

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2013

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Regular Meeting on October 28, 2013 at 5:30 PM in the Sabine County Hospital Board Room 167.

Present

Phil Yocom, President

Joe McNaughten, Secretary

Dr. Lana Comeaux, Member

Mark Pearson, Member at Large

Diane Powell, Office Manager

Absent

Earl Willis, VP & Treasurer

Others Present

Diana Taylor, Sabine County Hospital Administrator

Penny Ferguson, Sabine County Reporter

Montez McNaughten, Sabine County Citizen

- I. Mr. Yocom called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Mr. McNaughten opened the meeting with prayer.
- III. No Public Comments.
- IV. Mr. Pearson moved to accept the consent items. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion carried.
- V. Mrs. Taylor stated the inpatient census days were down 41%, swing bed days were down 6%, the average length of stay was 3.1 days, ER visits are up 2%, and outpatient visits are up 21%, transfers are up 24%, Clinic visits are up 29% from last year. Mrs. Taylor stated that Sabine County Hospital is subscribed to a program sponsored by Texas Tech University that is called Health Edu. This program offers a variety of online training modules for the hospital staff to use for compliance and training. The Sabine County Hospital continues to help educated the Medicare-aged community in Sabine County regarding their options for Medicare Coverage and the current enrollment period. Ads are being placed in local newspapers weekly and Mrs. Taylor has met with three different groups in educational sessions. Letters are being sent from Preferred Management to approximately 1800 Sabine County residents encouraging them to receive education on this matter before signing up. Patient Satisfaction reports from ER callbacks made for

the month of September are 318 patients seen in the ER. Eighty-Nine were contacted via telephone calls, which is a 28% contact rate. Of those responding calls, 97% expressed satisfaction with ER services with three patients expressing dissatisfaction. Toledo Bend Family Medicine and Sabine County Medical Center conducted the flu shot drive through the first week of October. There was low participation with approximately 27 shots given. The Hospital hosted a two-day Texas Health Insurance Exchange Risk survey in October. Representatives from THIE surveyed and assessed the hospital facility and procedures to determine any areas of risk management that may need improving. Additionally, two training sessions were held for clinical personnel and a separate training for medical staff. A site visit was conducted with a prospective Family Practice physician Monday, October 14, 2013. The site visit went very well and verbal agreements have been reached a formal contract was sent to the candidate on Friday October 21, 2013. Dr Natalia Luraquiz Gibson is completing her residency training in Arkansas and will be ready for practice July 2014. She is originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina but currently residing in Shreveport with her husband and two children. She comes from a family of physicians her father is a Radiologist on staff at LSU Shreveport. She plans to qualify for full citizenship on October 31, 2013 and has already begun paperwork for her Texas Medical License. The Hospital revived notice of a HITECH audit that CMS is conducting. When the hospital installed NextGen, we expended a large amount of money for that installation. The Federal Government through the HITECH funds provides some reimbursement to hospitals only they have attested for 'meaningful use' of that EMR system. This audit requires the hospital to submit documentation attesting to the meaningful use and is due on November 7, 2013. Mrs. Taylor attended the National Rural Health Association Meeting in Austin. The emphasis was on quality and cost containment. Over 60% of all critical access hospitals in the United States have not begun working on ICD-10 installation/training. Out of 3900 rural health clinics in the United States, only 14 currently meet stage 1 Meaningful Use standards due to issues with the EMR systems. Many discussions regarding new healthcare insurance exchanges risk factors that can be used to affect premiums include tobacco use, age, family size, and geographic regions. Subsidies will be handled through tax returns. The OIG will soon distribute another hospital report but this one will focus on swing bed and their reimbursement. The hospital participated in the Senior Nutrition Center Health Fair with health information distributed as well as free glucose and cholesterol screenings conducted. Over 100 persons attended the event. Additionally, hospital staff operated a Trunk or Treat booth at the Hemphill Square on Saturday October 19, 2013. Halloween safety information was distributed to over 300 kids at the event. The DY2 DSRIP reporting for the 1115 Waiver program will be finalized by October 31. The report includes updates on all metrics and milestones met for the second year of DSRIP program including updates on patient satisfaction measurement at the hospital and Toledo Bend clinic implementation, diabetic benchmarking of compliance at the Toledo Bend clinic and clinic visit goal/metrics being attained. A Project Management Plan for planning purposes of the Patient Satisfaction implementation at the clinic was established and approved. The Toledo Bend Clinic saw an achievement of reaching 243% of the initial benchmark goal established at the end of DY1. All DY2 metrics have been achieved 100%. The CT scan was disabled for approximately two weeks due to a blown tube. The initial replacement cost for a new tube was \$225,000. However, Mrs. Taylor was able to

negotiate with Toshiba and received a new tube for \$150,000 and a service contract at \$68,900 per year. Mr. McNaughten moved to accept the administrators report. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion carried

- VI. No additional information concerning the 1115 Waiver Project. No action taken.
- VII. No members of Preferred Management present. Mr. Yocom asked to move this item to the November Agenda. No action taken.
- VIII. Mr. Yocom moved to table this until November. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion carried.
- IX. Mr. Yocom moved to receive bids on a Mini Van for the Sabine County Hospital up to \$50,000. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion Carried.
- X. Mr. Yocom moved to authorize the Office Administrator to advertise for bids and finalize the sale of the Crown Victoria. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion carried.
- XI. Mr. Yocom moved to table this until November. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion carried.
- XII. Mr. Yocom moved to table this until November. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion carried.
- XIII. Mr. Yocom moved to table this until November. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion carried.
- XIV. Mr. Pearson moved to change the December board meeting date to December 16, 2013. Dr. Comeaux seconded. Motion carried.
- XV. Board Member Comments:
 - Mr. Pearson: No Comment.
 - Mr. Yocom: No Comment.
 - Mr. McNaughten: No Comment.
 - Dr. Comeaux: No Comment.
- XVI. Meeting adjourned at 6:03p.m.

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