

West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on February 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, Mr. A.J. Gomez and Mr. Vince Cataldo

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

GUEST: Mr. Charles Long, Mr. Leroy Sullivan, Mr. Reginald Francis, Mr. Charles Brown, Mr. Lauthaught Delaney, Sr.

1. CALL TO Order

Dr. Michel Hirsch called the meeting to order at 12:00noon. There was no objection to the minutes of the January 28, 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

The Donaldsonville City Council questioned why Prevost is not offering COVID-19 vaccines to the general public. Ms. Loretta Larvadain and Mr. James Breaux lead a discussion on this matter. The Board will study the request made by the City Council.

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 ongoing problems with staff shortages since December 2020. Advertising on Facebook, hospital website and newspapers have not provided any candidates. One staffing agency has provided one nurse for three (3) shifts per week. One CNA was hired on a part time basis.

The interface requested with our electronic medical record system by Dr. Nagaratha Reddy and CareSouth is still in progress.

Mr. Vince Cataldo will schedule a meeting in March with the architects and engineers to get the first phase of the hospital improvements and renovations started. GSA representatives will also be invited to this meeting.

The motion for summary judgement on the adjacent property was filed and the hearing was held on January 11, 2021. The judge ruled in Prevost's favor. Mr. Steve Irving has taken care of the paperwork for the next step in this process. No updates were available at this time.

The Radiology Department mammography numbers for January 2021 were lower this year. Monthly reminder letters are continually being mailed out and follow ups are being made with patients who do not show up.

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave an update on in-house COVID-19 testing. The lab has collected 2,945 tests as of February 24, 2021 and the positive findings are 24%.

Mr. James Breaux has received the second ventilator and it is not what he requested from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP). Mr. Breaux has changed his decision and would prefer a different piece of equipment for his department.

The mobile home being demolished will not be moved to the adjacent property at this time. We are waiting for the property to be cleared through the courts.

The LA. Medicaid Physician IPA program has requested additional information on the providers.

Mr. Vince Cataldo continued to work with Ms. Dawn Sears concerning the Envision (Emcare) contract because the 25 patient increments and the \$1,100.00 increments changed at 459 billable patients to 50 patients and \$2,200.00. This matter has been corrected.

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

One ER/Hospitalist, one Radiologist and four Virtual Radiologists were reviewed and approved for their two-year reappointment privileges.

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

The new G.E. Telemetry System for the Emergency Department was approved by the Board and ordered on January 28, 2021.

The Board approved the purchase of two new EKG machines. These machines will transmit by Wi-Fi and eliminate the use of the telephone line.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Two Virtual Radiologists were approved for full privileges. The two-year reappointment process for review and approval began on one ER/Hospitalist, two Tele-Stroke Physicians and thirteen Virtual Radiologists

The Board updated the requirements for an ER/Hospitalist to receive full privileging. The physicians will now be required to work a minimum number of 12 – 12hour shifts before being evaluated for full privileges. This update was a recommended by the MEC.

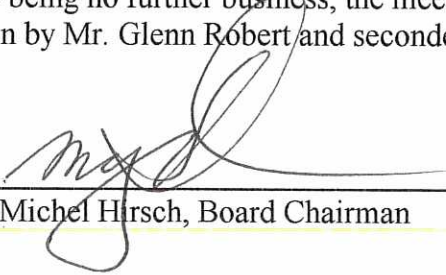
In response to the comments made by the City Council Members and the City Attorney, the Board unanimously agreed to respond to the request. A resolution was drafted and sent to the City Council and other agencies.

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 seconded by Dr. Glenn Schexnayder.



Dr. Michel Hirsch, Board Chairman



Mr. Vince Cataldo, Administrator/Secretary