

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2015

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Regular Meeting on May 18, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the Sabine County Hospital Board Room 167.

Present

Phil Yocom, President
Earl Willis, VP & Treasurer
Dr. Lana Comeaux, Member
Joe McNaughten, Secretary
Mark Pearson, Member at Large
Gary Williams, EMS Administrator
Diane Powell, District Administrator
Emily Taylor, Administrative Assistant.
Tyler Williams,

Others Present

Diana Taylor, Sabine County Hospital Administrator
Penny Ferguson, Sabine County Reporter

- I. Mr. Yocom called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Mr. Pearson opened the meeting with prayer.
- III. Public comments:

Jana Leman stated she did not realize the Board of Directors could not answer questions, but her concern is that the Sabine County Sheriff's office does not have a female deputy to handle sexual assault cases. She wanted to know if Sabine County Hospital has a nurse that is trained to deal with these cases, being that there is a high rate of sexual assault cases in Sabine County. Margie Watson, CNO, Sabine County Hospital, stated that currently Sabine County Hospital does not have a nurse trained in sexual assault cases, she stated the closest facility is in Lufkin. Ms. Watson stated that nurses have to have specialized training to be in that field, and since there are not many cases in Sabine County they do not see the need for this at this time. Ms. Watson stated that there had not been a problem with this in the past, when a case does arise the Sheriff's office will escort the patient to Lufkin. Ms. Leman also asked if the hospital is using telemedicine. Ms. Taylor stated that Sabine County Hospital does currently use telemedicine on a

limited basis. Ms. Taylor stated that it is used in conjunction with the Burke Center for psychiatry screenings, but not currently for medical use.

Montez McNaughten stated at the last meeting she attended she was very appreciative of Mr. Pearson. She stated Mr. Pearson was helpful in getting their vehicles home after the meeting when Mr. McNaughten fell ill. Ms. McNaughten stated that Mr. McNaughten was feeling better.

Tracy Lane had no comment.

- IV. Sabine County Hospital Board Elected to keep Phil Yocom as Board President and Joe McNaughten as Board Secretary. Mr. Pearson was elected Vice President/Treasurer with three yes votes from Phil Yocom, Mark Pearson and Dr. Lana Comeaux. Mr. Willis had two yes votes from Earl Willis and Joe McNaughten, for Vice President.
- V. Mr. Willis moved to accept the minutes and financials. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed.
- Ms. Powell stated that the EMS Payroll Tax in January was approximately \$31,000 this included State UI. Ms. Powell stated that she called Texas Association of Counties to ask about the rate, she stated that there had never been a claim filed so she asked if the rate could be lowered. The State UI per quarter will now be approximately \$170.00 instead of \$9600.00. Mr. Willis ask for some clarification on item eight of the April 20, 2015 minutes. Mr. Willis asked if we are not be able to receive funds on the Ambulance UPL until 2016 why we could not collect from Preferred. Ms. Powell stated we would be collecting funds for the Ambulance UPL in 2016 for the 2015 Year. She stated that we might be able to collect from Preferred for 2014.

Dr. Comeaux arrived at 5:38 p.m.

- VI. Ms. Taylor reported that the census for in-patients, and transfers out of Sabine County Hospital are up, but Swing bed patients, out-patients, ER, and clinics are down. She stated when a patient arrives at the ER that has Medicaid but does not meet the Medicaid emergency requirements and the Hospital treats the patient, Medicaid cuts the reimbursement to the Hospital by 30%. Ms. Taylor stated that other private insurance companies are starting to deny claims due to not meeting the same emergency criteria set forth by Medicaid as well. She stated that Dr. Backofen that will be joining Toledo Bend Family Medical Clinic, he visited two weeks ago seeking housing and was still on board with starting in July. Ms. Taylor stated that Sabine County Hospital participated in the Shattered Dreams Project. She said there was still plans for the Healthy U health fair the hospital puts on but if it's cancelled due to rain. There will be a bike rodeo, healthy cooking contest, pinecone relay, as well as 37 Venders. She stated that the EMS is donating four bikes for the bike rodeo, she also stated that the commissioner's court and Texas Medical Association was donating 80 bike helmets. She stated that there would be free health test Glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol test. The Preferred Clinics gave the Area schools free sports physicals. Mrs. Taylor gave a summarized financial reports saying that Sabine County Hospital is above budget by 9.1% for ordinary income from

