

Time: 6:30p.m.
Location: Class Room

MORTON COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM Board of Trustees Meeting February 6, 2017

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Brian called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Attendees: Richard Bergling (CEO), Barbara Anderson (CFO), Brian Mitchell, Carla Blackmore, Mike Horton, Steve Brillhart, Eric Witcher, Rodney Johnson, J.W. Finn, Jerry Scott, Sharmilla Hall, Dr. Caganan, Veronica Fuentes (minutes)

3. Approve the Agenda: Brian asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Sharm asked to be added for management reports. Mike made the motion with adding Sharm to the agenda. Steve seconded. Motion passed to approve the agenda with the added change.

4. Approve the Minutes: Brian asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2017 meeting. Steve made the motion. Carla seconded. Motion passed to approve the minutes.

5. Public Comments: None

6. Management Reports: Sharm began discussing the new program with Lifewatch and that the holter monitors are here. She handed out the booklets with the information about them and what they do. Dr. Caganan has already done his first order. She stated that Medicare pays really well for the event monitors. The patients can wear them up to 30 days. She has two new charges and has already talked to Helen from Trubridge who is here helping us out. It will be done through the clinic because we get paid more for Rural Health Clinic. Everything should be done by the end of February. They will also be able to do allergy testing. Sharm and Lacy will be trained for this. There is no upfront cost. They don't charge us until insurance pays. If we can do 3 per week, the average amount a facility made was \$15,000 to \$20,000 per month.

Sharm also stated that she had a Community Health Needs Assessment meeting. They have to meet quarterly. For Mental Illness, Medicaid pays 100%. She is working with Hands for Hope to spread the word about Tele health.

Rodney said that we have received the CMS approval letter for Rural Health Clinic. We should be able to start billing for this soon. We need the certificate. Rodney also said that he has secured 2 grant writers. We don't know how much they charge, but at least they will talk to us and we can go from there. On Friday, Ashley had open slots, he posted it on the clinic FB page, and then she saw 16 patients. There were 623 patients seen in the clinics for January.

We presented Tele-medicine at the Civic Center. There were about 32 people who attended.

Rodney has a meeting with Seaboard Executives on February 14th at 12pm. This is to see if they will send all of their employees to us for their work comp, sick, etc. This will be a great deal if we can get them to come here instead of having to drive to Liberal or Guymon.

Dr. Caga-anan asked Rodney about the Annual Wellness Visits. They are covered by insurance. Rodney is getting more information to spread the word to the public.

7. CFO Report: Barbara stated that there is \$168,456 in invoices over 30 days old. We received \$15,155.91 in tax money for November today. Unbilled days are at 58. AR days are at 82. Helen from Trubridge is here for 3 months to train. We will have a round table meeting tomorrow and then she will meet with each person.

Trubridge is working hard to make sure the RA's are posted correctly. They are also coming up with policies to make sure that the postings are done correctly.

Over-all price increase: Barbara stated that the last time prices were increased was in 2014. She can put in a percent (%) and it can go all across the board to all departments. Eric stated that he believes the last time they did 125%. Steve made a motion to increase the charge master by 15% across the board starting January 1, 2017 with a 3% cost of living increase for each year thereafter. This does not affect the room rate. This will go into effect January 1st of each year. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

8. CEO Report: Richard stated that we received our certification # for the Elkhart clinic. We are still waiting on the Rolla clinic.

9. Chief of Medical Staff: Discussion is executive session.

10. Other: Dr. Caga-anan asked about the visit from State. Richard said that from what he understood, it was mainly policy updates. Sharm stated that they may not come back this year since they have already been here.

11. Executive Session: The board went into executive session at 7:05pm with Dr. Caga-anan for 10 minutes. Dr. Caga-anan left executive session and Rodney entered for 20 minutes. Rodney left executive session.

The board continued executive session for personnel discussion. They came out of executive session at 9:15pm. with no action taken.

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm. The next board meeting is February 20, 2017 at 6:30pm.



Steve Brillhart, Secretary

2-20-2017

Date