

Bartlett Regional Hospital

Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 23, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

Robert F. Valliant Boardroom

CALL TO ORDER – The Board of Director’s meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Lance Stevens, Board President

ATTENDANCE

Lance Stevens, President	Rosemary Hagevig, Vice-President	Mark Johnson
Brenda Knapp	Marshal Kendziorek	Deb Johnston
Kenny Solomon-Gross		

ABSENT

Bob Urata, MD, Secretary	Lindy Jones, MD
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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chuck Bill, CEO	Kevin Benson, CFO	Megan Costello, CBJ Law
Dallas Hargrave, HR Director	Bradley Grigg, CBHO	Don Schneider, MD, COS
Billy Gardner, CCO	Rose Lawhorne, Assistant CCO	Marc Walker, Facilities Director
Michelle Hale, CBJ Liaison	Megan Taylor, Executive Assistant	

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Agenda approved as presented.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

Medical Staff Report – Dr. Schneider had nothing to report.

Executive Session – *Mr. Kendziorek made a MOTION to go into executive session to discuss the credentialing report, patient safety dashboard and to receive an update on litigation; all of which are confidential by nature and protected by law. Mr. Johnson seconded and motion approved.*

The committee entered executive session at 5:32 pm and returned to regular session at 5:42 pm.

Ms. Knapp made a MOTION to approve the credentialing report as presented. Ms. Johnston seconded and it was approved.

BOARD EDUCATION – Marc Walker, Facilities Director, presented the goals and action plan for after-hours lockdown. He stated that Juneau’s crime rate is over 124% higher than the national average. Theft is one of the highest crimes in Juneau and BRH has experienced two cases of arson in recent history. The goal is to improve the safety of patients, visitors and staff by reducing the number of after-hours access points and controlling accessible locations for non-employees. The safety committee has identified the need for 23 proximity readers, 13 cameras and 9 badge readers for monitoring 9 external access points and 5 unsecured stairwells. The approximate cost of purchasing this equipment is \$206,000. A new visitor control policy will also be written. Ms. Johnston requested crime statistics for BRH. A discussion

was held about camera monitoring. Mr. Walker stated that we will have the capability to lock down the entire facility with a single button push.

CONSENT AGENDA – Mr. Stevens requested the management reports be removed from the consent agenda to allow for questions to be asked and comments to be made easier. Ms. Knapp requested a consistent template for future management reports. *Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to approve the consent agenda minus the management reports. Mr. Solomon-Gross seconded. The consent agenda was approved as amended.*

MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation for the thorough report on behavioral health followed up by a discussion about recruitment of a psychiatrist and locum coverage. Ms. Hagevig stated that verbal management reports are more in depth than written reports. Mr. Kendziorek inquired about Alaska law related to chemical restraint of minors which led to a discussion about restraint use statutes and policies. In response to Mr. Stevens’s inquiry regarding a PERS amendment, Mr. Hargrave reported that the assembly would have to approve an amendment to the PERS agreement prior to obtaining the final approval from the Division of Retirement and Benefits department. A discussion was held about physician participation in PERS. BRH and CBJ are working jointly on the PERS amendment, there is no action required of the BRH Board.

Ms. Hagevig made a MOTION to approve the management reports. Mr. Johnson seconded. The management reports were approved. It was noted that management reports do not need to be approved by the board.

