CLAY COUNTY
MEDICAL CENTER
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Board of Trustees
May 16, 2022
8:00 p.m.
Education Centers 1 & 2

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Penner
Terri Parry
Richard Cott
Sandy Fox
Terri Parry

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Austin Gillard, CEO
Erin Kurtz, Interim CFO
Dr. John Kelley, CMO
Julie Noah, Director of Inpatient Services
Chris Wolf, IT Director
Justin Begnoche, Radiology Director

CALL TO ORDER

Lori Penner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lori Penner asked if there were any corrections to the board minutes from April 25, 2022 and April 26, 2022. Motion made by Terri Parry, seconded by Sandy Fox, to approve the board minutes from the April 25, 2022 and April 26, 2022 board meeting. Motion carried 2-0. Richard Cott joined the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

Add: Executive Session
Walk-In Clinic

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to add

NEW BUSINESS

a. Quality Focus
Julie Noah reviewed our quality focus areas for 2022. These quality areas consist of patient safety, readmissions, and HCAHPS. Patient safety for 2022 involves fall prevention, medication safety, CAUTI prevention, and antibiotic stewardship. For readmissions, we are reviewing all patient readmissions to identify any gaps in care, or improvement areas that could have prevented the readmission. Our goal for HCAHPS in 2022 focuses around our discharge process and care transitions. A new patient folder is almost finalized for implementation to help with our care transitions.

b. Nutanix Renewal
Chris Wolf presented a quote for $75,748.71 to renew our Nutanix server support for three years. For one year of support, the cost was around $30,000/year, while a three-year renewal is $25,250/year or $75,750 total. Overall, this would save a little under $15,000 over three years. After discussion, motion made by Terri Parry, seconded by Richard Cott, to renew our Nutanix server support for three years for a cost of $75,748.71. Motion carried 3-0.

c. MRI Upgrade
Justin Begnoche presented a quote for $946,675 to purchase a Cannon Vantage Orian Aero X MRI System. Cannon has reviewed the room, and no additional copper shielding will be required. The service agreement is $75,000 annually, plus another $8,500 annually to cover the chiller. After we agree to purchase, Austin will work with an architect to design the interior of the room, and add oxygen and suction to the room. The board has discussed the MRI purchase at multiple meetings prior to this official decision. After discussion, motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Richard Cott, to purchase a Cannon Vantage Orian Aero X MRI System for $946,675, plus the annual service agreements. Motion carried 3-0.

d. Video Imaging Chair
   Justin Begnoche presented a quote for $7,792.32 to purchase a new Video Imaging Chair. Our current chair is 22 years old and is no longer adequate for the modified barium swallow studies. After discussion, motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Terri parry, to purchase a new Video Imaging Chair for $7,792.32. Motion carried 3-0.
e. Health Share Plans Policy
   Austin Gillard and Erin Kurtz presented a policy to treat all patients with Health Share Plans, also known as Health Care Sharing Ministries, as self-pay patients. The patient will be responsible for filing their own claim, and requesting direct reimbursement from their Health Share Plan. CCMC will not accept these plans in lieu of insurance. After discussion, motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the Health Share Plans Policy. Motion carried 3-0.
f. Out-of-State Medicaid Policy
   Austin Gillard and Erin Kurtz presented a policy to not accept out-of-state Medicaid. Coverage from another state cannot be transferred to Kansas. Individuals who have qualified in a different state for Medicaid will need to reapply in Kansas for KanCare. A patient who is seen at CCMC who has out-of-state Medicaid will be listed as a self-pay patient. After discussion, motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Sandy Fox, to approve the Out-of-State Medicaid Policy. Motion carried 3-0.
g. Walk-In Clinic
   The board asked if we were looking at reopening the evening and weekend Walk-In Clinic. At this time, we are not considering this an option. The clinic medical providers have numerous openings in their schedules throughout the week. With the addition of Chronic Care Management and a large ongoing marketing push for preventative exams, we hope to fill the clinic schedule with these types of visits. We may consider opening an afternoon and evening Walk-In Clinic at Clay Center Family Physicians in 2023 based out of the suite area.

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

a. Chronic Care Management
   The initial education calls have been completed with all team members involved. This new service line will start on May 19, 2022. Chart Span will be doing most of this work with phone calls and mailings to enroll our Medicare patients that qualify. Chart Span will be handling the billing until our Cerner integration is complete.
b. Senior Life Solutions
   We had a call last week with Senior Life Solutions. Senior Life Solutions aims to provide assistance for people who are dealing with emotional or behavioral issues often related to aging. This is an intensive, outpatient group counseling program for individuals over age 65. They have partnered with the hospital in Abilene, Belleville, and Wamego. For this program, Senior Life Solutions would hire a Program Director, Program Licensed Therapist, and a Patient Coordinator. This program would use the current Education Center 3 location. After discussion, motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the partnership with Senior Life Solutions and all related fees. Motion carried 3-0.
c. Dialysis
   Dr. Bedros is still very interested in opening a dialysis unit in Clay Center. Renovating the current Education Center 3 location was cost prohibited at a cost of over $1.2 million. Austin and Dr. Kelley have a lunch meeting with Dr. Bedros on May 25, 2022 to discuss other options.
d. Pool Liner
   The new pool liner will be installed the week of May 23, 2022. The pool will be unavailable that entire week.
e. RO & Soft Water
   We continue to have ongoing water issues in the building. Areas that should have RO water, do not. Areas that should have softened water, do not. Professional Engineering Consultants, Health Facilities Group, and Central Mechanical will be onsite to investigate more on May 18, 2022.
f. General Surgery
   Our general surgery arrangement is going well. Since April 18, 2022 we have seen 53 patient and performed 26 surgeries. We continue to be optimistic with this new service line.
g. Preventive Care Visits
   We continue to proactively schedule patients for annual exams, which include lab work, bone density, and cancer screenings. Our goal is call 10 patients, per provider, each week, to engage patients to schedule their preventive visits.

h. General Update
    - Austin Gillard and Dr. Kelley will be meeting with Dr. McAtee of Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Center to discuss expanding their case volumes at CCMC.

Motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Terri Parry, to go into executive session at 9:15 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to the financial affairs of corporations. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Upcoming board meeting: May 31, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

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Minutes recorded by Austin Gillard