



**BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Syringa Hospital & Clinics Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:30pm by Leta Strauss; Board Chair. It was noted that a quorum was present and that due notice had been sent. Other members in attendance were:

BOARD MEMBERS

Leta Strauss
Jerry Zumalt
Gunther Williams
Jane Carlson
Jim May
Barbara Essen
Laura Smith

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES

Abner King
Betty Watson
Carri Forsman
Michelle Schaeffer
Katy Eimers
Alex Frei
Darla Whitley
Bill Spencer

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Matt Told, DO

GUESTS

Lorie Palmer

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Generative Discussion moved to the bottom of the agenda to allow more time for discussion on the Idaho Rural ACO.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest noted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Bill Spencer, Director of Facilities gave a presentation on the maintenance department and ambulance services.



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CONSENT AGENDA

Kudos to the Hospice staff on the recent survey and positive feedback from the surveyors on quality patient care.

Gunther asked what the reason was for the low scores in the HCAHPS survey. Alex explained the actual scores have improved but since the change in vendors last year the scores don't show accurately.

Leta commented that she is concerned Syringa doesn't have the resources and staff dedicated to population health like some other facilities.

Jim proposed using the IHA survey material for Board education. His plan is to restructure the education in order to build a program to address current issues. Time will be set aside at 11:30 August 27 before the Board meeting for discussion on the education program.

Reminder- Governor Brad Little will be at the Senior Center July 30 from 10:00-3:00.

ACTION: Jim May made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Gunther Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

QUALITY / PATIENT SAFETY STORY

No story was presented as Lauren Wilson was out, but Barbara mentioned it would be helpful to have hand rails in the hallway of the clinic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ethics Committee (June 18)- Jerry said there was good discussion on a case review and he was impressed with the provider that brought the dilemma to the committee.

Medical Staff- Dr. Told reported Dr. Kanwar from Tri-State did a tele-conference presentation for the providers on infectious disease.

Dr. Told discussed changes to the ER call schedule for Border Days next year and ongoing.

Finance Committee- Gunther reported at the July 17 meeting the committee was given an update on the FY17 Medicare settlement. The decision is still on hold until after CMS reviews the request for appealing the decision to disallow call pay. Also discussed was the high percentage of Medicare and Medicaid patients and if there was a way to bring in more commercial payor patients.



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APPROVAL OF ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTION: Gunther Williams made a motion to approve all committee reports submitted. Jane Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategic Plan- Gunther was asked to discuss the strategic plan exercise he led at the Board retreat. The Vision / Traction sheet used was included in the Board packet. The Board prioritized the “Issue List”.

NEW BUSINESS

Idaho Rural ACO- Abner introduced Sue Deitz, Vice President of Business Development from Caravan Health. Sue gave a presentation on a statewide ACO that the Board will consider entering into with Caravan Health. Leta asked the Leadership Team their comfort level moving forward with the ACO. Abner said he has checked with several facilities that have joined an ACO and felt this was an opportunity for SHC to take advantage of resources needed to move forward with value-based contracts.

ACTION: Gunther Williams made a motion to authorize SHD to enter into the proposed service agreement with Caravan Health. Barbara Essen seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Board Retreat follow up- Leta handed out a Board Self-Evaluation Action Plan with due dates but said they are negotiable.

Report on McCall IHA meeting- participants shared information from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST MEETING

- 11:30-12:30 Board education program
- FY20 budget presentation
- Strategic Plan – top three issues
- Generative session- article on Population Health: “Learning from the Past to Shape the Future”

MEETING DEBRIEF

Leta handed out pre-written questions for the Board to answer to evaluate the meeting.



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GENERATIVE DISCUSSION

Discussion on the IHI article “Population Health: Learning from the Past to Shape the Future” tabled for next month’s meeting.

Abner reported on a potential property acquisition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: Jim May made a motion to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 (a) at 4:30pm for personnel. Gunther Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Told presented two credentialing files for Board review / approval as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee;

Kevin Lienesch; CRNA- appointment to Allied Health Staff
Ninon Germain; MD- reappointment to Courtesy Medical Staff

Jim May made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 4:32pm. Gunther Williams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ACTION: Gunther Williams made a motion to approve Kevin Lienesch; CRNA to Allied Health Staff as presented and recommended by the Medical Executive Committee. Jane Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

ACTION: Gunther Williams made a motion to approve Ninon Germain; MD for reappointment to Courtesy Medical Staff as presented and recommended by the Medical Executive Committee. Barbara Essen seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the regular meeting adjourned at 4:35pm. The next regular Syringa Hospital & Clinics Board of Trustees meeting will be held Tuesday August 27, 2019 at 12:30pm at the Soltman Center.

TIME ALLOTMENT

Fiduciary:
Strategic:
Generative:



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Gunther Williams; Syringa Hospital & Clinics Board of Trustee Secretary / Treasurer