

## **West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting**

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board rescheduled its regular meeting for May 27, 2021 and held a Special Meeting on June 3, 2021. A quorum could not be satisfied and virtual meetings are no longer approved.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Michael Medine

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

**GUEST:** Ms. Brandy Smith

**1. CALL TO Order**

Dr. Michel Hirsch called the meeting to order at 12:00noon. There was no objection to the minutes of the April 29, 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 continue to struggle to fill shifts. Prevost is continuing to advertise on Facebook, hospital website and newspapers. One staffing agency has continued to provide two nurses for a limited number of shifts per week.

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 would like to get the holding ponds dug and store the dirt on the adjacent property for future use. Mr. Chauvin would also like to pour the driveway and parking lots prior to construction and renovations.

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

Mr. Lee Melancon and Ms. Danielle Bernard continue to work together to get the fitness park open.

Mr. Henry Chauvin is working with Mr. Utley, Mr. Glenn Higgins and Ms. Kimberly Koehl (GSA) to get the drainage impact studies submitted. Ms. Koehl will submit the drainage impact studies to the Ascension's ERA (Engineering Review Agency). The cost for this review is \$1,000.00.

The Radiology Department reported there were 44 mammograms performed in April 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 3,333 tests as of May 26, 2021 and the positive findings are 23%.

Ms. Stacey Nichols is continuing to work on the timekeeping section of the handbook. She is meeting with all employees to have them sign a notice of overtime calculation using the forty-hour work week system. When meeting with an employee she is also informing them of their one dollar an hour pay increase.

Mr. James Breaux had requested a new pulmonary function machine for his department. This request for proposals (RFP) is still 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.

A meeting with Envision representatives was held on May 17, 2021 to discuss Emergency Department problems and lack of admissions.

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

The two new MAC 5500 HD (EKG machines) with WiFi capabilities were ordered on March 2, 2021. This equipment arrived on April 13, 2021 and we are successfully transmitting with WiFi.

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. Mr. Vince Cataldo spoke with Mr. Ryan Murphy (owner of Anytime Fitness) concerning membership fees at Anytime Fitness. If we offered to pay membership fees for those that meet criteria, this may be good for the community and PMH. Mr. Cataldo is researching this matter.

At this time there is no health fair date set. Mr. Vince Cataldo is having difficulty securing a dermatologist or a midlevel with dermatology training and experience. He will continue to work on setting up this annual health fair.

The two new LifePak 20e defibrillators/monitors were ordered on April 1, 2021 and received on April 29, 2021. Both defibrillators were put online May 3, 2021.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

One Virtual Radiologists was reviewed and approved for provisional privileges. One ER/Hospitalist and seven Virtual Radiologist began the mandatory process for a two-year reappointment.

Ms. Brandy Smith gave the Annual Independent Audit Report to the Board. This report was given to the Ascension Parish Council at the Finance Committee meeting on May 10, 2021. Ms. Smith assured the Board members that we had a good audit report and thanked the Board for using Postlethwaite & Netterville. The Board accepted the audit report as presented.

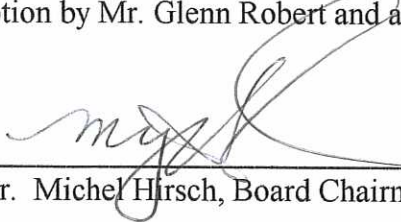
Two Board members' terms are expiring in June 2021. An application must be submitted to Ascension Parish Government by incumbents and other interested parties.

## 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was called.

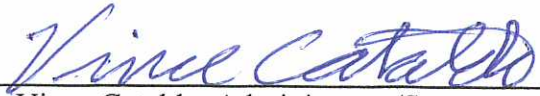
### ADJOURNMENT

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



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Dr. Michel Hirsch, Board Chairman



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Mr. Vince Cataldo, Administrator/Secretary