

MT. GRAHAM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Safford, Arizona

Board of Directors ~ MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

0700 Hours - Board Room

Presiding: Caro Gaethje, Chair

Present:

Board Members

Debbie Watson, Vice Chair
Cindy Bryce, Secretary/Treasurer
Cecil L. Evans
Steve Goodman
John Martin
Eldon Woodall Via Phone
Bruce Stanfield Via Phone
Jean Reynolds
Carolyn McCormies
Bart J. Carter, M.D.
Matthew Sampson, M.D.
Susan Jones, M.D.
Kim Mack

Administration Staff

Roland Knox, President & CEO
Keith Bryce, VP & CFO
Eric Neal, VP of HR
Lori Burress, VP & CNO

Excused: Tom Johnson
David Bryce, D.O.

Guest: None

Public: None

Recording Secretary: Christi Allred, Administrative Assistant

A quorum of the Governing Board Present; Notice Posted 6/4/20

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 7:05a.m., by Caro Gaethje, Chair.
2. **Public Input**-None.
3. **Board Committee Report-**

- a. **Board of Directors Minutes:** Board of Directors – May 12, 2020.

ACTION: Cindy Bryce motioned to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 Board of Directors meeting. Motion was seconded by Carolyn McCormies. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Finance Summary:** April 2020

Keith Bryce Reported the April 2020 gross patient revenue was almost \$8.8 Million an unfavorable variance of almost 30.0% from budget and almost 28.0% less than same month last year. Total operating expenses was just over \$4.7 Million a favorable variance of almost 8.0% from budget and almost 12.0% from last year. Total hospital deficit was \$722 Thousand an unfavorable variance of \$793 Thousand compared to budget. Most of the loss was due to COVID-19, but did see a favorable investment market adjustment of \$870 Thousand. Mr. Bryce reported May 2020 is down almost 21.0% from budget, but the first week of June is closer to normal when compared to same time last year. Mr. Bryce reported congress passed legislation the helps improve the PPP Loan becoming a grant, and the District Board approved DSH Pool 5 monies funding.

4. **Executive Session regarding personnel matters and pending or contemplated litigation**

ACTION: Jean Reynolds motioned to enter Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Steve Goodman. The motion passed unanimously.

Directors entered Executive Session at 7:12a.m.

Matthew Sampson, M.D. exited the meeting at 7:13a.m.

Dr. Jones entered the meeting at 7:22am

Matthew Sampson, M.D. entered the meeting at 7:55a.m.

Directors exited Executive Session at 8:07a.m.

ACTION: Carolyn McCormies motioned for Administration to continue with due diligence on purchasing an established Primary Care Clinic and present a Business Plan to the Board of Directors. Motion was seconded Susan Jones, M.D.. The motion passed unanimously.

Jean Reynolds exited the meeting at 8:12a.m.

Kim Mack exited the meeting at 8:14

Jean Reynolds entered the meeting at 8:18am

Kim Mack entered the meeting at 8:19am

5. **Medical Staff -**

Matthew Sampson, M.D., reported the Credentials Committee reviewed, verified, and confirmed that the following practitioners meet credentialing requirements. The Medical Executive Committee has reviewed and ratified the Credentials Committee recommendations and requests approval by the Board of Directors. A discussion held on the importance of this review process. Of special note the new full time General Surgeon, Emergency Room and Podiatry providers are being credentialed which is of importance to the growth of the hospital.

ACTION: Matthew Sampson, M.D., motioned to approve the Credentialing as presented. Motion was seconded by Susan Jones, M.D.. Motion passed unanimously.

Initial Appointment

Neil Anand, M.D., Radiology; William B. Bendall, M.D., Emergency Medicine; Kara Brock, DPM, Podiatry; Jorden Marble, M.D. General Surgery.

Reappointment

Jason Branch, M.D., Emergency Medicine; Avinash Devnani, M.D., Radiology; Robert Fortuna, M.D., Radiology; Stephen Johnston, M.D., Radiology; Manal Schoellerman, M.D., Radiology; Sachin Schroff, M.D., Radiology; Daniel Strauchler, M.D., Radiology; Brandon Welker, D.O., Radiology.

Renewal to Practice – Allied Health Professional

None

Resignations

Lana Gimber, M.D., Radiology; Jesus Robles, PA-C, Physician Assistant.

Matthew Sampson, M.D. reported the Credentials Committee and Medical Executive Committee have reviewed, verified and approved the revised General Surgery Clinical Privileges and requests approval from the Board.

ACTION: Cindy Bryce motioned to approve the General Surgery Clinical Privileges as presented. Motion was seconded by Carolyn McCormies. Motion passed unanimously.

Matthew Sampson, M.D. reported the Credentials Committee and Medical Executive Committee have reviewed, verified and approved the revised Nurse Midwife Privileges and requests approval from the Board.

ACTION: Matthew Sampson, M.D. motioned to approve the Nurse Midwife Privileges as presented. Motion was seconded by Carolyn McCormies. Motion passed unanimously.

Cecil Evans exited the meeting at 8:39am
Dr. Sampson exited the meeting at 8:41am
Cecil Evans entered the meeting at 8:42am

6. **Reports-**

- a. **District Report** – Bart Carter, M.D., Chair of the District Board reported the District Board met in May. Dr. Carter stated the District Board reviewed section 17 of the District Lease and the proposed amendments related to nomination process. He also stated the District Board had approved the IGA for DSH Pool 5 Funds. It was noted that all Corporation Board Members are invited to attend the next District Meeting. An email reminder will be sent.
- b. **Foundation Report** – No Foundation meeting has been held due to COVID-19 precautions.
- c. **Auxiliary Report** – No Auxiliary report at this time.

7. **Education/Information**

Roland Knox provided an overview of provided education materials related to lessons learned from the pandemic thus far, including identified weakness and strengths, and needed changes in room flexibility.

8. **CEO Report**

An updated on all 2020 Operational Goals, Clinical Services Goals and Organizational Projects was included in the Board report; Mr. Knox highlighted following projects:

- Working with Pima Heart to develop a full service cardiology program for MGRMC. Providers are already providing diagnostic interpretations for cardio imaging services and day-to-day referral for cardio services.

Mr. Knox updated members on the status of the CAH Conversion. Due to new space requirements application incomplete. A discussion held related to a short term/long term proposal that includes a request for a temporary waiver from the new requirements. It was decided that Administration would move forward with the proposal.

Dr. Carter exited the meeting at 8:50am

Dr. Carter entered the meeting at 8:51am

Cindy Bryce exited the meeting at 8:52am

- The June 5th deadline was met by the District for the DSH Pool 5 funding program. MGRMC to receive \$4.9 Million by June 30th.

Steve Goodman exited the meeting at 8:54am

Steve Goodman entered the meeting at 8:57am

- MGRMC served with summons in a civil action related to GRIC seeking the water rights of the MGRMC that have not been used in the last five years. Gila Valley Irrigation District requesting cooperation with GRIC to help the farming community of the Gila Valley. The water districts have legal counsel that will represent MGRMC with all costs paid for by the water district. MGRMC signed an agreement with the water district defining the relationship.

9. **Chairman's report**

None at this time

10. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caro Gaethje, Chairman