

Minutes
CCMC Authority – Board of Directors
CCMC Admin Conference Room
September 15, 2019 at 12:15pm
Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL –

Greg Meyer called the Board Meeting to order at 12:15pm.

Board members present: **Greg Meyer, Kristin Carpenter, Linnea Ronnegard, Gary Graham, and Chris Bolin.**

A quorum was established. 5 members present.

CCMC staff present: Randall Draney, CEO

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ~ None**
- B. CONFLICT OF INTEREST ~ None**
- C. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS**
- D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

- E. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. Update on CCMC and NVE progress toward integration of health care services in Cordova**

Chairman Greg Meyer began the discussion, there being no action items listed on the agenda, the special meeting was run more casually, more like a work session of the board.

Below are some highlights in the discussion from the meeting

Clay Koplín stated that he has had current and former CCMC employees come to him regarding the PERS issue, and he has told them that City Council was not aware of the backlog and the magnitude of that backlog until very recently and it came to their attention as many of them were getting ready to go into their summer fishing season. They are very committed to making sure that the hospital runs like a business and meeting their obligations, and that is a priority going forward.

Keith Kroll asked if there is anything in place so this doesn't happen again where you guys get blindsided by this huge deficit.

Clay stated that there is a CCMC board that is bringing us that information. Clay said that from his understanding City Council has a little culpability there because they allowed the deferments and the reduced payments.

Gary Graham said that it was his understanding when the money comes from the City that that money catches up the PERS for the employees. With that being said, it should be pretty easy to keep an eye on this to make sure that it doesn't happen again. Gary said that the PERS number will be a priority for the Board to watch.

Kristin Carpenter stated that there was also some turnover at the PERS office, and Scot Mitchell had tried numerous times to get a number and they were unresponsive to his requests.

Randall Draney reported that CCMC has cut a check to PERS for \$503,000 and that was from our Medicare reimbursement. That was sent off about a week ago and that should take us up through September of 2018.

Kelly Kedzierski said that her question is are you talking about NVE collaborating, merging or taking over? Because, I have heard all of the above and so, what is the vision? Is it like we're joined as one like a happy little blended family, or are you talking about they'll come in and take over ownership?

Greg responded that we just don't know that, a lot of that hinges on our cash situation, and Council's ability to help find our needs, and our ability to come up with more (inaudible), and at the same time state legislature has cut us another \$400,000. We have a number of options. The City can spend a million and a half to two million per year and we have full control moving forward, or the other one is to try to do something with Tribal Health and those are the only two options I see. And how those will play out we won't know until we hear from City Council and NVE. And that should all happen sooner than later.

Mariesa Woods Asked how can we better serve the community with little impact or no impact to the quality of care? This facility has two different systems that were currently working in, and if NVE comes in they have a totally different system and who is going to know where the things will be.

Darrel Olsen stated that he appreciates everyone being here, there has been a lot of really good discussion. As an NVE Tribal member, we're looking at figures, no decision has been made. As Tribal Council we have not even discussed when a decision will be made, because we cannot make an educated decision until we have all of the facts and figures. I think the key is to keep employees informed, they live here, this hospital is nothing without the employees and the excellent care we receive.

F. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Carpenter – None

Meyer – None

Ronnegard – None

Graham – None

Bolin – None

Kristin and Greg thanked everyone for coming and being willing participants in this discussion. Just a reminder that City Council meets twice a month and CCMC is discussed, the hospital board meets once a month, and we will try to have more meetings like this. As we get more information we can certainly look into having community meetings to get the input of the community members as well.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Meyer declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

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