

Minutes
CCMC Authority – Board of Directors
Hybrid Via ZOOM or In-Person
January 26, 2022 at 6:00pm
Regular Quarterly Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL –

Linnea Ronnegard called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Board members present: **Linnea Ronnegard, Ann Linville, and Liz Senear.**

Quorum was established. 3 members present.

CCMC staff present: Dr. Hannah Sanders, CEO; Noelle Camarena, Director of Operations; Kadee Goss, Chief Nursing Officer; Denna Stavig, Director of Finance; and Faith Wheeler-Jeppson.

A. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS

- 1. Audience Comments** ~ None
- 2. Guest Speaker** ~ None

B. BOARD DEVELOPMENT ~ None

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST ~ None

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/Senear S/Linville "I move to approve the Agenda."

Ronnegard – yes, Linville – yes, and Senear – yes.

3 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent; Motion passed.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Senear S/Linville "I move to accept the December 26, 2022 Meeting minutes as amended."

Ronnegard - yes, Linville - yes, and Senear – yes.

3 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent; Motion passed.

F. REPORTS OF OFFICERS and ADVISORS

- 1. Board Chair report** - Nothing to report at this time.
- 2. CEO Quarterly Report** – Dr. Sanders stated that her report is in the packet. The Certificate of Need program- the reason that certificate of need is really important is, say a private Radiology company did want to come in and start doing X-ray, MRI, and CT in Cordova, they could make a lot of money by undercutting us and then take a large amount of our business. We're so dependent on every single dollar, it's really important to us. There is not room for isolated competition in our small community. Some state legislators have been talking about doing away with the certificate of need program for a number of years now, and we're requesting they please keep it. Included in the report is a presentation "What are the Causes of Deficits in Alaska's Critical Access Hospitals and What Are the Solutions" by Harold Miller, President and CEO of the Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform. Some highlights - when you look at our Emergency Department in 2017 the losses from that department accounted for 75% of the losses at our hospital compared to Petersburg which was around 20% of their losses, and Wrangell was somewhere around 30%.
Another disproportionate statistic in the that shows that we have a much larger uninsured/underinsured amount compared to Wrangell or Petersburg which are really demographically pretty similar in the migrant workforce. There is room for improvement working with our transient population and potentially helping them enroll in insure.
- 3. Director of Finance Report** – Denna reported that So it's in your packet December was actually pretty good. There was a lot of Patient Revenue but there were a lot of end of year adjustments, contractual adjustments that ended up having some negative effects for the year all the inventory

adjustments and liability adjustments we ended with a net loss of about a million. When I did my Contractual Allowance calculation, I adjusted off an additional 100,000 just based on the allowances that we have to do for the different payer categories. Then we did the inventory adjustments which adjusted off some more, they were about what they were last year, but it did all impact the bottom line. Bad Debt is just an allowance, we're working on our bad debt policy, but we didn't formally write off any bad debts. So, it's just an allowance for uncollectible accounts and it is lower than it was last year. So that's part of the contractual adjustment I do every month.

- 4. Medical Director's Quarterly Report** – Dr. Sanders report that the Medical Director's report is in the packet and she is available to answer any questions. Forty-seven charts were chosen for review. Eleven are still in the review process. For those reviewed to date no deficiencies, trends or other actionable items were identified.
- 5. Nursing Department Quarterly Report** – Kadee Goss reported that her Nursing report is in the packet as well as the Quality Improvement report. Linnea asked Kadee about the de-escalation training mentioned in her report. Kadee responded in kind that she was actually working on getting somebody in here to help staff be prepared in case you have a patient that comes in and is either a little combative or threatening. We want the staff to feel secure and confident on how to handle those situations. We currently have a grant in place, I'm hoping to see if I can get one of our staff to go and get trained so they can continually train our staff each year. We want to train them and get them where they feel comfortable with how to respond to situations that they get put in here with some patients that come in.
- 6. Ancillary Services Quarterly Report** – Tamara Russin reported that her Ancillary Services Quarterly report is in the packet. She encourages anyone who hasn't had their Flu shot to come in and get one. Dr. Gifford, our pediatrician will be coming in April. The Health Fair is happening this year. Ilanka is hosting the event, it will be in person on April 29th in the gym.
- 7. Sound Alternatives Quarterly Report** – Barb is sick today, her written report is in the packet, I am happy to answer any questions that you might have.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Letter from NVE

