

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Penner
Jeff Yarrow
Richard Cott
Sandy Fox
Terri Parry

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Austin Gillard, CEO
Erin Kurtz, CFO
Dr. John Kelley, CMO
Julie Noah, Director of Inpatient Services
Melissa Spellman, RHC Clinic Manager
Claudine Irwin, Clinic Nurse Coordinator
Jessica Badsky, Director of Outpatient Services

CALL TO ORDER

Lori Penner called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lori Penner asked if there were any corrections to the board minutes from July 24, 2023. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Sandy Fox, to approve the board minutes from the July 24, 2023. Motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA REVIEW

Add: Weather Cameras

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to add

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Quality Presentation
Julie Noah, Melissa Spellman, Claudine Irwin, and Jessica Badsky presented several updates to the board. Julie Noah will be taking over the Quality & Risk Manager position until a full-time replacement is hired. Kari Smith has moved to Radiology full-time. Melissa, Claudine, and Jessica gave a staffing update at each of the rural health clinics. Claudine discussed our process for medication refills at the clinics, along with our medication reconciliation process. Melissa discussed our new process for clinic document scanning to help HIM when backlogged due to sickness or vacation. They each discussed a few 'quick wins' at the rural health clinics.
- b. Water Main Repair
Austin Gillard presented a quote for \$13,000 for Central Mechanical to provide labor and material to replace a 22' section of the 4" water main that feeds dietary and part of ER. The existing 4" ductile iron will be demoed and replaced with new 4" ductile iron water main. The 4" valve in the water meter pit will be demoed and a new valve installed. After discussion, motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the quote for \$13,000 from Central Mechanical. Motion carried 4-0.
- c. Weather Cameras
Jeff Yarrow has had a few community members ask why the cameras are not working for the CCMC weather station. Data from the weather station is still sending, but the cameras are not working. Austin Gillard explained that one camera has not worked since June 2022 and the other camera was removed in March 2023 from the website for privacy concerns as the camera covers the east entrance parking lot. After discussion, the board would like to see the webpage and cameras functioning again.

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

a. Top Hospital for Patient Experience

Austin Gillard informed the board that Clay County Medical Center (CCMC) was awarded another CMS five-star summary rating based on 10 HCAHPS quality ratings. The 10 topic-specific HCAHPS measures including nurse and physician communication, care transitions, and cleanliness. CCMC is one of 10 hospitals in Kansas to receive this award, and one of 277 in the United States. A sincere thank you to each of our team members for making this possible.

b. Rural Hospital Innovation Grant Application (RHIG)

Austin Gillard met with the Clay County Commissioners this morning to gain their support of applying for the Rural Hospital Innovation Grant Application (RHIG) to expand Clay Center Family Physicians by 5,154 square feet. The Commissioners voted and passed for Clay County to apply for the RHIG funding on behalf of Clay County Medical Center. With the RHIG funding, the state would pay for 33 percent of the project cost, if the grant application is approved. Austin presented the design plans to the board. The design has a new area for our employed medical specialists with six exam rooms and a procedure room. We also added a new private mental health area with four large offices, a separate entrance, and a separate waiting area. The current general surgeon location would turn into a same-day clinic once volume dictates that need. Next steps will be to gather cost data for the Clay Center Family Physicians addition, emergency room exterior redesign, and an updated wellness center parking lot.

c. Building Damage Repair

McCownGordon was onsite to patch the damage that took place to CCMC on the evening of July 30. Insurance adjusters have been onsite over the last two weeks. Health Facilities Group was onsite last week and developed what items would need to be replaced. At the moment, McCownGordon is receiving bids to submit to insurance for approval to fix the building damage.

d. Advanced Aesthetics

This new service line has started seeing patients. The Facebook post and postcard have been well received. On Friday, we were able to see four patients. As this service line grows, we will look into buying a laser for acne scars, age spots, hair removal, rosacea, scar reduction, facial veins, leg veins, and periorbital veins.

e. Continuing Medical Education

We were able to increase the Continuing Medical Education (CME) for our medical providers. An addendum has been made to their employment agreements. This increase aligns with our strategic plan objectives.

f. Medical Provider Cerner Optimization

Our Cerner optimization will begin in late August. A consultant will be onsite for a few weeks spending up to four hours with each medical provider. The goal is to help our medical providers decrease tab hops per patient, decrease EMR time per patient, develop quick orders and favorites, and increase the overall satisfaction with Cerner.

g. Technical School

Austin Gillard discussed the next steps for a possible technical school in Clay Center. The board at Salina Tech was generally in agreement with providing needed services for our area. Salina Tech also spoke with Manhattan Area Technical College about shared services/programs in the area. Over the next month, Austin will find a time for large employers in the region to meet with Salina Tech.

h. General Update

No further updates were presented.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Upcoming board meeting: September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.