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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes BRH Boardroom – January 9, 2019

Called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Finance Committee Chair, Lance Stevens.

Finance Committee & Board Members: Lance Stevens, Brenda Knapp (phone), Marshal Kendziorek, Dr. Bob Urata, Kenny Solomon-Gross

Staff: Charles “Chuck” Bill, CEO, Kevin Benson, CFO, Karen Taug, Controller, Rose Lawhorne, Asst CCO, Bradley Grigg, CBHO, Dallas Hargrave, HR Director, and Megan Taylor, Executive Assistant

Dr. Urata made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Stevens noted no objections and they were approved.

November 2018 Finance Review – Kevin Benson, CFO

November was a disappointing month, especially compared to recent month’s favorable outcomes. Overtime numbers were a result of Med Surg volume and increased contract labor. Longevity and productivity bonuses showed as unbudgeted in the packet, but most were anticipated and were included in other lines (likely salaries and wages). Lance noted the “Demographic information” row on the write-offs page and inquired as to what that meant. Since no one had an explanation, it will be investigated and followed up on.

Robotic Surgery

Mr. Benson presented a summary of the ECRI information included in the packet, outlining their proposal for a \$27,500 assessment of worth for BRH to introduce the discussed robotics program. This has been initiated and turn around should take about 90 days once completed. It will be conducted offsite via interviews, etc., as this was determined to be the most cost effective choice while still accomplishing the assessment.

Mr. Benson reviewed the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan and the Budget Calendar. He also briefly addressed the new price transparency regulations – that hospitals must list prices online. This is in progress.

Committee Member Comments/Questions

Mr. Bill noted that Medicaid funds are expected to run out in March, likely resulting in a repeat of last year’s lapse in payments, but effective earlier than in 2018, when funds ran out in May. This is being addressed, but may not be resolved by then.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. in BRH Boardroom

Adjourned – 7:47 a.m.