

A regular meeting of the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board was held at the hospital at 6 p.m. on June 19, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Hibler, Chairman
Marla Ford, Vice-Chairman (by telephone)
Janie VanZandt, Secretary
Ken Daughtery, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Zane Zymbach, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecil Gaither, CEO; Jace Henderson, CFO; Mandy Meadows, DON; Skye Lane, EMS

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER:** Pam Hibler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. with a prayer offered by Jace Henderson.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** May 15, 2023
- b. **Patient census**
- c. **Payment of bills**
- d. **Investments** -Currently, there is one CD at Happy State Bank and one at Wellington State Bank totaling \$1,140,355.13.
- e. **QAPI** -Certain aspects of the report were discussed.
- f. **Date of next meeting: July 17, 2023**

Janie VanZandt made a motion to accept the items on the Consent Agenda. Marla Ford seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

3. **EMS REPORT:** Skye Lane's stated that all trucks are fully stocked and running properly. The NWCEMS team continues to train on equipment in-house and online. The EMT class is at the halfway point, and students re in the field doing clinicals. "A" and "B" shifts are fully staffed. The team is preparing for July 4th celebration. They responded to 26 calls during May.

4. **CNO REPORT:**

- a. **Nurse Staffing:** Mandy Meadows reported that nurse staffing remains fully covered. A night nurse is going PRN. A former nurse is returning to Parkview. Two nursing aides have been hired, one for the hospital and assisted living. One nurse completed certification and is continuing her education. The Guided IV training was utilized on a patient and was successful on the first try. The AVEL report (telemedicine) shows a lot of usage in January and March, resulting in two successful intubations.
- b. **EMR Progress:** Still some issues.

5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND STATISTICS:** Jace Henderson reviewed the balance sheet and the operating/income statement with the board. Questions were asked by the board, and Jace explained the report in detail.

- a. **Palo Duro G&P Suit Update** – No update other than a court date is set towards the end of the year.

- b. **BCBS contract** - One part of the BCBS contract has been received. We are waiting on two more segments before final signatures are secured.
- c. **WSB Deposit Rates** - Jace is negotiating those rates currently.
- d. **2024 Budget** - Jace presented the 2024 budget to the board for review. Ken Daughtry made a motion to approve the 2024 budget as presented. Janie VanZandt seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

6. **APPROVE BAD DEBT** - No report.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Discuss Dr. Paul Elangwe** - Dr Elangwe owes the hospital district the monies he received as a sign-on bonus. Cecil Gaither talked to him, and the doctor wants to pay \$5000/month for June through September, \$7500/month for October and November, and \$15,000 for December. The board previously had passed a motion requiring him to have the debt paid by January 1, 2024. After discussion, the board told Cecil that these terms were acceptable. The board stated that Dr Evans must have all his charts completed by the end of the week before he leaves. He has not yet received his Texas medical license. Per a bill passed by the Texas legislature, no doctor can practice in Texas after July 14, 2023, without a Texas medical license.

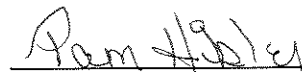
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **TORCH CIN (clinically integrated network)** : This is an agreement with TORCH (1) to help with managed medical contracts, (2) to get patients into the clinic and for return and follow-up visits, and (3) to help with reimbursements. Cecil is meeting with Signafy to help with regular Medicare patients.
- b. **First Responders Agreement:** Marla Ford made a motion to approve that first responders who are treated on the scene or in our ER and released will not be charged for certain services to spelled out by the hospital administration. Ken Daughtry seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.
- c. **Covid waivers/mandates:** Per the Texas legislature, covid waivers are no longer required. Also, covid injections are no longer mandatory, and there are no emergency waivers for out of state doctors.

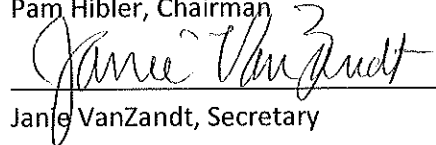
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Hibler, Chairman



Janie VanZandt, Secretary