

# Bartlett Regional Hospital

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Board of Directors  
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Robert Valliant Center

**Called to order at 5:15 p.m.**

## **Roll Call**

Reed Reynolds            Bob Storer  
Kristen Bomengen       Alex Malter, MD  
Lauree Morton           Nancy Davis  
Nate Peimann, MD

## **Absent**

Linda Thomas (with notice)  
Kristen Bomengen (with notice)

## **Also present**

Chris Harff, CEO,        Ken Brough, CFO  
Norma Adams, HR       Billy Gardner, DON  
Jim Strader               Toni Petrie  
Kathy Callahan         Commissioner Hultberg, Alaska Dept. of Administration  
Commissioner Streur, Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services  
Alan McPherson, MD    Karen Crane, CBJ Liaison  
Karen Perdue, ASHNHA

**Reed Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.**

## **Public Participation - None**

Mr. Reynolds introduced Commissioner Hultberg and Commissioner William J. Streur. They gave a presentation regarding Health Care and Fiscal Sustainability in Alaska.

Mr. Reynolds also introduced Karen Perdue, CEO of Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA).

**Approval of Minutes – Mr. Storer made a MOTION to approve the minutes from December 20, 2012 Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Morton seconded the motion and they were approved as presented.**

**Medical Staff – Dr. McPherson reports**

Dr. McPherson presented the Credentialing Report. **Mr. Storer made a MOTION to approve as presented. Dr. Malter seconded and they were approved.**

**CEO Report** – Chris Harff reports

Ms. Harff recognized the OB staff for their hard and dedicated work last week when we had three pre-term labors with successful outcomes.

Employee Forums started today. The topics that are being discussed are;

- A. Press Ganey
- B. Financials
- C. Board's strategy in moving forward.

Ms. Harff spent time with Dr. Ben Miller discussing the call schedule. There will be a committee working on this issue.

Chris is currently working with Dr. Urata on the Hospitalist program.

Ken will be traveling to Seattle to meet with a VP from Cerner to look at our contract.

**Executive Committee** – Bob Storer reports

CBJ has completed the purchase of the Juneau Medical Building. They are currently working on the leases for the tenants.

A meeting is being scheduled between Mr. Storer, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Harff, Dr. Bozarth and Dr. Schwarting to discuss Same Day Surgery Center.

A list of Committee assignments for 2013 was reviewed.

The Board will be meeting with the Assembly on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Storer encouraged everyone to attend.

**Planning Committee** – Reed Reynolds reports

The second quarter HR report was included in the Board packet for review.

The following reports were discussed.

- a. Community Opinion Survey
- b. Press Ganey results

The committee will review them and discuss them at the next Planning Committee meeting.

There were six Strategic goals that were defined at a special Board meeting that were discussed at the Board's work session. They are;

1. Clarify & improve Board governance
2. Increase stakeholder engagement
3. Improve Quality and achieve efficiencies through standardization
4. Improve Quality through patient experience and patient flow
5. Reduce waste and costs and improve revenue enhancement
6. Clarify and define scope of services

**Mary Borthwick made a MOTION to approve the goals as presented. Nancy Davis seconded the motion and they were approved.**

**Finance Committee** – Dr. Malter reports

**Dr. Malter made a MOTION to approve the lease for the Bartlett Surgery and Specialty Clinic (BSSC). Mr. Storer seconded the motion and it was approved by a roll call vote.**

The December financial statements were reviewed. ***Dr. Malter made a MOTION to approve the financial statements. Ms. Morton seconded and they were approved.***

Bond Defeasance – Ken reported everything is still on schedule. Most of it is in the City’s court at this point.

Mr. Brough gave an update on the Xtend Report.

The OIG payment was received by Medicare.

GPO – Administration is moving along and has received proposals from the RFP. The two groups being considered are affiliated with Providence and/or Virginia Mason. We can keep purchasing under QHR’s GPO until the end of March.

A Proposed House Bill was discussed. The bill would reimburse BRH similar to other small rural community hospitals.

***Dr. Malter made a MOTION to recommend Administration work with the Board to write a letter in support of this Bill to the Mayor and City Manager. Mary Borthwick seconded the motion and it was approved.***

Joe Wanner, BRH Controller, put together a calculation sheet for the committee to help better understand the how the adjusted patient days are calculated.

The Committee discussed having a special budget meeting in early March to finalize the budget before it goes for full approval.

Medicare did not renew the transitional outpatient payments (TOPS). Financials will report a related loss in CY2013.

**Quality Assurance** – Ms. Davis met with Bethany Rogers, Quality Director, to discuss how they want to run the Quality Committee this year. They may be moving the meetings back to a monthly basis.

**Bylaw Committee** – Mary Borthwick reports. There was some discussion on the Mission Statement of the hospital. This item was referred to the Planning Committee for further discussion.

**BRH Foundation** – Mary was unable to attend the meeting.

### **Other Business**

The February and March calendars were reviewed.

Annual Board calendar was reviewed. Reed and Dr. Malter will work on the CEO Succession Plan.

### **Board Comments:**

Mr. Reynolds thanked Mr. Storer on behalf of Ms. Thomas for the great work he had done while serving as President for 2012.

Mr. Storer hopes we will work together with the State on the healthcare cost issue in moving forward.

Mr. Reynolds noted that the US is twice as expensive than any other country.

The Board took a recess at 7:17 p.m.

***Mr. Storer made a MOTION to go into executive session at 7:24 p.m., to discuss matters that could have an adverse effect on the finances of the hospital. Dr. Malter seconded the motion and it was approved.***

The Board came out of executive session at 7:30 p.m., no action was taken

The end of the agenda was met and the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.