Rep.

### III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Discussion regarding future of Southern Inyo Hospital facilities.

President Hickman reported that on August 29, 2018 she along with Ashley McDow and Brian Cotter, CEO appeared at court. The Judge gave a continuance of 45 days. SIHD will need to provide a status report to the Judge by October 1, 2018 and the next hearing is on October 12, 2018.

Attorney Ashley McDow provided a status report before the hearing August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Judge has expressed that this bankruptcy has been going on for a long time. The judge is looking for mediation with HCCA and Tulare.

President Hickman stated that SIHD is still working on strategies. The Judge wants a final plan. There are lots of variables with HCCA and delays

President

on action/settlement. HCCA has a new attorney and may request more time. Status report is on the website.

### B. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2018.

**Action:** Treasurer, Carson moved to approve the Minutes of August 14, 2018. Secretary Roper seconded. All Approved. Director Fedchenko was not present for Board Meeting August 14, 2018 and he abstains. All others approved.

**C.** Discussion and Approval of Financial Consultant Contract with Chester Beedle.

President Hickman provided introduction to the Chester Beedle.

Mr. Beedle stated that he works with other facilities.

Director Fedchenko provided a partial list of services that we needed about a year ago that the Board will discuss with Mr. Beedle.

Partial List of Services-Cash flow management, projections, budget controls, supervise accounts payable, manager critical vendor list, perhaps supervisor billing cycle and accounts receivable, monthly financials, oversee audits, if possible line of credit, guide on IGT's and lump sums to raise monies.

**Action:** Director Fedchenko moved to approve the financial consultant contract with Chester Beedle with subject to the development of list of duties and responsibilities deliverable to be completed within two weeks. Secretary Roper seconded. All approved.

**D.** Discussion and Approval of Engagement with Fidelis Partners for physician and nurse practitioner recruitment.

**Action:** President Hickman moved to "table" the Discussion and Approval of Engagement with Fidelis Partners due to not having enough information/knowledge. Director Fedchenko seconded. All approved.

Mr. Tait wanted to know the efforts on Clinic recruitment. President Hickman stated that it is an ongoing process with Human Resources and Medical Records. Secretary Roper stated that she has seen ad in the Inyo Register. Secretary Roper suggested marketing through social media. There will be a job fair September 12, 2018 in Ridgecrest.

Bishop.

**E. Added Item-**Approval of Extended Temporary Medical Staff Privileges-Eric Bradfield, FNP. **Action:** Director Fedchenko moved to approve the request for extended 90 days temporary medical staff privileges for Eric Bradfield, FNP to facilitate credentialing. President Hickman seconded. All approved.

### IV. REPORTS

### A. Financial Report

Chester Beedle stated he provided a finance report at the Finance Committee Meeting. Finance report will be presented at future Regular Board Meetings. Mr. Beedle stated the SIHD was the first district in California to be licensed as a Critical Access Hospital.

Mr. Beedle provided a brief report and explanation on Cash Management.

Director Fedchenko stated that there will be monthly Finance Committee Meetings before the Monthly Regular Board Meeting. The public is invited.

- B. CEO Report
- C. Medical Staff Report

President Hickman reported that Brian Cotter, CEO is out due to prior arrangements. Shannon Jimerson, CNO will provide the monthly report.

Mrs. Jimerson reviewed and a brief report on the monthly numbers. Earl Wilson wanted to know if most of the ER patients in the month of July were smoke problems. Mrs. Jimerson stated that most were due to altitude sickness.

Mrs. Jimerson gave thanks to the ER Physicians who have been overseeing the In-patients. The transfers have decreased. There will be a survey coming up for the Swing Beds. Swing beds are for patients who are skilled nursing patients that may need physical therapy, diabetic teaching or IVs.

Introduction of Skilled Nursing staff present at the meeting-Regina Symons, Director of Nursing for Skilled Nursing Tambria Kalenowski, Assistant Director of Nursing for Skilled Nursing Stacey Young, Social Services Director

Mrs. Jimerson reported that Dr. Todd Farrer, MD, Medical Director for Skilled Nursing was out of the country.

### V. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Hickman gave a shout out to Brenda Lacey and Laurel Taylor at the High school. They made copies of the flyers for each of their students for the recent robotic demonstration at Statham Hall.

Director Fedchenko requested the word "Confidential" be removed from the Power Point presentations. This is a public presentation. Also, all graphs need to have titles when presented.

Treasurer Carson spoke with Matt Kingsley in regards to ER, EMT and Services. Working on details but things are looking good for the future.

Director Fedchenko and Secretary Roper are encouraged with having professional Financing.

Is SIHD self-sustainable? Chester Beedle stated we should break even.

President Hickman wanted to mention the public comment from Earl Wilson at a previous meeting. Mr. Wilson stated that ERs will not be shut down anymore. All hospital shut downs will have to go through the attorney general's office. President Hickman has left a message and will follow up.

