

GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2
dba QUINCY VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 23, 2015 - 5:30 pm.
QUINCY VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER ANNEX

Present: Randy Zolman, Don Condit, Anthony Gonzalez

Also in attendance: Mehdi Merred, CEO; Alicia Shields, Dean Taplett, Glenda Bishop, Tom Richardson, Alene Walker, Mike Pirkey, Tracey Mescall, Verna Teeter and Jack Tobin (Hospital Foundation), David Day (Quincy City Council), Jill Fitzsimmons (QVPR)

CALL TO ORDER – Randy Zolman, Chairman of the Commissioners, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

1. **Comments from the Audience:** Verna Teeter, President of the Hospital Foundation, reported that the Foundation is looking for new members to be part of the Foundation. She also thanked the CEO, Mehdi Merred for his leadership to the facility during the past nearly ten years, as well as his involvement with the Foundation.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made by Don Condit with a second from Anthony Gonzalez to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2015 Regular meeting and the November 4 and November 11 Special meetings. Motion carried.*
3. **Board Chair Report:** Randy thanked Mehdi for his years of leadership to the facility. Anthony also added that we are looking for an interim CEO and then will begin to recruit for a permanent CEO. Anthony looked back to the year that Mehdi interviewed, bringing youth and a "breath of fresh air", energy, and good ideas, adding "I think we tried them all". Anthony also expressed excitement about the opportunity for Mehdi to return "home" with his wife and son. He noted that Mehdi has attended 119 Board meetings during his time as CEO, a significant indicator of his consistency and contributions. Don expressed his appreciation to Mehdi for a deep personal friendship not just with him but with his family. Don also mentioned the vision to start surgery – "and a whole lot of other successful ventures." Don wished Mehdi well, and again noted his deep appreciation for Aleeta, Mehdi's wife, as well.
4. **QI Report:** Mike Pirkey gave an overview of the scorecards; he noted there are few deviations from last month. Plan of Correction reflects the same numbers as well. He touched briefly on the Safety numbers. *A motion was made by Anthony Gonzalez with a second from Don Condit to approve the Quality Improvement report as presented. Motion carried.*
5. **Consent Agenda**
Bad Debt/Charity Care: A motion was made by Don Condit with a second from Anthony Gonzalez to approve the Bad Debt (\$28,471.52)/Charity Care (\$52,135.96) adjustments as presented, totaling \$80,607.48. Motion carried.

Vouchers (Accounts Payable and Payroll): A motion was made by Don Condit with a second from Anthony Gonzalez to approve the Vouchers totaling \$908,788.63. Motion carried.
6. **Standing Committee Reports**

Finance Committee: Don reported that we experienced a \$221,064 loss due to declining volumes in almost "every place you could look." We are trying to do everything we can to remedy this situation; some of the things that we hoped for haven't happened. Harvest came early, so workers were gone by the end of September contributing to lower ER numbers. We are down about a hundred visits in the ER for October. We are hoping for better numbers in November and December, but it is difficult to predict. Our "crystal ball" is being rubbed every day, but we just can't predict the outcome. Dean added that we are entering our "slow" volume time of the year. We are doing somewhat better with our additional provider in the Clinic. Some of Robin's claims are able to be billed due to finalizing her credentialing with commercial payors; ER is dependent on what is going on. Dean again commended Managers for holding the expenses in line; we just need to find avenues to bring patients into the facility. Mike is working on some things that might bring patients to the Clinic. We are not incurring "agency" fees in the ER the way we had in past months. We are controlling the things that we can while looking for more support in the community using services.

Building & Grounds Committee: Anthony noted that the Maintenance Director is working on some projects prepping for winter, particularly dealing with sidewalks at Physical Therapy. Mehdi also reported that we contacted Construction Review Services and were advised to find a Fire Engineer who can stamp the plans for insulating the entire clinic space, ultrasound, ER 2 and ER 3, so that we can cap off the dry system (because we have an existing "wet system"). The next stage will be installing a firewall to separate the "hospital" from the "clinic". Tomorrow we will visit with the Department of Health regarding our Plan of Correction and then we will submit a plan to Construction Review Services, followed by making contact with vendors for bid. We will also need to submit a functional plan to the State.

Personnel: Randy noted that we have received a letter from Michele Talley expressing interest in the Commissioner #5 position.

7. **Old Business:** None.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. **Laboratory Analyzer:** *A motion was made by Anthony Gonzalez with a second from Don Condit to approve acquisition of a Laboratory Analyzer as presented through a lease option with Beckman Coulter (see attached). Motion carried.*
 - b. **Resolution 15-04: Levy Certification.** *A motion was made by Don Condit with a second from Anthony Gonzalez to approve Resolution 15-04 as presented. Motion carried.*
 - c. **Discussion, Commissioner Position #5.** See above.
9. **Department Reports:** Reviewed as published.
10. **Executive Session:** None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Anthony Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn with a second from Don Condit; the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

Board Chairman



Board Secretary

(Minutes recorded by and submitted by Glenda Bishop)