

GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2
dba QUINCY VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 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, Carol Bryan (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 February 23, 2015. Motion carried.*

3. **Board Chair Report:** Randy reported that the Bill allowing a "ticket surcharge" didn't make it through the House/Senate, but legally it will stay "alive" for up to two years. 90-day AR is down since November, and Randy asked Sheryl to tell her staff that he is appreciative of their work and it has been helpful to the warrant line level.

4. **QI Report:** Mike reported numbers similar to last month for the Performance Scorecard. The DOH Audit Scorecard looks very good, absent new numbers from Dr. Preston for Infection Control. Mike also went over a new Infection Control scorecard that will be used. Alicia reported on our reports from the State, noting that our readmission rate is very low, and on average our patients are "going home" at a higher rate than other hospitals compared to ours. *Don Condit made a motion 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 (\$84,773.00)/Charity Care (\$17,109.00) adjustments as presented, totaling \$101,882.00. 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 \$819,453.06. Motion carried.*

6. **Standing Committee Reports**

Finance Committee: Don reported that February was a slow month for the facility, our second in a row, but not necessarily unusual, although February was slower than we normally see. In our favor is the fact that we have a twelve month budget that does not take into account the month-to-month changes which occur as a result of the "seasonality" of our business. We recorded a loss for the month of \$239,988, but this is somewhat comparable to where we were last year, bringing us to a loss of \$484,206 for the year, compared to a negative \$253,974 for the same time last year. We are optimistic that March will be a stronger month for us. The warrant line today, after two months of loss is \$2,928,941. We did receive

an \$80,000 meaningful use reimbursement, and we expect to see about \$50,000 in Medicaid "catch up" revenue sometime in May. Managers continue to maintain appropriate staffing levels, and maintain control of the spending on supplies. Dean noted that the Managers should be encouraged whenever possible, noting that the financial numbers are discouraging in spite of their strong efforts.

Building & Grounds Committee: None.

Personnel: None.

7. **Old Business:** None.

8. **New Business:** Mehdi explained our opportunity to negotiate an independent contractor agreement with a physician who has been working with us for several months, which would also require us to "buy him out" of his agency. We would recoup our \$36,000 outlay within approximately ten months because of the lower hourly rate. ***A motion was made by Don Condit with a second from Robert Poindexter to authorize Mehdi to negotiate an independent contractor agreement with an emergency room physician and move forward with a "buy out" from his Agency. Motion carried.***

9. **Department Reports:**

Mehdi updated the Commissioners on the status of the Bill related to ticket surcharges. He also reported on the ongoing recruitment activities for Clinic providers noting that he is optimistic at this time.

We are still considering options for an ER module (EMR). We will have another presentation this week (from CPSI). There are some conflicting reports regarding ICD-10 implementation at this point.

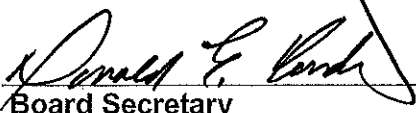
Mehdi reported on statistics regarding hospital closures and the common characteristics among the communities where these hospitals were found. Our hospital is sitting in a growing community, therefore we need to continue to be strategic; we have opportunities with construction and local businesses to establish strong ties. Our ER is an instrumental, vital part of this community and the viability of our organization appears to lie within our ability to maintain a strong ER.

10. Executive Session was called for a period of ten minutes at 6:03 pm for a QI matter.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Board Chairman



Board Secretary

(Minutes recorded by and submitted by Glenda Bishop)