

Allen County Regional Hospital Board of Trustees Meeting

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Board Room – Allen County Regional Hospital

3066 N. Kentucky, Iola, KS 66749

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of Allen County Regional Hospital (ACRH) was held Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Members present in person or by conference call were Loren Korte, Jeff Johnson, Terry Sparks, John Brocker, Mona Hull and Jim Gilpin arrived 15 minutes late at 6:45. Ex-officio members included Larry Peterson, CFO and acting CEO; Dr. Brian Neely, Chief of Staff; and Patty McGuffin, CNO. Some ACRH department heads and Iola Register reporter, Vicky Moss, also attended by conference call.

Chairman Korte called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Sparks made a motion approving the agenda; it was seconded by Mr. Brocker; the motion carried.

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve the March 24, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Johnson, the motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Peterson began his administrator's report by asking Ms. McGuffin to provide an update on diversions and on the ACRH COVID-19 pandemic response. She mentioned there were no diversions since the last meeting of the ACRH BOT. She said the pandemic response included: closing to the public the cafeteria; physical distancing while at work; screening everyone at the door of the main entrance and the emergency room; not permitting visitors to the hospital, with a few exceptions; monitoring the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); cancelling elective surgeries; suspending until further notice the use of volunteers, like the auxiliary.

However, she said, the medical executive committee plans to begin elective surgery on May 4 with masks being worn by patients and staff; supplies like Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and test kits are in inventory at acceptable levels.

Next Mr. Peterson said that due to the corona virus public health guidelines, most development projects had been postponed or cancelled: 1) County ¼ cent sales-tax renewal voter education effort and election had been rescheduled for 6-2-2020. 2) Lunch & Learn events have been stopped until further notice. 3) Community events have been called off – however - 4) the American Red Cross Blood Drive for May 13 & 14 will be conducted at the John Silas Bass Community Building; their need for blood during the pandemic remains high.

Next, Mr. Peterson said in the month of April all ACRH home health and hospice patients would be released or transferred to other providers, with the closing of the ACRH departments. It is his understanding the Saint Luke's Health Systems (SLHS) application to extend home health and

hospice services has been granted for Allen and Bourbon, but not for Neosho and Woodson counties. SLHS has hired former ACRH employees to staff the additional territory.

Under old business, there were no trustee or development committee reports. Chairman Korte gave the report on the management contract review, and said that 7-1-2020 was now the date for the HCA management agreement to end and for SLHS to begin their lease; pandemic problems had caused the delay from accelerating the changeover to June 1, 2020. He also said, construction plans for the pharmacy remodel and the shower repairs had been delayed, too, due to the pandemic; they both are expected to be scheduled in the third or fourth quarters of 2020; construction projects will be funded from Allen County and the City of Iola sales tax revenues that will be placed in a capital account beginning July 1, for use by Allen County in the maintenance of ACRH.

Under new business, Mr. Peterson presented the finance committee month-end report for March 2020. He reviewed activity levels, payer mix, revenues, operating costs and financial position. He also said ACRH had received in April large amounts of special government pandemic funding – a CMS loan of over three million; a federal CARES Act grant for hospitals of over \$500,000 and some money from the state of Kansas. He said more cash is anticipated with other COVID 19 pandemic moneys targeted for hospitals – he specifically mentioned the SBA Payroll Protection Program application with Community National Bank & Trust. Mr. Gilpin made a motion to approve the financial report and to authorize ACRH management to apply for any COVID 19 related grants or loans to assist with cash management. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and upon the vote, the motion passed.

Also under new business, Ms. McGuffin introduced Ms. Slocum who reviewed the Risk Management Plan. She noted it was the same as the one approved last year. Ms. McGuffin then introduced the topic of “Practitioner Credentialing During the Course of the COVID-19 National Emergency”, a resolution signed by Chairman Korte on March 31, 2020 and included in the ACRH BOT packet for the April meeting. Following BOT discussion, on a motion by Mr. Gilpin to approve the Risk Management Plan and to ratify the Practitioner Credentialing resolution, and a second by Mr. Sparks, the motion carried.

Next under the medical executive committee report, Dr. Neely reviewed the minutes of the 3-17-2020 meeting. Mr. Gilpin made the motion to approve the minutes and the report; seconded by Mr. Johnson, the motion carried.

Mr. Peterson added that as of March 31, vascular clinics had ceased and on May 31 pulmonary clinics, sleep studies, tele-stroke and tele psych services would not be offered, as the medical providers did not wish to renew their privileges. He and Mr. Korte plan to contact SLHS to see if clinics in these specialties may soon be offered through SLHS to minimize the gap in service.

An executive session for credentialing was next on the agenda. Mr. Bocker made a motion to move into executive session with Mr. Peterson, Dr. Neely, and Ms. McGuffin at 7:25 for a period of 5 minutes for personnel matters of non-elected personnel, as authorized by Section 75-4319(b)(1) of the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The BOT would reconvene at 7:30. Ms. Hull seconded the motion; the motion carried. At 7:30 the BOT reconvened in open session. Mr.

Gilpin moved to approve the five reappointments recommended by the medical executive committee as follows:

Reappointments:

Wayne Anliker, MD

Effective 05/01/2020 – 04/30/2022.

JoAnn Curl, PA

Effective 05/01/2020 – 04/30/2022.

Adrian Dunn, CRNA

Effective 05/01/2020 – 04/30/2022.

John Nelson, MD

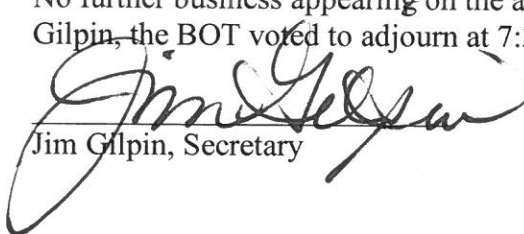
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Susan Speaks, MD, PHD

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Mr. Brocker seconded the motion, and upon the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

No further business appearing on the agenda, on a motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Gilpin, the BOT voted to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.



Jim Gilpin, Secretary