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**Bartlett Regional Hospital
Board of Directors
Minutes
May 26, 2015**

Called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll call

Present

Robert Storer, President	Nancy Davis, Vice President (by phone)
Mary Borthwick, Secretary	Mark Johnson
Kristen Bomengen Past President	Alex Malter, M.D.
Linda Thomas	Lauree Morton

Absent

Brenda Knapp

Others present

Chuck Bill, CEO	Billy Gardner, CNO
Toni Petrie, Executive Assistant	Mila Cosgrove, HR
Dick Monkman, Sonosky, Chambers	Jane Sebens, CBJ Law
Sara Parker, Compliance	Bob Koenitzer, The McDowell Group
Carlton Heine, MD, Chief of Staff	Karen Crane, CBJ Liaison
Nathan Peimann, MD	

Public participation – None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: Bob Koenitzer with the McDowell Group gave a presentation on the Community Survey they conducted for the hospital over the past couple of months.

After reviewing the results, Mr. Bill said we need to start discussions on how to use the information from the survey.

Approval of the minutes – Ms. Morton made a MOTION to approve the minutes from April 28, 2015. Ms. Bomengen seconded and they were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rural Demonstration Project – Mr. Bill reported Senator Grassley is going to take this bill to the Senate Finance Committee as an independent standalone item.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board guidance – Mr. Monkman included in the packet, a document from the Office of the Inspector General’s Office outlining the Board’s compliance responsibilities. There was a lengthy discussion on what the Board’s responsibilities are for the compliance issues in the hospital.

Ms. Crane asked if the Assembly is also held accountable by OIG for compliance. Mr. Monkman said that the BRH governing board is ultimately responsible. He also noted that the Board has legal protection as long as they follow the rules set in place.

Juneau Emergency Medical Associates “JEMA” Contract – Mr. Storer invited Dr. Nate Peimann to attend the meeting to answer any questions the Board members have. He would like to get the attorneys from all sides input as well. There’s a meeting scheduled with CBJ Legal, the hospital attorney, Mr. Bill, Mr. Storer and Ms. Davis on May 27th to go over all the contractual issues.

Dr. Peimann said he would send the current JEMA rate structure to the Board.

Operating response to potential loss of the Rural Demonstration Project – Mr. Bill said that we need to start thinking about how we are going to respond if we don’t get the Rural Demonstration Project approved. He is in the process of developing plans.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Finance Committee - Ms. Thomas reported the Finance Committee approved the emergency purchase of a Chiller for the LAB, not to exceed \$77,000 and it is now before the Board for ratification. *The MOTION passed by a roll call vote.*

Break at 6:50 p.m.

Back in session 7:00 p.m.

Alaska Public Employees' Retirement System “PERS” amendment – Ms. Cosgrove presented a PERS document that states BRH Management is seeking an amendment to our existing PERS agreement to exclude certain medical professionals from coverage. Senior Leadership believes that exempting the classifications from PERS will give greater flexibility in recruitment and limit potential ongoing liability to the hospital that may arise if the positions were included in PERS and then eliminated at a later date. Establishing the positions in PERS and then eliminating them in the future may expose the hospital to the requirement to pay an ongoing indebtedness fee.

*Ms. Thomas made a MOTION to approve the PERS amendment dated May 21, 2015.
Mr. Johnson seconded and it was approved by a roll call vote.*

Ms. Thomas went over the April financials that were included in the packet and discussion items from the Finance Committee.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT:

CAMHU – Mr. Johnson reported that the CAMHU ad hoc committee and The McDowell Group went over the draft gaps/needs analysis results. Mr. Johnson would like the ad hoc committee to meet again and open it up to the full board. He would also like the larger CAMHU work group to weigh in on the report.

CEO report – Mr. Bill went over his CEO report and highlighted we are continuing to move forward on the Oncology program. He also commented that we are still working with SEARHC to help provide mutual support. Legal is working on the details.

Dr. Hiestand has received her Alaska license and will begin in June as the Medical Director of behavioral health services.

Mr. Bill has approached the physicians who participated in the “no doc” summer call last year about doing the same thing this summer while continue to work on the Hospitalist Program. We are currently interviewing candidates for the Chief Behavioral Health Officer.

Ms. Thomas made a MOTION to go into executive session at 7:42 p.m., to discuss matters that could have an adverse effect on the finances of the hospital and which are confidential by law. Ms. Bomengen seconded and it was approved.

Out of executive session at 8:10 p.m. to extend the meeting to 8:45 p.m.

Ms. Borthwick made a MOTION at 8:28 p.m., to go back into executive session to discuss matters which could have an adverse effect on the finances of the hospital and matters which are confidential by law (personnel).

Out of executive session at 8:28 p.m.

The Credentialing report was approved.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Morton expressed her concern about not receiving the PERS amendment document before the meeting and then was asked to take action.

Dr. Malter said he would like to see the Board meetings more meaningful by having all the information ahead of time.

Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.