

**WESTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 18, 2021**

Present: LeAnn Kenagy, Treasurer; Jeff Virchow, Trustee; Mike Ratigan, Trustee (via Zoom); Jamie Farnsworth, Trustee

Also Present: Maureen Cadwell, Chief Executive Officer (via Zoom); Alison Gee, Lubnau Law Office (via Zoom); Piper Allard, Chief Operating Officer; Kim Scharf, Quality Director; Charlie Turner, Director of Human Resources; Carmen Allison, Home Health Director (via Zoom); Angie Phillips, Director of Patient Services; Denice Piscioti, Executive Assistant.

Visitors: Alexis Barker, News Letter Journal; Sue Mireles; Jessica Englehardt; Shenae LaCroix; Cassie Munoz; Kary King, the following joined via Zoom - Leilani Butts, Mark Verellen; Susan Love; Heather Ault; Sharla Zerbst; Suzanne Steele; Cheyenne Kisler; Jenna Stone

Call to Order: LeAnn Kenagy called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Quorum: Mike Ratigan declared a quorum to conduct the business of Weston County Hospital District.

Visitors Comments: Susan Love encouraged the board to not decide to mandate COVID-19 vaccines for staff. She hoped they would wait to see what would happen with the lawsuit Governor Mark Gordon has filed with other states. Attorney Allison Gee stated the urgency for the WCHS Board of Trustees to decide on the policy is to give employees time to file for medical or religious exemptions prior to the deadline of December 6th. She added if there is a stay on the Mandate rule at anytime the process will be halted but to keep the facility open proceeding with the policy is what is needed.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Add a C. under consent agenda for the November 15th meeting minutes. Also, number 5 under Quality for Ethics Committee.

MIKE RATIGAN MADE THE MOTION ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED JEFF VIRCHOW SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Financial – In-patient days totaled 238 for October. Patient mix was 55% in-patient, 32% Skilled and 13% Intermediate Swing Bed. Year-to-date In-patient days are 262% of budget and 316% of last year's volume. YTD Swing bed days are 114% of budget and are 84% of last year. YTD ER visits are 114% of budget and 97% of the prior year. YTD PT visits are 102% of budget and 84% of last year. YTD OT visits were 112% of budget and 154% of last year. Operating Income was a loss of \$429,973 for the month and a loss of \$63,867 for the year. Depreciation expense year to date was \$540,732. Net Income was negative for October \$19,531. YTD was also positive, \$212,894.

Accounts Receivable increased from last month, \$381,670. However, A/R is higher than this time last year by \$1,559,798. This month we experienced a decrease cash flow of \$610,504. Acute and Swing Bed days 238. Days in A/R slight decreased from prior month to 70.65.

Retail Pharmacy during October, 4,210 scripts filled. Decrease of 54 from last month. Operating Revenue increased this month compared to the prior month's total. Retail Pharmacy revenue was \$336,775 for the month and budgeted for \$315,000 this month. Operating Income for the month was a gain of \$26,438 and YTD income was a loss of \$126,376.

MIKE RATIGAN MADE THE MOTION CONTINUE THE INCENTIVE PAY FOR PICKING UP ADDITIONAL SHIFTS FOR MANOR STAFF JEFF VIRCHOW SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

JEFF VIRCHOW MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE CLEAR LAKE FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE JAMIE FARNSWORTH SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

Quality

1. Medical Staff Credentialing –

JEFF VIRCHOW MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEDICAL STAFF CREDENTIALLING OF LUCAS MAILANDER, MD AND NICK ALANZO, PA-C JAMIE FARNSWORTH SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Medical Staff Report – A discussion was held about possibly doing a trial for Xeljanz and then it was discovered that Yellowstone Insurance would not cover a drug trial. Take home kits for patients seen in the Emergency Department after hours was talked about. They would only be given enough medicine until when the Pharmacy reopens. The Fentanyl Patch Policy was reviewed and more follow up will be done before it is approved.

3. Quality Report - Safety concerns about an electrical outlet spark in a residence room however it was resolved by Maintenance. ED wait times were reviewed. Community COVID-19 vaccination rates are at 32.99% and facility wide we are at 72%. The clinic survey results were good but the numbers that were completed were not high. The clinic is working on an improvement project by handing out cards to increase the survey return rates.

4. Ethics Committee – tabled.

MIKE RATIGAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COVID-19 VACCINATION MANDATE POLICY, JEFF VIRCHOW SECONDED AND THE MOTION PASSED.

JAMIE FARNSWORTH MADE THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:14 PM FOR QUALITY AND PERSONNEL, MIKE RATIGAN SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

MIKE RATIGAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:37 PM, JEFF VIRCHOW SECONDED AND THE MOTION PASSED.

Connie James, President

Georgenna Materi, Secretary