

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Penner
Jeff Yarrow
Richard Cott
Sandy Fox
Terri Parry

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Austin Gillard
Erin Kurtz
Janet Fisher
Julie Noah
Dr. John Kelley
Justin Begnoche
Amy Burr

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 May 28, 2024. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve the board minutes. Motion carried 3-0. Sandy Fox arrived at 8:10 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

Add: Wellness Center Swimming Pool

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to add

NEW BUSINESS

a. Meadowlark Hospice EMR

Amy Burr met with the board to discuss the ongoing obstacles with their current hospice EMR called MUMMS. Meadowlark Hospice has been with MUMMS since 2015, but over the last 18 months, MUMMS is not meeting their needs as an organization. The team at Meadowlark Hospice has been reviewing new EMRs for months and would like to move forward with an EMR called HospiceTools. This platform has better documentation options, is stable, and provides a cost savings. The estimated cost will be \$2,800 per month, based upon the number of users and revenue collected. After discussion, motion made by Terri Parry, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve Meadowlark Hospice to proceed with HospiceTools as their new EMR for an estimated monthly cost of \$2,800. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Ultrasound Machines

Justin Begnoche met with the board to discuss purchasing two new ultrasound machines. The current ultrasound machines were purchased used many years ago and are at the end of their useful life. The ultrasound team reviewed Siemens, Philips, and Canon. After a second visit and more hands on time with each machine, the ultrasound team would like to move forward with the Canon ultrasound machine. This is the same brand as our new MRI. We use these ultrasound machines for around 10 years on average before replacing. The Canon ultrasound machines, over a 10-year cost analysis, are around \$86,000 cheaper than Philips and \$116,000 cheaper than Siemens. The price for two new Canon ultrasound machines is \$312,700. After discussion, motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the purchase of two new Canon ultrasound machines for a cost to purchase of \$312,700. Motion carried 4-0.

- c. **Quality Presentation**
Janet Fisher and Julie Noah reviewed our medication reconciliation process at Clay County Medical Center. They went into detail about medication reconciliation in our hospital and our Rural Health Clinics (RHC). Morgan Wurtz, RN is leading the RHC medication reconciliation improvement project and has done a great job outlining the current process in our clinics. This will be an ongoing project and fits into our strategic quality focus around patient care.
- d. **Wellness Center Swimming Pool**
Terri Parry wanted to discuss the therapy pool in the wellness center and why the pool is closed when our wellness center manager is not present. This decision was made many years ago due to liability concerns from our property and liability insurance provider. We now staff the wellness center with a team member eight hours a day, not 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. like we did six years ago.

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

- a. **Construction Update**
Austin Gillard gave an update on the construction project, timeline, and costs. We are going to move groundbreaking to September 2024. Austin felt August 2024 was not a great time to start this large project due to family vacations at the end of summer, school starting, and fall sports starting. The project costs are higher than expected by about \$400,000. Austin met with McCownGordon last week and they were able to cut around \$230,000 out of the project. Once we have hard bid numbers from all contractors, we will find the other \$185,000 to cut. Austin is not worried and feels the total cost will be around the \$3,800,000 as we budgeted.
- b. **Video Recording**
Austin Gillard discussed the video recording incident that took place last week regarding a community member that felt he needed to film and record in our hospital. Our attorney reviewed this video footage and said the video did not rise to the level of a HIPAA breach. New signs around video recording have been posted at all entrances. We are working with the law firm on a policy that addresses video and audio recording in our healthcare setting. Austin said the team did a great job handling this situation.
- c. **Clinic Visit Data**
Austin Gillard reviewed our Rural Health Clinic (RHC) patient visit numbers from January 2024 to May 2024. We continue to see growth in our Clyde, Riley, and Glasco clinics. Our Clay Center clinic is stable and our Linn clinic has decreased a bit due to a medical provider being out for a few months. Mindy Lovendahl, FNP-C joined us last week and already has a full patient schedule for the next two weeks. Pam Brabec, FNP-C will now move into more wound care, pain management initial visits, and same day appointments in Clay Center. The feedback from the communities we serve continues to be very positive about the RHCs. We are very fortunate to have such a high quality team of medical providers, nurses, aides, and administrative team members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 1, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Austin M. Gillard