

West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 28, 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. A.J. Gomez and Mr. Vince Cataldo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Michael Medine

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

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 December 23, 2020 to December 31, 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. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave findings of the monthly and quarterly committee reports and no actions were needed. The Bi-Annual Ethics Committee Report was also given. All Board members and all hospital employees are required to receive ethics training annually.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Loretta Larvadain reported since the last meeting four RN's and one CNA from the night shift tested positive for COVID-19. Ms. Larvadain has obtained the services of a nurse staffing company to assist in hospital staffing due to the nursing shortage. Advertising continues for registered nurses through newspapers, hospital website and Facebook. No results at the present time.

Dr. Nagaratha Reddy and CareSouth requested an interface with our electronic medical record system. This work is in progress.

The storage building which began construction on February 24, 2020 has been completed and final payment was sent to the contractor.

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.

The Radiology Department mammography numbers for December 2020 were consistent with the number for December 2019. Monthly reminder letters were mailed out as usual.

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave an update on in-house COVID-19 testing. The lab has collected 2,763 tests and the positive findings are 25%.

Mr. James Breaux has received the second ventilator and it is not what he requested from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP). This ventilator can only be utilized on a short term basis. e.g. To transfer to another location in the hospital.

Mr. Vince Cataldo was unable to get rid of the mobile home. At this time the mobile home is being demolished and will be moved to the adjacent property and burned a little at the time.

Mr. Vince Cataldo and Ms. Nobie Landry investigated the LA. Medicaid Physician IPA program and said it would be a good fit for Prevost. On December 3, 2020 the Board approved joining the LA. Medicaid Physician IPA program. Mr. Cataldo notified the IPA on December 3, 2020 and they have started the application process for the year 2022. The paperwork was notarized and returned on January 26, 2021.

Mr. Vince Cataldo is working with Ms. Dawn Sears concerning the Envision (Emcare) loses with the ER physician staffing contract. Envision has extended the list with the number of billable visits and the subsidy. This will work for us because our numbers have increased approximately 136 in the past 3 months.

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

Two Tele-Stroke Physicians and five Virtual Radiologists were reviewed and approved for their two-year reappointment privileges.

4. NEW BUSINESS

One ER/Hospitalist was approved for full privileges. The two-year reappointment process for review and approval began on two ER/Hospitalist, one Radiologist and nine Virtual Radiologist.

Each Board member was given a Louisiana Compliance questionnaire to complete for Postlethwaite & Netterville.

On January 19, 2021 the hospital received a bequest from the Estate of Ms. Theresa Fry Cooper.

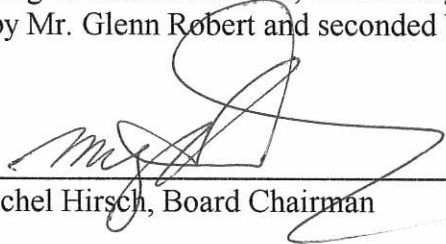
The Board approved the purchase of a G.E. Telemetry System for the Emergency Department.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION


Dr. Michel Hirsch called for a motion for executive session to discuss litigation. The executive session was motioned and seconded. This motion carried unanimously. The Board voted to go into executive session to consult with the attorney concerning possible litigation. The executive session began at 12:55PM and ended at 1:10PM. It was motioned and seconded to end the executive session. This motion carried unanimously.

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