patient revenue, above budget by 38.4% for deduction to income below budgeted forecast by 6.2% in expenses including salaries, below budget forecasted by 57.7% in other miscellaneous income, below forecast by 13.9%. She stated that all together Sabine County Hospital was Below Budgeted forecast by 220.3% overall net income. Earl moved to accept the Hospital Administrator's report. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed.

VII. No Action Taken

VIII. Mr. Yocom asked that this item be put on the Agenda when Preferred's CFO would be in attendance, so the board could receive more clarification. Ms. Taylor stated she just wanted to make sure the board received the financials. No Action Taken.

IX. Mr. Williams stated that the Sabine County EMS had a total of 145 calls with an average response time of 9 minutes and 49 seconds in the month of April, only 129 calls are billable calls. Among those calls there were 40 transfers out of the ER. Mr. Williams asked for the Hospital District Board approval to meet with Dr. Cavalli, and possibly 3 thoracic surgeons from Lufkin to talk about a more advanced cardiac training for the med units. Mr. Pearson asked what the course of treatment would be depending on the reading off the machines. Mr. Williams stated that there would be procedures put in place for that with the help of Dr. Cavalli, if the Board would allow him to set up a meeting. He stated that he understands it will cost a lot of money but he would like the Boards approval to apply for grants to help fund the project. Mr. Yocom ask without grants how much Mr. Williams would be looking at all in. Mr. William stated that is would be around \$120,000. Mr. Yocom ask what the reimbursement rate is. Mr. Williams stated that it would be approximately a \$200 increase per cardiac run. Mr. Yocom asked how many times Sabine County EMS has a cardiac patient. Mr. Williams stated he was not sure on the number but would look into and get back to board with this information. Ms. Taylor ask how he could guarantee calibration on his equipment. Mr. Williams stated the equipment is calibrated every six months. Ms. Taylor asked if it would be CLEA certified. Mr. Yocom stated that his initial reason would be patient care. Mr. Williams stated that he was just asking for the District Board approval to set up and do to the meeting and find out more information. Ms. Comeaux asked why other EMS services are not doing this. Mr. Williams stated that it is lot of work. Ms. Powell stated that there is still a lot research to be done. She stated Mr. Williams is asking if the he has board approval to move forward in finding out more information on the subject. The Board approved for Mr. Williams to research and meet with whomever needed to find out information. Mr. McNaughten moved to accept the EMS Report. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed.

X. Dr. Comeaux moved to allow the EMS Administrative staff and Supervisor to attend the Texas EMS Conference November 20-25, 2015 in Dallas, TX. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passed.

XI. Dr. Comeaux moved to allow the District and EMS Administrators to attend the 2015 ESO Wave Conference in Austin, TX. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passed.

XII. Sabine County Hospital District entered into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the following:

1. Concerning the Hospital Lease and Operating Agreement.
2. Concerning the Sabine County EMS Ambulance Station.

XIII. Return to Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

XIV. No Action Taken.

XV. Mr. Yocom moved to receive an appraisal on a piece of property for the Ambulance Station. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passed.

XVI. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Willis: No Comment.

Mr. Pearson stated that he appreciated the public attended that was there tonight He hope that the public will continue to attend and be part of the Board meeting. He also thanked the District Board for electing and having faith in him in his new position he stated he will to his best to do his duties to the best of his ability and for the citizens of the community. He stated the only he was on the board was to help the citizens of the community.

Dr. Comeaux: No Comment

Mr. McNaughten stated that he has typed up his resignation letter and had given it to Ms. Powell. He stated that he was unsure when or if he would have to use it. He states he hope he does not have to use it because he loves the citizens of this county and Sabine County Hospital.

XVII. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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