



Daniels Memorial Healthcare Center

"Committed to providing excellence in rural community healthcare"

Daniels Memorial Hospital Association Annual Meeting November 17, 2016

Members Present: Mike Bjarko Board Chair, Paul Kanning Vice Chair, Susie Ferestad, Nancy Lund, Jedda Baron, Kathy Wilcoxon, Ana Brendan, JR Maldonado.

Members Absent: Perry Wolfe, Larry Henderson,

Others present: CEO Dave Ryerse; Vern Carda V. P. Regional Operations, Billings Clinic; Nathan McCarthy, CPA WIPFLI; 29 community members per sign-in sheet attached to these minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Chairman Mike Bjarko.

JR Maldonado moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Nancy Lund, motion carried.

Foundation Report by Ben Fosland. Ben reported in 2015/2016 the foundation received \$900,000.00 in contributions and \$215,000.00 on various projects.

Celebration of Lights was a fundraiser for fast pack blood gas analyzer.

Golf Classic was a fundraiser for a walk-in cooler/freezer for Dietary.

In July the Foundation renewed the \$60,000.00 stipend to the hospital.

The Foundation board approved \$35,000.00 for the whirlpool and shower remodel, fundraising through the Celebration of Lights.

Emily Rask was hired as the new Office Manager.

The Foundation is working to start up their newsletter again. Currently looking for a replacement for Jim Buer, and thanked the Hospital Board for assistance.

CEO Report – Dave Ryerse introduced himself. Dave discussed the strategic plan, recruitment of an MD, working to bring him on early 2017. Staff – working to develop staff and reduce travelers. Dave is working on a Facility plan, Quality plan and Marketing plan.

CAH Conversion – Dave reported the board discussed the conversion for 10 months and decided to move forward to delicense the nursing home and move residents under the hospital. This will allow more private rooms and help the facility become more financially stable. Liana Handran asked about the Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) and if the board had taken into account. The board replied yes they had considered the IGT. John Leibrand asked about how the waiting list worked, and was told it was first come – some people on the list are not ready to come into the facility when there is an opening, also it depends on their care needs and available hospital resources.

Billings Clinic Report – Vern Carda

Vern discussed what Billings Clinic does for the facility; provide management services and advice to smaller hospitals as well as a CEO. Billings Clinic helps work through larger issues and navigate through things like CMS rule changes, recruitment of a new CEO, fiscal (accounting) work, provides policies and procedures to use as we see fit, legal services, and PQRS assistance to move us from volume based to value based reporting.

WIPFLI Report – Nathan McCarthy

Nathan presented the financial report. Nathan provided a fiscal year end (6/30/2016) report of finances and provided an unmodified opinion. A more detailed report will be on the DMHC website. John Leibrand asked about any pending litigation – Nathan replied nothing was booked for litigation.

Nomination Committee

Four positions were open on the board, There were four candidates listed on the ballot and no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Gerry Farver to approve the ballot as it stands without a vote, the motion was seconded by Liana Handran.

Board Chairman Report – Mike Bjarko

Mike mentioned that Don Rush came to Scobey to retire and we put him back to work. Don did an outstanding job as interim CEO to help bring stability to the facility and staff. Don looked into the finances and impressed upon the board that something had to be done. The board agreed.

At 6:59 pm Ana Brendan moved to adjourn the meeting.

Following the meeting was the re-organization meeting which was open to the public.

Chairman

Secretary