

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2016

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Regular Meeting on December 19, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the Sabine County Hospital Board Room.

Present

Phil Yocom, President
Earl Willis, Board Member
Joe McNaughten, Secretary
Mark Pearson, Vice President
Gary Williams, EMS Administrator
Diane Powell, District Administrator

Others Present

Emily Taylor, Administrative Assistant
Tyler Williams, Director of Operations EMS
Jerry Howell, Sabine County Hospital Administrator

- I. Mr. Yocom called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Mr. Joe McNaughten opened the meeting with prayer.
- III. No Public comments.
- IV. Mr. Yocom stated that after a long time period with no candidates for Pct. 3 the board now has three that are interested. Mr. Yocom stated that the board had appointed himself and Mr. McNaughten to this committee and he would like time for himself and Mr. McNaughten to interview each prospective candidate. Mr. Yocom stated that he and Mr. McNaughten would then come back to the board with a unanimous recommendation. He then asked Mr. McNaughten to schedule the interviews.
- V. Mr. Willis moved to accept the November 28, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes and approval of financials and invoices. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passed.
- VI. Mr. Howell stated in the month of November most numbers had increased other than Outpatient Visits which are down. He stated that Inpatient Days are up 4%, Swing Bed Days are up 4%, ER Visits are up 8%, Admits from ER are up 62%, Outpatient Days are down 13%, and Clinic Visits are up 8%. Mr. Howell stated that for the year Inpatient Days are up 19%, Swing Bed Day up 74%, ER Visits are the same, Admits from ER are up 12%, and Outpatient Days are down 1%, Clinic Visits up 12%. Mr. Howell stated that

Preferred held their company Christmas party on December 10th and several employees received recognition. He stated that several people received service awards Ms. Margaret Moore received a 20 year pin, Mr. Johnny Luman and Ms. Crystal Ray received a 10 year pin, Mr. Arthur Hamilton Mr. Troy King and Deborah Sebastian received their 5 year pin. Mr. Howell stated that the Medical Lab Director, Dr. Isaacs is retiring; Dr. Alicia Murphy has agreed to fill the position. Mr. Howell stated that Dr. Natalia Luraguiz is leaving the Preferred staff and they all wish her well. He stated because of her leaving he has started process of recruiting a replacement physician. He stated not connected to Dr. Luraguiz leaving, Preferred will start trying to recruit an additional Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner. Mr. Pearson stated that he recently had an ER visit and PA Chad Moody and Nurse Devin were great. He stated that it means so much to have local people taking care of local people. Mr. Pearson stated that while he was having his face sewn back up they were both very professional. Mr. Howell stated that he was grateful to hear that, but obviously Preferred cannot please everyone but they like to try and work towards that. Mr. Howell stated that one thing that will be taking place due to Dr. Luraguiz leaving there will be Locums working more. He stated that he has been pretty picky when setting up the January schedule due to feedback from nurses and patients. Mr. Yocom stated that if he recalled correctly Preferred started trying to recruit a Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner over a year ago. Mr. Howell stated that they backed off the recruitment after Dr. Backofen was hired until they could see if they would need another. Mr. Willis moved to accept the Hospital Administrator's report. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passed by raise of hand.

- VII. Mr. Williams stated that the call volume for the month of November was 156 with the average response time being 9 minutes and 57 seconds. He stated that 122 calls were 911 transports, 4 non-emergent transfers, 8 emergent transfers, 17 medical transports, and out of the total 156 calls 30 calls were no treatment no transport. He stated that the year end zone breakdown was added as asked. Mr. Williams stated that this month several times there has been multiple calls come in at once. He stated last Monday they had 6 calls drop within 45 minutes with a transfer out of the hospital. He stated that he was able to get San Augustine to get a call in Geneva and Care Plus get the transfer out of the hospital. Mr. Yocom stated that the year to date was very interesting to him with the hospital having the most calls, then Hemphill, the nursing homes then Pineland in the 4th spot and Pendleton. Mr. Williams stated that the Chevrolet 3500 regular cab with a gas engine on the state plan is about \$32,728.00, Dodge Ram 3500 regular cab with a gas engine on the state plan is about \$31,951.00, and the Ford F350 regular cab with a diesel engine on the state plan is about \$38,461.00. He stated that Ford does not make an ambulance package with a gasoline engine, you could purchase a gas chassis and mount your box to it but you would not have any warranty on your chassis. Mr. Yocom asked what is easiest to have worked on in this area. Ms. Powell stated that it is easiest to find someone to work on a Chevrolet in this area. Mr. Yocom stated no diesels. Ms. Powell stated that the two gasoline chassis Mr. Williams could have specked out with the price of the remount and come back the next meeting they will have a true cost of remount and time frame of when the work can be done. Mr. Pearson asked if they would be redo any work that needs to be done. Mr. Williams stated that they haven't had any problems beside the outside door coming open while driving. Mr. Pearson asked what the policy on standby on house fire.

