

West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 25, 2021.

This was a teleconference meeting (partial) and this meeting was recorded. One member was asked and responded that he could not be present due to Covid-19 State Mandates (See*).

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. A.J. Gomez

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

GUEST: Mr. James Breaux

1. CALL TO Order

Dr. Michel Hirsch called the meeting to order at 12:00noon. There was no objection to the minutes of the February 25, 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 Prevost is continuing to advertise on Facebook, hospital website and newspapers due to the ongoing nurse shortage. She has added one RN to the schedule.

The interface requested with our electronic medical record system by Dr. Nagaratha Reddy and CareSouth are both near production phase. Both should be complete and live sometime in March.

Myers & Stauffer Meaningful Use audit has been completed. They found all CMS measures were met by Prevost and the hospital is eligible to receive the Medicaid PI program payment.

Mr. Henry Chauvin has been working to schedule individual meetings with the architects, engineers, the interior designer and structural engineer to get the first phase of the hospital improvements and renovations started.

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

The Radiology Department mammography numbers for February 2021 were slightly lower than February 2020. The March numbers are looking better than March 2020. We are expecting a slow month in April as we did no mammograms in April 2020 due to COVID-19. Reminders are being sent out so that we can try to pick up our numbers for April 2021.

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave an update on in-house COVID-19 testing. The lab has collected 3,072 tests as of March 23, 2021 and the positive findings are 24%.

Ms. Stacey Nichols is continuing to work on the timekeeping section of the handbook and was on site all day March 23, 2021. Ms. Nichols will be scheduled to attend the April Board meeting to discuss individual salaries and present a recommendation to the Board.

Mr. James Breaux has requested a new pulmonary function machine for his department. A request for proposals is in progress.

The mobile home has been demolished. It will be moved to the adjacent property to be burned once the adjacent property is cleared through the courts.

The amended Envision contract has been signed. Mr. Cataldo is pushing for more admits.

Each Board member was reminded to complete the self-assessment packet for the year 2020.

The Board members were reminded to complete the Louisiana Compliance questionnaire for Postlethwaite & Netterville asap.

The Board approved a new G.E. Telemetry System for the Emergency Department. The new system was ordered on January 28, 2021 and will be installed next week.

The Board approved two MAC 5500 HD (EKG machines) with Wi-Fi capabilities. These machines were ordered on March 2, 2021 and are scheduled to arrive next week.

One ER/Hospitalist, two Tele-Stroke physicians and thirteen Virtual Radiologists were reviewed and approved for their two-year reappointment privileges

A resolution was drafted and sent to the City Council and other agencies. This resolution was seeking assistance to formulate a program for the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine to the citizens of the Donaldsonville area. A meeting was held at Prevost on March 9, 2021 and it was decided with the assistance of several agencies a vaccine clinic would take place at the hospital. Following some advertising, over 100 patients were registered by Mr. James Breaux, Ms. Loretta Larvadain and Ms. Gail Jarvis to receive their Covid-19 vaccine.

On March 16, 2021, The Louisiana National Guard, The Office of Public Health, Louisiana Department of Health and The Office of Emergency Preparedness were on site at Prevost and administered a total of 230 Covid-19 vaccines.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There were no applications to review for provisional or full privileges at this time.

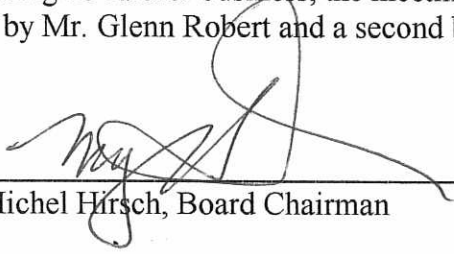
Ms. Nobie Landry informed the Board concerning several adjustments to the budget. These adjustments were due to the decrease in the patient visits during the pandemic and the increase in general operation expenses and supplies. This is a national trend in hospitals. The Board had no objections to these adjustments.

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