

GEORGE E. WEEMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

GOVERNING BODY MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2007

Members Present: Gayle Dodds, Chairperson; Curt Blair, Vice Chair; Tammi Hardy, Secretary; Dr. Stephen Miniati; Paul Marxsen; Margie Solomon

Staff Present: Charles Colvert, CEO/CFO; Candi Fox, CNO; Becky Gibson, RN, Admin. Asst.

Others Present: Alan Pierce, County Admin., Liaison; Evan Dillard, COO, TMH

Gayle Dodds called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM.

Mr. Colvert led the group in prayer.

1. TMH Presentation

Mr. Colvert introduced Evan Dillard, the COO of TMH. Mr. Dillard stated that TMH is in the process of re-directing its efforts regionally, with the core belief that whatever services can be done locally should be done locally. He stated that each hospital in the region is being looked at individually and uniquely. He presented a draft of an affiliation agreement between Weems and TMH (see attached), and stated that the best way to proceed would be to start with a management agreement, and if it works, move on to a lease agreement. He explained that in a lease agreement, TMH is totally responsible for financial income and/or loss, and in a management agreement, the county would have some financial responsibility to cover losses. Alan Pierce stated that the county would most likely prefer a management agreement initially due to its past negative experience with Dasee. Mr. Dillard stated that as an affiliate of TMH Weems would have access to TMH's resources in Physician recruitment, development of services and education of staff and board. He also stated that TMH has experience in Urgent and Primary Care Facilities. Curt Blair asked if TMH had any experience or opinion on leasing employees, and Mr. Dillard responded that he would look into it. Mr. Blair stated that developing a relationship with TMH was certainly a strong option. He stated that the board would be meeting with other companies in January, and emphasized the need to have a strategic plan in place by the time the sales tax revenue starts coming in. Mr. Dillard left the meeting at this point.

After discussion among the members, it was decided that the board would meet with Pioneer on January 10th, and Sacred Heart on January 17th. After meeting with Sacred

Heart on January 17th, the board would discuss its options and present it's opinion to the County Commission at the Commission's February 19th meeting.

2. Other Discussion

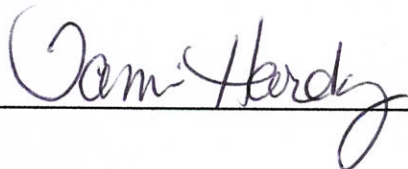
Mr. Colvert announced that the hospital has received a notice from Medicaid that it is withholding approximately \$700,000 due to errors on previous years cost report. He explained that contact has been made through several avenues, including the county attorney, to clarify and rectify this problem. He stated that, as usual, he was running into difficulty with AHCA in getting accurate information, but would continue to work on this problem.

The subject of obtaining a signed contract with Southland, the ER Provider group, was discussed. Mr. Colvert stated that there is disagreement regarding some of the items in the contract that the county attorney, Mr. Shuler, felt were necessary to protect the county's interests. Mr. Pierce stated that he would look into this and hopefully expedite the implementation of the contract.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Gibson, RN
Administrative Assistant

Approved



Date

