

**MORTON COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 4, 2016
MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call meeting to order: Brian called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. Attendees: Brian Mitchell, Carla Blackmore, Sonja white, Ed Anderson, Mike Horton, Eric Witcher, Richard Bergling (CEO), Butch Forrest (CFO), Angela Hattabaugh, Sharmilla Hall, Tuwana Trout, Jerry Scott, Joe Hartman, Dr. Caga-anan, Dr. Zerr (6:50pm), Veronica Fuentes (minutes)
3. Introduce Mike Horton, new board member.
4. Approve the Agenda: Sonja made the motion to approve the agenda. Ed seconded. Motion passed to approve the agenda.
5. Approve the Minutes: Sonja made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 7th and 31st, 2015 meetings. Carla seconded. Motion passed to approve the minutes.
6. Public Comments: Dr. Zerr talked about the hospital In Syracuse and Morton county working together to help each other out in the New Year, sharing services. They have MRI machine and we have an Ultra sound machine. They have used tele-medicine with varying success. They have used a neurologist from Denver and a Dermatologist from Northwest Missouri. High plains radiology reads their MRI's. (I have the actual card that he read from if it is needed)
7. Management Reports: Angela did not have anything to go over. Her RM policies had been approved but she is still working on the QA policies. Veronica was asked to keep up with all of the policies and procedures. To make sure that all departments get them done, reviewed and approved for the year. And to make sure the ones that have not been approved for 2015 get done and approved.
8. CFO report: Butch stated that we received a check from the county. He has finished the financial statements for May, June, and July. He hopes to get August and September done in the next few weeks while he is still here. We have \$28,383.66 in bad debt that needs to be sent to collections. Carla made the motion to send the bad debt to collections. Sonja seconded. Approve the transfer of bad debt to collections. Sonja made the motion to approve the transfer of funds of \$280,000.00. Ed seconded. Motion passed to transfer the funds.

9. CEO report: Richard has called all of the Doctors. Dr. Iway is still interested but wants a conference call with the board on Friday at 3pm. They want to help out but work part time, no ER call, just clinic. Dr. Caga-anan has talked to both of the Iway's. Dr. Durano is coming on Thursday at 10am to meet with Rich and Brian. He would be for the clinic only, no ER and no surgeries. Heidi Brillhart will start in April with us full time. Rich stated that he has sent email to Dr. Bradshaw, but no response yet.

Carla made a motion to remove Kenny Mitchell from all of the banking accounts and add Mike Horton. Mike seconded. Motion passed. Add Mike Horton to the following accounts: Colorado East; xxxx8301, 1301, 8001, 9901, 0701, 6601, 9401, 1201, 6610, and 9610. First National: xxx442, 556, 249, 106, and 030.

The Governing Board Bylaws are tabled until the ones that were approved in May of 2015 are updated with the new board members.

10. Chief of Medical Staff: Dr. Caga-anan asked about Dr. Carey. Brian stated that he was offered a teaching position at the University of California. It was something he had always wanted to do and did not want to pass up the opportunity.

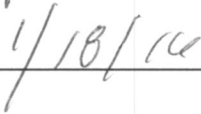
Dr. Leidich is going to take call on Fridays after office hours. He is willing to do weekends as well.

11. Other: Sharmilla asked about us being a teaching hospital. We used to have a contract with KU. She asked Veronica to look for the contract or get in contact with someone to see if we could be an affiliate. There is a new law for foreign medical students. Foreign students from the Philippines can do their residency there and begin practicing but when they come to the states they have to re-do their residency. They are put at the bottom of the list from the students that are already on the list. It is years before they can do their residency in the states.

12. Executive Session: the board went into executive session at 7:40pm for personnel. They came out of session with no action taken. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.



Sonja White, Secretary



Date