

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

Present: Randy Zolman, Don Condit, Robert Poindexter

Also in attendance: Mehdi Merred, CEO; Alicia Shields, Dean Taplett, Glenda Bishop, Mike Pirkey, Tom Richardson, Alene Walker, Cynde Tilton, Jack Tobin (QVH Foundation), Jill Fitzsimmons(QVPR)

CALL TO ORDER – Randy Zolman, Chairman of the Commissioners, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

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 Regular meeting on January 26, 2015. Motion carried.*

3. **Board Chair Report:** Randy deferred to Mehdi, CEO, to report on the activities in Olympia today. Mehdi first reported that last week he met with representatives from the Fire District, City of Quincy, Live Nation and Grant County Commissioner Cindy Carter. The discussion was related to the legislation currently proposed, and the eventual outcome was that the parties "agreed to disagree". After this meeting, Mehdi asked Cindy how she can still say that she is "neutral" with representatives from Live Nation stating that the County Commissioners oppose the Bill. There is only one document, a letter from Carolann Swartz, stating opposition. It is very difficult to understand what the County's position is. House Finance Committee, Ways and Means Committee, met in Olympia today, and Mehdi reported that there was good discussion but the Legislators are still puzzled as to the position of the Grant County Commissioners. There is some discussion about amending the Bill to bypass the County, but it may not be an easy route to take. After the session today they had an opportunity to visit with Senator Linda Parlette who reportedly received an email from Carolann Swartz stating that the County might be willing to change their position and consider supporting the Bill if there are some changes made, for example not imposing a "preset" split of the funds. Mehdi added that he was very surprised to hear this because again there was nothing from the County Commissioners, phone calls or emails that would have indicated that to us. Today Mehdi asked for an official document from the County Commissioners related to their position, and Cindy Carter said that he would need to talk to Carolann. Mehdi said that he is not pointing fingers, but expressing frustration about this matter. The County Commissioners are talking to each other but not to us, and last week's meeting concluded with a commitment to "talk to each other." Mehdi recommended a unified statement from the Hospital Commissioners regarding the legislation.

4. **QI Report:** Mike reported excellent numbers from nursing for the month of January. Mike spoke about Infection Control noting that there will be a scorecard and I.C. meetings held every other month to be forwarded to the Board. Safety Meetings were at 100% for the month, four months in a row now. *A motion was made by Don Condit with a second from Robert Poindexter to approve the Quality Improvement report as presented. Motion carried.*

5. **Consent Agenda**

Bad Debt/Charity Care: *Don Condit made a motion with a second from Robert Poindexter to approve the Bad Debt (\$15,984.00)/Charity Care (\$131,699.00) adjustments as presented, totaling \$147,683.00. Motion carried.*

Vouchers (Accounts Payable and Payroll): *A motion was made by Don Condit with a*

second from Robert Poindexter to approve the Vouchers totaling \$757,875.93. Motion carried.

6. Standing Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Don Condit reported that January 2015 has started out very slow from a revenue line. One explanation is that in January deductibles all start over again at zero which affects our cash coming in. Salary and benefits were under budget by about \$43,000 and under last year by \$41,000, largely attributed to closing the surgery program and administrative reductions of 5%. We recorded a \$244,643 loss compared to a \$20,000 loss for the same time last year. Warrant line as of today is \$2.906 million. We would really like to create a little more of a cushion there between actual and the three million dollar warrant limit. Dean reported that PT and Clinic were up, but other lines of service were all down during the month of January. The good news is that we are meeting our Budget and Managers are meeting their staffing levels. The outlook for February is not much better, but we are managing to stay below the limit. Our projected collections are a little higher for February. Mehdi also reported that the census in the North Wing is down, and Alicia added that it seems to be the trend locally. We are actively seeking patients.

Building & Grounds Committee: None.

Personnel: None.

7. Old Business: Emergency Department EMR system. Tom Richardson presented options being considered, noting that the ED Director and the CNO both feel this is critical to the organization. Mehdi explained that the difference in price between CPSI and the other systems being reviewed is about \$200,000, but we could lose that very quickly if we don't do something. Tom will get some numbers regarding \$\$ to be paid upfront and the doctors' preferences following the demonstrations. A Special Meeting may need to be called for the purpose of taking action to make a decision when the time comes.

8. New Business: None.

9. Department Reports:

Mehdi reported that our priority is to recruit Nurse Practitioners for the Clinic either through locum or permanent placement. We have advertised for two positions, giving priority to individuals who will be available to admit to the hospital. Mehdi noted that the recruitment challenges are not unique to us, but appear to be felt by many other organizations around us, if not even nationwide. We are also struggling to meet the PT needs of admitted patients in order to meet their care needs.

10. Executive Session was called for a period of ten minutes at 6:15 pm for a QI and Personnel matter.

Return to Open at 6:45 p.m. **A motion was made by Don Condit with a second from Robert Poindexter to extend up to \$10,000 for legal fees paid to Garvey Schubert Barer on an employment-related matter.**

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



Board Chairman

Board Secretary

(Minutes recorded by and submitted by Glenda Bishop)