

GEORGE E. WEEMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

GOVERNING BODY MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 28, 2008

Members Present: Gayle Dodds, Chairperson; Paul Marxsen; Mark Friedman; Tammi Hardy; Margie Solomon; Dr. Stephen Miniati

Members Absent: Curt Blair

Staff Present: Charles Colvert, CEO/CFO; Candi Fox, CNO; Ginny Griner, Director of Human Resources; Becky Gibson, RN, Admin. Asst.

Others Present: Alan Pierce, Liaison for Franklin Co. Commission; Michael Shuler, County Attorney; Beth Blair; Dr. Wilder; Mel Kelly

The meeting was held at the Health Department in Carrabelle.

Gayle Dodds called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

Mr. Colvert asked the members to look at the property to the right of the Health Department as this is the property owned by the school board and which is a potential site for the Urgent Care Center.

Mr. Colvert introduced Dr. Wilder, Medical Director of the Franklin County Health Department. Dr. Wilder reviewed the services available at the two locations provided by himself and two nurse practitioners. He stated that the facility in Carrabelle was not designed to provide primary care for Carrabelle as it is physically too small and the services are limited. He stated that the Health Department is not in competition with other providers and that there has been a need for more Primary Care providers in Franklin County for some time. He cited transportation as a problem for residents and hoped the board would consider putting in a heliport in the future, which he felt would add another layer to health care accessibility. Dr. Wilder left the meeting at this time.

Ms. Dodds stated that this was the first meeting in recent months where there was not a presentation from a company, and asked for opinions and thoughts from the board members. She reiterated that she felt that the board has only one chance to this right and did not want to be pushed into making a hasty decision on who is best to manage the hospital. Alan Pierce stated that the County Commission was not demanding a decision be made right away, but would like an update. Michael Shuler asked which of the options on the table were receiving the most serious considerations. Ms. Dodds and Mr. Colvert both conveyed that there had only been one preliminary meeting between Pioneer and TMH, and although there have been no deal breaker there was still a long way to go. Dr. Miniati stated that he and Dr. Paul Hart had a concern due to the fact that Pioneer is not from Florida. Mark Friedman reported on his trip to Mississippi to tour Pioneer's facility. He

stated that the town was smaller than Apalachicola, that the hospital was in worse shape than Weems and that Pioneer has turned it around. Pioneer's focus is business first, than clinical. He stated that he likes the Pioneer-TMH collaboration to run the hospital. He stated that Pioneer was interested in leasing Weems, which from the employee standpoint would require each employee to go through a re-hire. He stated that with a management agreement, the county would still have some financial risk, but with a lease agreement there is essentially no financial risk for the county. The sales tax revenue would be used for capital improvements, which would stay in the county if Pioneer left. Tammi Hardy voiced her concern that the county would not approve Pioneer without TMH. Paul Marxsen voiced concern that the county may be in violation with the current hospital employee leasing, and Mr. Shuler stated that he was certain the county is covered. Both Mr. Shuler and Mr. Pierce stated that the county's concern was for the hospital's employees and for the hospital not to be left in the same situation as it was before the county took it over.

In discussing the Sacred Heart option, Mr. Pierce stated that there were hard feelings among the county toward Sacred Heart due to Franklin County being ignored by Sacred Heart two years ago. Ms. Dodds stated that Franklin County is tied to their referendum while Gulf County is not. She stated that Franklin County should be able to work with them and not alienate them.

The general consensus of the board was to have Mr. Colvert and Mr. Blair continue working on the development of a partnership between Pioneer and TMH, and until that plan has more substance to leave all options on the table.

Mr. Shuler announced that GE has retracted its claim for subsidy money from Medicaid, totaling approximately \$216,000. He requested documentation on how the hospital arrived at its amount of approximately \$130,000, which Mr. Colvert stated he would gather for him. Also, the EMTALA fines are being discussed with the AHCA lawyer. Mr. Shuler and Mr. Pierce left the meeting at this point.

A motion was made by Dr. Miniati, seconded by Paul Marxsen to approve the minutes from the 11/20/07, 12/13/07, 1/10/08, 1/17/08 and 2/7/08 meetings, and approved unanimously.

Finance Committee Report (see attached reports)

Mr. Colvert reviewed the finances and the auditors report. He stated that the Finance Committee had two recommendations: to proceed with the purchase for the pharmacy upgrade and to proceed with establishing in-house laundry. Mark Friedman made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's report dated 2/21/08 along with the two recommendations, seconded by Margie Solomon and approved unanimously.

Personnel Committee Report (see attached reports)

Dr. Miniati announced that the Personnel Committee had been addressing policies concerning vacation time, sick leave, bereavement time, in general, employee time off, and that their next policy would involve a grievance policy. Gayle Dodds made a motion to approve the Personnel Committee reports dated 11/15/2007 and 2/5/2008, seconded by Paul Marxsen and approved unanimously.

Medical Staff Report (see attached reports)

Dr. Miniati presented the Medical Staff report. He stated that it is a chaotic time for staff but was improving. Gayle Dodds made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/31/08 meeting, seconded by Margie Solomon and approved unanimously. Paul Marxsen made a motion to approve extending the term of Dr. Miniati as president expiring December 2008, Dr. Ivers as Vice President expiring

December 2008, and approving Dr. Adamcryk as Secretary expiring December 2009, seconded by Jami Hardy and approved unanimously.

New Beginnings Report

Mr. Colvert announced that Margie Solomon has agreed to serve as the board representative on the committee and that the Chairman is Mel Kelly. One project will be to try and reinstate the Pink Ladies. Mr. Colvert stated he would e-mail the board members an agenda when available.

Performance Improvement Reports (see attached)

Candi Fox reported that the hospital had received notice from the EMTALA violation that there would be a total of five deficiencies, totaling \$5,000. Also that CMS charged approximately \$2,700 for the surveys performed. She stated that both of the previous Code 15 cases had been closed. She announced that she is currently working on the 2008 Hospital Safety Goals using Joint Commission Guidelines. She is also in the process of trending transfers and continues to monitor Door to EKG time.

New Business

Mr. Colvert stated that Beth Blair is continuing her efforts to keep everyone in the community as informed as possible on happenings at the hospital. Besides articles in the papers, a questionnaire may be developed. Also a community event involving the Home Builders Association and Real Estate groups is in the works.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Gibson, RN
Administrative Assistant

Approved

Jami Hardy

Date

3/27/08