FOCUS AND EXECUTE UPDATE - Mr. Bill reminded the committee of the 6 key strategic objectives and provided highlights of some of the goals under each category. He pointed out the success Mr. Grigg has had in BOPS; 13 active patients at his arrival to 200 patients currently, including 87 minors. Patients are now able to stay in town for services. Staff work diligently to maintain survey readiness status for Joint Commission Accreditation. BRH still struggles with turnover of new hires. A survey for BRH to be considered for a ranking in Modern Healthcare’s “Top 100 Places to Work in Healthcare” was sent to all employees. There was a 45% response rate. Results should be ready by June. BRH has been actively working with University of Alaska and the SE Conference to conduct a healthcare workforce needs assessment. We have four medical oncologists that will each provide one week of coverage per month. Telehealth services will help us grow by reaching patients in other SE communities. Mr. Benson will complete a productivity assessment. 24 hour pharmacy is to begin next month. The 340B pricing program will be tested with Safeway and Fred Meyer for the first quarter, beginning July 1st. More licensed pharmacies may be added quarterly. Materials Management is working on making better use of our group purchasing agreement. In the interest of saving time, Mr. Bill ended his overview and suggested Board members look at the progress at their leisure. Mr. Stevens suggested updates from only one category at a time be provided at future board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS – Finance Committee Action Item. *Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to approve \$178,000 for the purchase of Ophthalmology equipment as recommended by the Finance Committee. Ms. Hagevig seconded.* (The Finance Committee had recommended approval of funds for Orthopedic equipment, not Ophthalmology equipment.) Because this action item was not listed on the agenda, the purchase for the Orthopedic equipment will be brought before the Board for approval at the May 28th meeting. Future action items coming out of committees will be listed separately on the board agendas.

Mr. Kendziorek provided an update on the April 22 Planning Committee meeting. Status reports for sleep off and the crisis stabilization unit had been discussed. The responses to the RFP for the Campus Plan were due this week. Space is to be blocked out on the plans for the Crisis Stabilization Unit but details will not be included. An RFP for the design plan of the Crisis Stabilization Unit is to be released next week. Updates on Ophthalmology as well as collaboration efforts with SEARHC had also been discussed.

CEO Report – Mr. Bill reported that earlier today, he had met with UA representatives who are putting together a video, including Mr. Bill and other business leaders from around the state. He discussed the value of the university to BRH for nursing recruitment and training. He also reported that DHSS Commissioner Crum will be at BRH tomorrow (4/24) and will meet with a small group of people to talk about the impacts of the budget as it is currently presented. Exempting Behavioral Health will have a negative \$1.9 million impact annually. Chuck is to provide the definition of “Sole Community” for Ms. Hagevig and the board.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

State and Federal Budget Implications – no further discussion at this time. AK delegates support continuing the Rural Demonstration Project.

Ophthalmologist update – Dr. Kopstein is still on board but working through contractual agreement with his current employer. He has applied for his Alaska Medical License and has submitted his application for privileges at BRH to the Medical Staff office for processing. The hope is that he will begin providing services 3 days per month in June. The number of days will increase as needed. Expect up to two weeks to work out the details of his current contractual obligations.

Crisis Intervention – Mr. Grigg reported that we are moving forward with additional grant opportunities. He met last week with the Mental Health Trust Authority and Premera. Premera has obligated \$5 Million to rural behavioral healthcare that is to be handled by the Mental Health Trust. BRH has submitted a request to Premera through the Trust for 2 million capital dollars to further assist with building the crisis stabilization program.

PRESIDENT REPORT – Mr. Stevens provided information learned at the Leadership conference. A focus on the following areas could help make BRH stand out in the community and make us stronger: Patient portal, Telemedicine video access, Regional emphasis for BRH. Conference attendees will work to include what they have learned in committee work and in their role as a board member. Ms. Hagevig noted the conference was very informative and a big takeaway is that we may be spending too much time talking about current topics and not enough time discussing preparations for the future. She also noted that her recent Horty Springer conference was very eye opening and informative as well. Ms. Knapp emphasized the importance of affiliations and programs over need for buildings, etc. Mr. Stevens stated that the Executive Committee needs to start the process for Mr. Bill’s CEO evaluation next month. He also encouraged board members to attend the BRH service awards banquet on Saturday, April 27th.

BOARD CALENDAR – The May calendar was reviewed. A doodle poll will be sent out to identify a date and time for a Governance Committee meeting. The Executive Committee will meet at 12:00pm on May 13th. The next Planning meeting is to be held at 7:00am on June 3rd

BOARD COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – Mr. Kendziorek will provide suggestions to Mr. Stevens and Mr. Bill regarding board agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:20 p.m.