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Mission Statement: Hospital District #6 provides high quality, patient, and family centered health and wellness services in partnership with our communities.

HD#6 HOSPITAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

May 23, 2024 – 5:15 p.m. – Patterson Health Center, Large Conference Room

PRESENT:

Board of Directors – Jan Lanie, Amy Walker, Kara Bello, Stan Wedman, and Tim Penner.

PHC – Sarah Teaff, CEO; Lori Allen, COO; Sandra Owen, CFO; Paige Wise, Executive Assistant; Amber Speer, Infection Control & Quality.

Guests – none.

CALL TO ORDER: Lanie called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD EDUCATION or PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 25, 2024, regular board meeting was presented for approval. Motion to approve by Penner; seconded Lanie by to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, POLICY REVIEW & APPROVAL:

- **Quality Report -Amber Speer**
 - Speer went over the first quarter of 2024 for Quality Improvement reporting. She also went over infection prevention/control for 2023.

MEDICAL STAFF AND CREDENTIALING REPORT:

There was no credentialing to be approved this month by the board.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

COO:

- 340B revenue was up this past month. There were some fees that were not processed due to the cyber attack on Change Healthcare, our previous claims service. There was a bill passed recently in Kansas that restricted drug companies to price gouge 340B pricing.
- AMS, our reference lab, was affected by the cyber-attack on Assentation in Wichita. There are going to be some delays with labs due to this. We are working to get labs switched to Ark City while they are down so we can be caught up on testing labs.

CEO:

- An update on the hospitalist position opening that was put out. There are some interviews coming up in a couple of weeks for these 2 positions. PHC is starting with hiring 2 midlevel's for this position and go from there.

- JB, the therapy Director is resigning. His last day will be 5.24.24. We will be looking for a physical therapist and potentially a manager as well.
- A reminder that there will be a dialysis open house on May 31st. The first patient is still looking forward to being seen June 3rd. Lisa, our dialysis director, is also looking into the option of home dialysis.
- Touched on Behavioral Health at PHC. Teaff reminded the board that PHC is a part of Sunflower Health Network to get some help with the program. PHC is in the process of incorporating behavioral health into the clinic more so there is support from our physicians and BH employees.
- Teaff discussed Annual Wellness Visits with the board. AWVs are Medicare wellness visits for patients once a year. They are a hands off visit with their provider to go over their overall wellness and plans for the year concerning the patients wellness.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Owen reported on the April 2024 Financials. April's activity in cash accounts was reviewed that included payments received and expenses paid out. Payments received from insurance and patients were \$1,824,728.37. Additional revenue included reimbursement from Harper County Health Foundation for dialysis equipment of \$111,763 and Provider Assessment Payments of \$1,500. April included two payrolls paid out. Days Cash on Hand are 181 days. Patient Accounts Receivable decreased with a total AR balance of \$2,869,145.00 and AR Days at 30.47. The backlog of claim processing and payments due to the Change Healthcare cyber-attack that occurred in February was received in April and seems to be resolved. Gross Patient Revenue for April was \$1,950,403; a YTD increase of \$125,492 compared to April 2023. Outpatient revenue continues to have a strong YTD increase of 10.87% or \$484,945 over April 2023. Total Operating Expenses were \$2,258,747; a monthly increase of \$225,592.00. A Net Loss of \$209,734.00 was reported for the month of April with a YTD Loss of \$477,179.

The 2023 Medicare Cost Report has been filed and a payable of \$766,557 is due. Factors that contributed to the payable include the increase in Outpatient services related to Medicare Part B services where the costs associated with those services remained flat. Payment rates associated with the Rural Health Clinics were also too high during the year, causing overpayment. In addition, Medicare paid \$222,500 for Part B Retro Interim Payments for services dates of January 1-August 31, 2023, that is being paid back. Changes in Medicare rates are expected with an increase in Acute and Swingbed but a decrease in the RHC per visit rate and the Outpatient percentage for year 2024. A payable was expected with the 2023 Medicare Cost Report based on the interim cost report that was done as of October 31, 2023.

Accounts payable for April were \$1,818,157.50. Motion by Fallis seconded by Wedman to approve accounts payable. Motion carried unanimously

HARPER COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION (HCHF):

- Foundation came and served ice cream for Patterson for hospital week last week.
- The annual Golf tournament is going to be August 17th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Cerner
 - The Cerner contract will end at the end of the year. Leadership is discussing Cerner and some other options going forward. PHC is looking to switch to Great Plain Health Alliance. It will still be a Cerner product, but through GPHA. They are more responsive and get better support from their company. Leadership is looking to the future and is concluding that in the long run going with GPHA will be the best option for the facility. Teaff asked for the board to approve her the authority to sign a new contract without the boards vote at a board meeting if needs to be done between meetings. Motion made by Wedman; seconded by Penner. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** none

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned to 6:40pm. Motion made by Lanie; seconded by Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

Kara J. Bello
Kara Bello, Secretary

Approved by the Board on 4/27/24 (Date)