Dr. Sanders told the Board that it was just a discussion item, she wanted to make sure that the Board had seen it. This is what had gone to City Council, and she just wanted to make them aware.

Liz – What does "we will take responsibility for all health care operations" mean? They don't want to buy the hospital, or they want to take part? What does that mean?

Dr. Sanders – City Council put a group into place, the joint negotiation team to navigate the process if a formal offer to acquire the hospital is presented. We have the framework once they are ready to engage in a more formal way to sit and have meetings and talk about what this means. We haven't brought that team together yet, but I anticipate that they probably will. This letter is really an indication that the Tribal Council has said yes, we are open and consider a healthcare consolidation in Cordova.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Delineation of Telemedicine Privileges for Elizabeth North, DO

M/Senear S/Linville "I move that the CCMC Authority Board of Directors approve the Delineation of Telemedicine Privileges for Elizabeth North, DO as presented."

Linville – yes, Ronnegard – yes, and Senear – yes.

3 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent; Motion passed.

2. Delineation of Telemedicine Privileges for Gowri Ramachandran, MD

M/Linville S/Senear "I move that the CCMC Authority Board of Directors approve the Delineation of Telemedicine Privileges for Gowri Ramachandran, MD as presented."

Senear – yes, Ronnegard – yes, and Linville – yes.

3 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent; Motion passed.

3. Delineation of Telemedicine Privileges for David Rogers, MD

M/Linville S/Senear "I move that the CCMC Authority Board of Directors approve the Delineation of Telemedicine Privileges for David Rogers, MD as presented."

Senear – yes, Linville – yes, and Ronnegard – yes.

3 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent; Motion passed.

4. Delineation of Telemedicine Privileges for Jingxin Wang, MD

M/Linville S/Senear "I move that the CCMC Authority Board of Directors approve the Delineation of Telemedicine Privileges for Jingxin Wang, MD as presented."

Ronnegard – yes, Linville – yes, and Senear – yes.

3 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent; Motion passed.

5. Delineation of Privileges for Noelle Camarena, FNP

M/Senear S/Linville "I move that the CCMC Authority Board of Directors approve the Delineation of Privileges for Noelle Camarena, FNP as presented."

Linville – yes, Ronnegard – yes, and Senear – yes.

3 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent; Motion passed.

6. Approval of the CCMC 2023 QAPI Plan

M/Senear S/Linville "I move that the CCMC Authority Board of Directors approve the CCMC 2023 QAPI Plan as presented."

Senear – yes, Ronnegard - yes, and Linville - yes.

3 yeas, 0 nay, 2 absent; Motion passed.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

J. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Ronnegard ~ As always, thank you to all of you, thank you to staff and all the work you put in to the reports that come to the board it's really appreciated.

Linville ~ The meeting was very informative I agree. I wish I could have been there in person, but I have had a little bit of a cold all week. So, thank you.

Senear ~ This meeting for me was really informative on a bunch of different things so I really appreciate that. It was nice to see something about what's happening with the possible merger just because there's been no information for so long. Now we've seen that letter and it was like getting a little bit more direction on what was happening, and it sounds like we're kind of on the same page about that.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION ~ None

L. ADJOURNMENT

M/Senear S/Linville "I move to adjourn"

Linnea Ronnegard declared the meeting adjourned 6:45pm.

Prepared by: Faith Wheeler-Jeppson