

GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2
dba QUINCY VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 27, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.

QUINCY VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER ANNEX

Present: Anthony Gonzalez, Randy Zolman, Don Condit, Robert Poindexter

Also in attendance: Mehdi Merred, CEO; Alicia Shields, Dean Taplett, Alene Walker, Glenda Bishop, Mike Pirkey, Colleen Canfield, Michele Wurl, Larry Aliment (QVMCF), Jill Fitzsimmons (QVPR), Collette Lancaster, Richard _____.

CALL TO ORDER – Anthony Gonzalez, Chairman of the Commissioners, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Anthony noted that the Agenda had been updated to include Resolution 14-2, Disposal of Surplus Property, under "New Business".

1. **Comments from the Audience:** None.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made by Don Condit with a second from Robert Poindexter to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2014 meeting as published. Motion carried.*

3. **Board Chair Report:** Anthony noted that we are continuing to move forward to finalize numbers in regard to balancing the budget. He also commented that we experienced a busy weekend in the Emergency Department during the Sasquatch festival. As a result of the news coverage from the Seattle coverage there were varying "sidewalk comments". Anthony welcomed Alicia Shields, the new CNO, introducing her to the Board members.

A summary of the media coverage from the weekend was viewed. Anthony added that the staff of professionals at this facility should be very proud of what they do every day.

4. **QI Report:** Mike began by reviewing the Plan of Correction Audit. Safety Meetings hit 100% for the month. LEAN training continues in the Clinic and is going very well. *A motion was made by Randy Zolman with a second from Don Condit to approve the QI Report as presented. Motion carried.*

5. **Consent Agenda**

Bad Debt/Charity Care: Charity and Bad Debt were to be presented tonight, but Sheryl has been called away to a family emergency; these adjustments will be made next month, or at a Special if any meeting is necessitated for another reason.

Vouchers (Accounts Payable and Payroll): *A motion was made by Don Condit with a second from Randy Zolman to approve the Vouchers totaling \$959,721.33. Motion carried.*

6. **Standing Committee Reports**

Finance Committee: Don reported that we were hoping April would be more profitable than it was in reality. Operating revenue for the month was good; however, the 2% wage increase approved last year had an effect on expenses for this month -- all pay increases were in place

causing a \$31,000 increase in salaries & wages. Therefore we had a \$117,000 loss -- still better off than last year's loss for the same month by about \$57,000 dollars. The year-to-date numbers show a loss of 484,840, about \$30,000 less than the same time last year. May through August should be stronger months for us, and we hope to see some black ink. Dean added that profitability and "cash flow" are the two main topics to be considered. We have seen a slowdown of Medicare payments over the last few weeks which Dean is checking into. Dean added that during June through August we should see an appreciable cash flow increase. By August our warrant line should be lower than what we are seeing right now.

Mehdi added that adjusting our staffing levels with relationship to what we are seeing from the summer volumes will be important. We have to manage our expenses.

Building & Grounds Committee: A meeting was held, discussing the problem in the Clinic, bids are being sought at this time. Mehdi added again -- this is a 1959 building; we put together a budget for the year, and we have no idea what can happen in a year to this building that will need to be addressed and the associated costs. Mehdi thanked our Maintenance Department for their work at this time of the year. The phone system is set to be installed during the middle of June.

Personnel: None.

7. **Old Business:** None.

8. **New Business:**

a. **June meeting – schedule change:** The June meeting will be held at 5:30 on Wednesday June 25.

b. **Privileging by Proxy:** *Randy Zolman made a motion to approve privileging by proxy of Dr. David Bezov (Tele-Stroke physician), with a second from Don Condit. Motion carried.*

c. **Resolution 14-02: Disposal of surplus property:** *Randy Zolman made a motion, with a second from Don Condit to approve Resolution 14-02 as presented. Motion carried.*

9. **Department Reports:** Michele asked the Board members about the format for Gorge statistics in her reports; the Commissioners asked that the report include one year of data for comparative purposes. Anthony highlighted the Foundation's "Spring Swing" to be held on June 13th. Bob noted that community members seem to think that it's a "facility policy" that we have to see all individuals who come to our hospital; we need to convey more efficiently the message that it is a federal law that requires us to treat all patients who present to the facility.

Administrator's Report: Mehdi stated "1.8 million dollars of Charity Care is not a 'facility' problem, it's a community problem. We need the community's help."

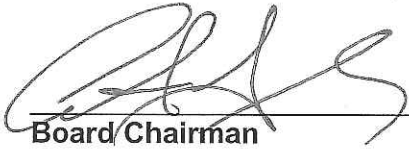
Mehdi added that Clinic volumes are continuing to grow; Dr. Dominguez has signed a new two year contract. Dr. Dominguez has stepped into several leadership positions, accepting the role of Clinic Medical Director, and is also the Chief of Staff. Dr. Crosier is beginning a new contract with significant involvement in our E.D. in June. It is significant that physicians are

seeking to be involved in our facility; they see value in our presence in Quincy. We are seeing growth, and this is encouraging, reflecting that there is a need for the facility in our community.

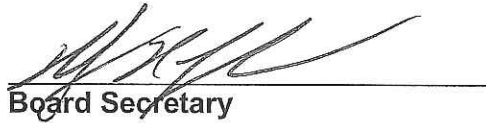
10. An Executive Session for QI Matters was called for a period of ten minutes with No Action to be taken following the Executive Session.

Regular session resumed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, *a motion to adjourn was made by Don Condit, second by Robert Poindexter;* motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Board Chairman



Board Secretary

(Minutes recorded by and submitted by Glenda Bishop)