

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Penner
Jeff Yarrow
Richard Cott
Sandy Fox

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Austin Gillard, CEO
Erin Kurtz, CFO
Dr. John Kelley, CMO
Julie Noah, Director of Inpatient Services
Janet Fisher, Quality & Risk Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Lori Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lori Penner asked if there were any corrections to the board minutes from October 30, 2023. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve the board minutes from October 30, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA REVIEW

Nothing to add

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to add

NEW BUSINESS

a. Quality Presentation

Julie Noah introduced Janet Fisher, our new Quality and Risk Manager. Julie and Janet gave an update of our infection control survey that was completed in late August. We have started to implement these changes. They discussed our efforts to remove corrugated cardboard from Clay County Medical Center. We passed our Rural Health Clinic survey and we accredited for three years at Riley Family Physicians. Julie and Janet went over the new national and state focus of Health Equity, which ties into social determinants of health, diversity, and inclusion. In 2024, CMS is requiring all admitted patients to answer five health related social need questions around food insecurity, housing instability, transportation needs, utility difficulty, and interpersonal safety. Julie and Janet discussed our Fourth Trimester initiative and our progress to date. They then went over how we will eventually leverage our data to reduce patient risk in our care transitions. Dr. Kelley gave an update regarding the Kansas Physician Leader Forum that was held on November 3. This event was sponsored by the Kansas Hospital Association and the Kansas Medical Society. Topics of discussion were: National Perspective from Physician Leaders; Using Technology to Improve Safety and Efficiency; Fostering and Sustaining a Culture of Performance Improvement; and Professional Wellness.

b. Hearing Date - Clay Center Family Physicians, Emergency Room Exterior, and Wellness Center Parking Lot

Austin Gillard presented the plan designs for Clay Center Family Physicians, the Emergency Room Exterior, and the Wellness Center Parking Lot. Austin also reviewed the process Clay County Medical Center must follow for the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery method. On Monday morning, the Clay County Commissioners approved Resolution 2023-6 for Clay County Medical Center to proceed with the project. After discussion, motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the designs of the Clay County Medical Center expansion and renovation project as

presented, and to set a public hearing on November 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to determine the appropriateness of construction manager at-risk as an alternative project delivery method. Motion carried 3-0.

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

a. Conditional Use Permit

Austin Gillard informed the board of the current situation in Emporia, KS between Stormont Vail and Newman Regional Health. In short, Stormont Vail would like to build a \$30 million freestanding ambulatory facility in Emporia, KS. If built, it would duplicate many services that Newman Regional Health already provides. An estimated annual impact to Newman Regional Health would be a loss of around \$7 million a year. Newman Regional Health is proposing zoning changes, an approach used successfully to block similar projects in Lawrence, KS and Newton, KS. With these zoning changes, it would force Stormont Vail and others considering an ambulatory surgical center and other hospital-related facilities to request a conditional use permit from the City of Emporia. To be proactive, Austin Gillard has met with the Mayor of Clay Center and the City's Attorney. Both parties felt we should be proactive and protect against this happening in our community. A change in the zoning regulations would allow local control and the ability to evaluate requests made by outside healthcare facilities to build in Clay Center. This evaluation would include an assessment and evaluation of unduly duplicative services and the impact on Clay County Medical Center's ability to provide essential services.

b. Accident Building Damage

After three months of negotiations, Farmers Union will pay Clay County Medical Center \$25,369 to fix the front of the hospital building. The repairs to the building will be completed this week by McCownGordon.

c. General Update

- We had over 125 team members attend our open enrollment meetings for benefits.
- The Versa Badge time tracking project in the Emergency Department will start in the next 30 days. We need to run cables to each room for the time tracking devices.
- We are working on gathering all documents requested for the 340B HRSA audit.
- We went 'live' with Cerner Work Queue Management last week. There is a learning curve to this new system, but our team has been fantastic to work with.
- Tomorrow is the Community Commitment Night. From 5:00pm there will be a free meal, 6:00pm is the welcome session, 6:15pm will be the break-out sessions led by Mental Health and Wellness Specialists, and 8:00pm is the conference finale.
- Austin is the new President for the Kansas Association of Health Care Executives. He hopes to bring more rural education offerings for our 82 Critical Access Hospitals and 187 Rural Health Clinics in Kansas.
- We will be recruiting for a full-spectrum family medicine physician to join Clay Center Family Physicians in the next year or two.
- The CEO update meetings will be on December 12, 2023 at 7:30am, 8:00am, 12:00pm and 12:30pm. Topics will consist of our accomplishments this year, a building project update, a financial update, and our focus moving into 2024. The meeting will be held in the Education Center above the Wellness Center. This is not a mandatory meeting, but the meeting will keep you well informed if you attend!

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Upcoming board meeting: November 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Austin M. Gillard