Mr. Williams stated that the fire department calls for them as needed. Mr. Pearson stated so it's at will or as needed. Mr. Williams stated yes. Mr. Willis moved to accept the EMS Administrator's report. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed by raised hands.

- VIII. Ms. Powell stated that she had talked to Trent Kreinke and he has put our name and contact information out to nursing homes that would be interested in joining the program. Ms. Powell stated Mr. Kreinke will have the rules and regulations sent to us as soon as they are completed. Ms. Powell stated once the rules and regulations are in place that is when she believes nursing homes will call. She stated that his recommendation is the board sit down and figure out who they believe would be best to work with. Ms. Powell stated that the Board would have to hire an attorney and Mr. Kreinke charges \$36,000 to do the required paperwork and set up all the contracts with the nursing home and the state but the return on the money is quite a bit. She stated that she does not know all the ins and outs because she does not know all the regulations. Ms. Powell stated that Mr. Kreinke sits on the state board that helps write the rules and regulations. Mr. Yocom stated that there are four benchmarks with a matrix of improvement. He stated that at the end of the day when the money is sent up that money comes back with a bump of 10% straight back to the Hospital District. He stated that depending on the matrix each person is worth \$5 per bed day. Mr. Pearson asked if it was government funded. Mr. Yocom stated that it was part of the 1115 waiver program. Mr. Yocom stated the District should get some of the Nursing Home money while it can. Mr. Howell stated the nursing home side of the 1115 Waiver was just renewed and looks to be around for another 2 to 3 years. Mr. Yocom stated that it was a lot of money to leave on the table. Ms. Powell stated that it is her understanding that this will be a onetime charge from the attorney to gather all the paper work and get into the program. Mr. Willis asked if this was the only attorney that does this program. Ms. Powell stated that this was the only one that has been referred to by numerous people. Mr. Yocom said in a previous meeting he stated that he would not participate in discussion with participation with Gulf Coast because his wife was employed by them, but his wife is no longer employed by them. He stated that it now frees him up to participate in the discussion of what nursing home we will be partnering with. Mr. Willis asked if the nursing home in San Augustine where Mr. Yocom's wife was previously employed was a group of nursing homes. Mr. Yocom stated no the nursing home in San Augustine was only affiliated with 2 others. The nursing home that his wife worked for in Carthage owns about 17 more, one of them being Hemphill Care Center. Mr. Yocom stated that we would be picking a facility out of an interview process so we pick the best facility for us. Ms. Powell stated that Mr. Kreinke stated that the contract is a basic contract that he uses with every Hospital District and Nursing home facility. She stated that Mr. Kreinke's suggestion was to find a nursing home that would work best for the District and bring them and himself to the Board so if any question need to be answered everyone was in one place discussing it. No Action.
- IX. Ms. Powell stated that she and Ms. Taylor has listened to the last recording of the board meeting in November several times and there are only 2 votes that can be heard. She stated that Mr. McNaughten asked that this item be placed back on the agenda. Ms. Powell stated that Mr. Yocom originally called the vote a tie. Ms. Powell stated that you

cannot hear 2 people vote. Mr. Yocom stated that when the vote took place he heard Mr. Pearson vote yes and himself vote no but if someone said something the same time as someone else and he didn't hear it he just didn't hear it. Mr. McNaughten moved to approve the Sabine County Hospital 3rd Quarter financial. Mr. Pearson seconded. Mr. Willis, Mr. Pearson and Mr. McNaughten voted yes by raised hand. Mr. Yocom voted no. Motion passed

X. Mr. Willis moved to renew the Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange Worker's Compensation Policy with no deductible. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passed by raise of hand.

XI. Executive session at 5:58 P.M.

A. Concerning the Sabine County EMS Ambulance Station.

XII. Return to open meeting at 6:09 P.M.

XIII. Mr. Yocom moved to authorize Financial Officer Mr. Pearson to enter into negotiations for a manufactured home that was previously made for Kinder Morgan and report back to the board. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passes.

XIV. Board member comments

Mr. Willis no comment

Mr. Pearson no comment

Mr. McNaughten no comment

Mr. Yocom no comment.

XV. Adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Phil Yocom, President
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Joe McNaughten, Secretary
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