

West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on June 24, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Michel Hirsch, Dr. Glenn Schexnayder, Mr. Glenn Robert, Mr. Michael Medine, Mr. A.J. Gomez and Mr. Vince Cataldo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Loretta Larvadain, Ms. Nobie Landry, Mr. Larry Buquoi

GUEST:

1. CALL TO Order

Dr. Michel Hirsch called the meeting to order at 12:00noon. There was no objection to the minutes of the rescheduled May 27, 2021 to June 3, 2021 meeting as distributed. The minutes were accepted as individually read.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Nobie Landry presented the financial report and the sales tax report for review and discussion. The reports were approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave findings of the monthly committee reports and no actions were needed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Loretta Larvadain reported we are still struggling to fill shifts. Prevost is continuing to advertise on Facebook, hospital website and newspapers. We will utilize Indeed to see if we can get some applications.

Dr. Nagaratha Reddy and CareSouth requested an interface with our electronic medical record system. Dr. Reddy's interface has been completed for x-rays, but we are still working on the lab portion (errors with pending and finalized results). Care South's interface is still on hold.

Mr. Henry Chauvin and Mr. Glenn Higgins are planning to meet with Mr. Vince Cataldo and some of the engineers working on the improvements and renovations project to discuss moving this project forward.

Mr. Steve Irving is continually progressing with the expropriation process of the adjacent property.

Mr. Lee Melancon will have the signage for the Fitness Park installed soon.

The Radiology Department reported there were 41 mammograms performed in May 2021. We are continuing to send out reminder letters and follow ups with those that didn't show up for their yearly exams.

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave an update on in-house COVID-19 testing. The lab has collected 3,422 tests as of June 23, 2021 and the positive findings are 22%.

Ms. Stacey Nichols is continuing to work on the timekeeping section of the handbook. Ms. Nichols met with most of our employees to have them sign a notice of overtime calculation using the forty-hour work week system and to inform them of their one dollar an hour pay increase. The employees have received their first paycheck on this new system.

Mr. James Breaux requested a new pulmonary function machine for his department. The request for proposals (RFP) is in progress.

The Ascension Parish Government should be receiving COVID-19 stimulus money for the entire parish. This funding is based on the Federal Anti-Poverty Funding Formulas. A meeting was held on April 21, 2021 (evening) and on April 22, 2021 (day) to discuss how to use the funds to revitalize Donaldsonville and the West Bank of Ascension parish. Trips have been made to tour the Fitness Center of Thibodaux Regional. The Parish Council has approved a feasibility study for a West Bank Wellness Center (\$20,000.00).

Mr. Vince Cataldo has secured a dermatologist for the Health Fair. Once she receives her work schedule she will let Mr. Cataldo know a date she will be available.

Two Board members' terms are expiring in June 2021. The Prevost Board of Commissions, motioned and approved to recommend Mr. John Marchand to the Ascension Parish Personnel Committee to fill one of the Vacancies.

One ER/Hospitalist and seven Virtual Radiologists were reviewed and approved for their two-year reappointment privileges.

6. NEW BUSINESS

One Virtual Radiologists was reviewed and approved for provisional privileges. One Pathologist, four Cardiologist and three Virtual Radiologist began the mandatory process for a two-year reappointment.

Ms. Nobie Landry reported minor adjustments to the Quarterly Budget. The Board accepted the budget adjustments as presented.

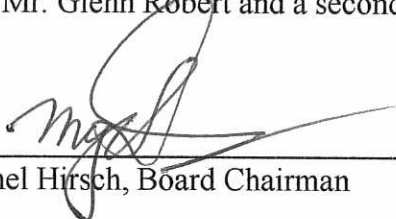
Each Board member was given a copy of the annual employee evaluation report. The Board accepted the evaluations as presented.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was called.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Glenn Robert and a second by Dr. Glenn Schexnayder.



Dr. Michel Hirsch, Board Chairman



Mr. Vince Cataldo, Administrator/Secretary