President Hickman mentioned that there is a Current Locums Physician, Dr. W that would like to move to this area. Vicki Torix in Medical Records provided estimated fees to employ. Per Vicki, it ends up to be 30% a year, plus 20k. Also he would not be able to work for SIHD for a year.

### VI. CLOSED SESSION

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

### VII. <u>CLOSED SESSION REPORT</u>

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

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Roper moved to adjourn Open Session at 6:00 p.m. Treasurer Carson seconded. All Approved.

President or Secretary of Directors

Date

(September 11, 2018 minutes)

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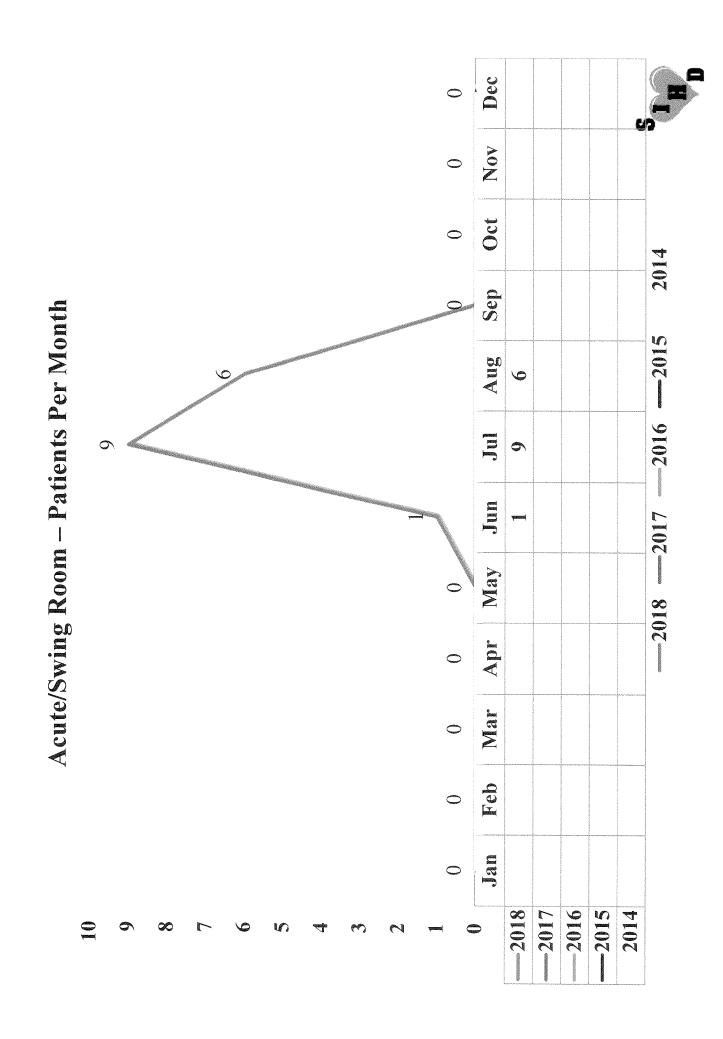
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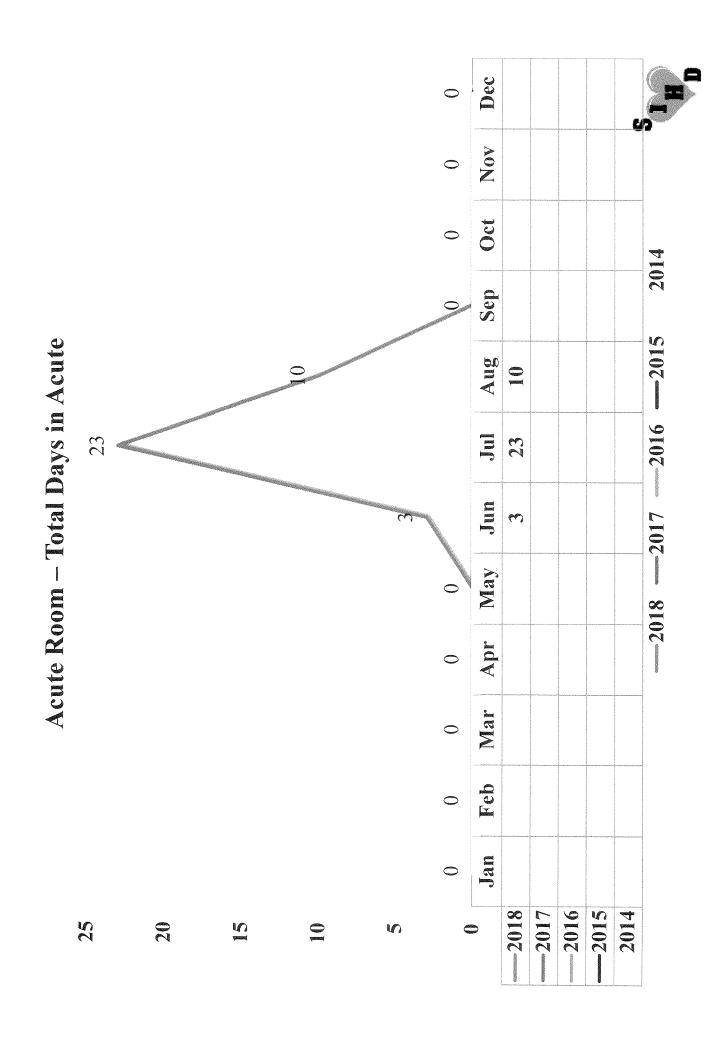
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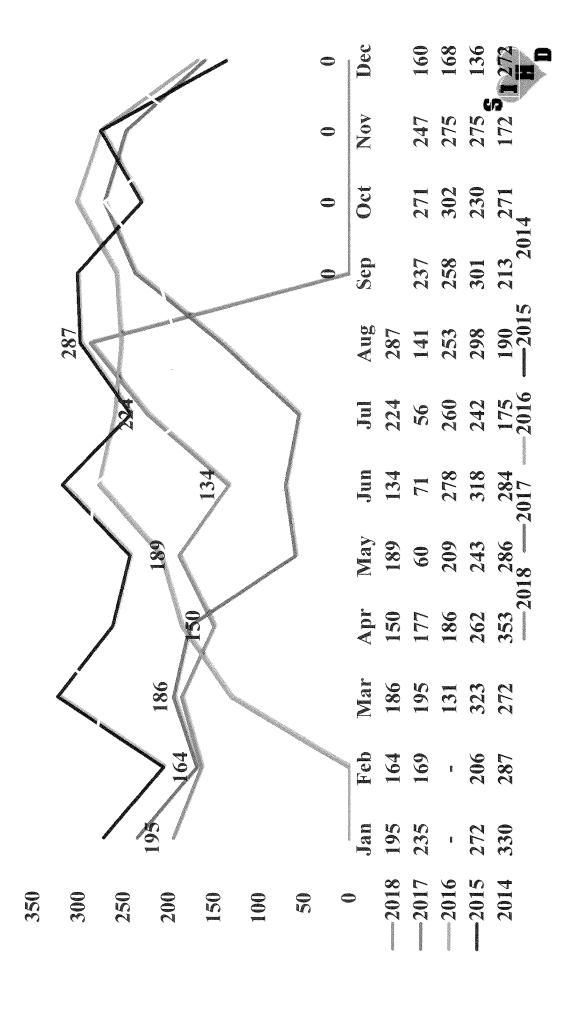
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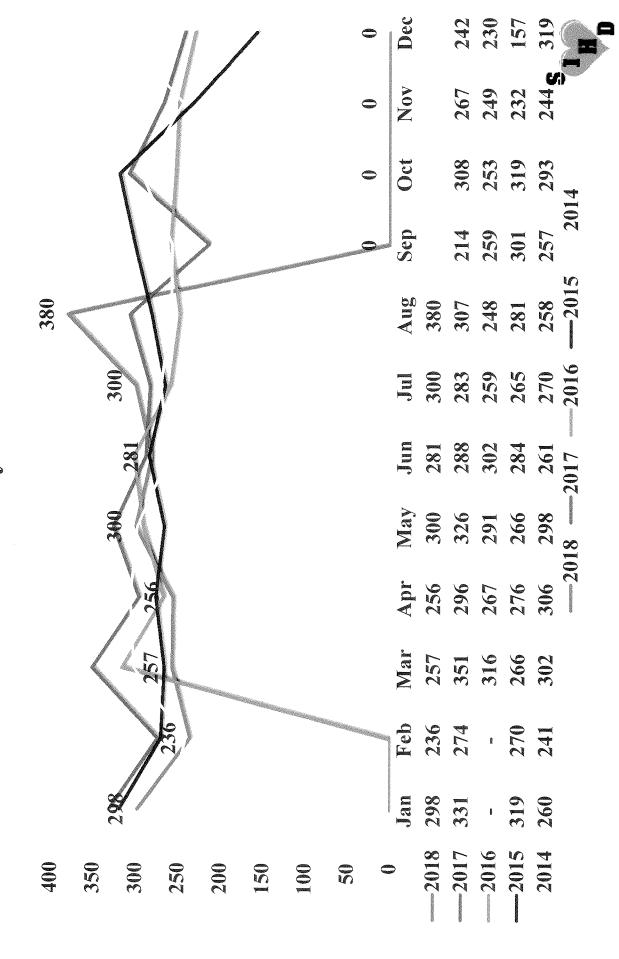


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