

December 13, 2013

Members Present: Jim Bachrach, Acting Chair; Duffie Harrison, Secretary; Pat Conrad, MD; Robert Davis; Deborah Huckeba; and Homer McMillan by phone

Members Absent: Anne Wilson

Staff Present: Ray Brownsworth, CEO; Ginny Griner, HR/ Med Staff; Becky Gibson, DON; Craig Gibson, POD; Heather Huron, Admin. Assistant

Discussion

Action

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:44am. Bachrach confirmed that the meeting was posted publically as required.

Clinic Update

- Brownsworth shared that following Hardin’s removal from the clinic schedule, he had employed a strategy to keep staffing lean with one provider at each clinic location. As a result of this, a county commissioner had expressed disagreement with the strategy. Brownsworth stated to the BOD that he desired to keep the clinics as profitable as possible with each practitioner seeing 20 to 25 patients per day. Brownsworth requested direction from the BOD.
- Discussion was held regarding terms of practitioner employment, reimbursement, and mileage allowance for WMH employees.
- Following the accepted motion, McMillan stated his support of the county commissioners and expressed appreciation for patience with his telephonic appearance.
McMillan left the meeting at 10:20am.
- Options for employing a part-time clinic practitioner were reviewed.
- Harrison questioned patient volume at the clinics. B. Gibson stated that the full potential for clinic volume had not been reached. Brownsworth shared that previously the schedule had been artificially controlled by the providers.

- A motion was made by Harrison for the WMH BOD to express full support of Brownsworth and the current steps being taken at the hospital, clinics and EMS to improve profitability, service and quality of care. The motion was seconded by Huckeba. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Gibson stated that the Weems West clinic would be moving to the annex building on Monday and would be open for business on Tuesday.
- Brownsworth shared that a Revenue Cycle Manager was being recruited to oversee the business portion of the clinics. Sandoval would continue to oversee the clinical portion and would report to B. Gibson.
- Harrison recommended dress code improvements for the clinics. C. Gibson updated the board on progress with the dress code policy, stating that he anticipated the improvements would be in place by March.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11am.