

**Members Present:** Jim Bachrach, Chair; Duffie Harrison, Secretary; Doug Creamer; Deborah Huckeba; Rick Watson, Vice-Chair; Anne Wilson; Patrick Conrad, MD

**Members Absent:** Robert Davis

**Staff Present:** Mike Cooper, CEO; John Graham, CFO; Becky Gibson, DON; Ginny Griner, HR/ Med Staff; Craig Gibson, Plant Operations Director; Heather Huron, Administrative Assistant

**Guests Present:** Alan Feiffer, Concerned Citizens of Franklin County; Tim Templeton, Ajax Building Corporation

**Call to Order / Approval of Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. Huron confirmed the meeting had been posted publicly. Minutes for the 3/26/15 meeting were emailed prior to the meeting for review.

- Current marketing activities were discussed. The following recommendations and directives were given:
  - Place newsletter copies at chamber centers and visitor centers.
  - Request Lamar trim trees around Eastpoint billboards.
  - Creamer requested an additional hospital sign or billboard. C. Gibson stated DOT was approached regarding an additional blue hospital highway sign and was told that one was sufficient. Bachrach stated he would call DOT.

**Action**

**A motion was made by Watson to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Creamer. The motion was carried unanimously.**

**County Report**

No report was available from a county representative.

**TMH Report**

No report was available from a TMH representative. Cooper informed the Board that he would be meeting with Lauren Faison on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Cooper reported meeting monthly with TMH CEO, Mark O’Bryant.

### **CFO Report**

Graham presented and reviewed the following financial reports:

- 3/31/2015 Balance Sheet
- Comparative Balance Sheet (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter)
- 3/31/2015 Income Statement by Division
- Income Statement by Month FY 2015
- Financial & Revenue Cycle Indicators
- 3/31/15 Statement of Clinic Operations

Graham shared he would be adding an additional line next month to identify indigent/ charity write-offs. Cooper stated a better job was being done of identifying charity.

Harrison requested a discussion on LIP legislation. Graham stated that while LIP would be going away, it was expected that something else would take its place. Per Cooper, the State of FL was filing suit against the Federal government. Cooper explained the feds would rather expand healthcare coverage than pay LIP money to the healthcare providers. Cooper referenced large south Florida hospitals that would be forced to close their doors without LIP funding. As a lobbyist, Watson anticipated another year's continuance of LIP funding. Watson also believes there will be some sort of pilot program for Medicaid expansion. Watson stated Shands in Jacksonville would close doors without LIP.

Graham shared his plan to measure clean claims with Accordias, beginning next month. The benchmark for clean claims would be 97%.

Graham stated when the 2014 cost report receivable came in; he would then file an interim cost report. Cooper emphasized the error made with the 2011, 2012 & 2013 cost report would not be repeated.

### **CEO Report**

#### *Patient Satisfaction*

The March 2015 Patient Satisfaction survey results were distributed for individual review.

#### *Quality Assessment / Performance Improvement*

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Quality Assessment & Performance Improvement Report was distributed for review.

*Risk Management & Regulatory Board Summary Report*

The 2015 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Risk Management & Regulatory Board Summary Report was presented by B. Gibson, LHRM. The summary was reviewed in detail.

*New Facility*

Cooper reported, per Mary Gavin of the USDA, the hospital's application had been uploaded into the federal database. However, the application would not be released for review until the 2014 county audit had been filed. Cooper stated Alan Pierce anticipated the audit would be filed by June at the latest. Cooper will inform the commissioners of the delay at the next BOCC meeting. Gavin was very optimistic from the state office perspective. Gavin indicated the USDA performed credit report for Weems was returned much more positive than many USDA funded projects.

*CSS Health Technologies*

Cooper reported, since the last BOCC meeting, the county had requested attorney involvement with CSS negotiations. Cooper shared that he has participated in 4 conference calls with Att. Shuler and IT attorneys. Cooper stated he was taking direction from the attorneys, essentially acting as the intermediary.

*Physician Recruitment*

Per Cooper, the hospital took a big hit when the physician who had signed an employment agreement neglected to fulfill his role. While an interim solution was being sought, coverage for the next 2 weeks would be a problem. After the 2 week period, more coverage was anticipated. For a temporary solution, 4 locum tenens companies had been engaged. For a long term physician placement, previous candidates had been contacted.

Cooper gave an update on activities with current physician candidates.

- An on-site visit was scheduled for next Saturday & Sunday with Dr. Perrotti.
- Cooper reported speaking with a physician candidate from Chicago. Cooper has asked the candidate to research the area to ensure her family would be agreeable.
- Cooper stated he was in discussions with a physician in Seneca SC, who would complete his residency in 2016. He was interviewed by phone and seemed to be a very strong candidate. The physician graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine and was in a Rural

Health residency program. The candidate has expressed a desire to perform procedures, as well as serve as an ER/ hospitalist physician; though he does not want to perform OB services. An on-site visit is expected to be scheduled in August.

Wilson confirmed that Dr. Conrad was the supervising physician for the clinic's mid-level providers. Cooper stated Conrad was already credentialed with CHP as a family practice physician through Southland.

### *Telemetry*

Per B. Gibson, the hospital had been on telemetry diversion for a week due to equipment malfunction. Conrad stated the hospital averaged at least 1 patient per day that required telemetry.

An assessment of the telemetry was reviewed in detail.

- Current telemetry equipment is 10 years old
- Mindray, the telemetry vendor, is phasing out the current system and will stop supporting/ repairing the system within the next year, so even with an upgrade the system would become obsolete
- Have had 10 + system problems over the past 5 years, which has left the hospital without telemetry for periods of time
- The most recent system problem has left the hospital without telemetry for over a week, placing the hospital on telemetry diversion, and resulting in an inability to treat cardiac problems.
- Telemetry diversion results in a minimum loss of \$1,500/day.

Gibson recommended the purchase of a new system and the postponement of the E-Gateway interface until a later date.

GPO discounted proposals and payment schedules were reviewed. Cooper stated he had requested proposals from other companies; however, if a vendor other than the current was engaged, the wireless system would also require replacement and would greatly increase the total cost. Cooper requested approval for the purchase of a new system at a cost of \$56,000 with Graham determining a payment plan. Harrison confirmed this was a critical, patient safety issue. Gibson stated the old system would be undergoing repair and would be up today. Implementation of the new system was expected to take 60 days.

Harrison stated his desire to make the purchase asap due to safety concerns; additional vendor quotes

### **Action**

**A motion was made by Harrison to approve the telemetry purchase at a cost of \$56,000; seconded by Wilson. The motion was carried unanimously. Cooper will present to the BOCC for county approval on 5/4/15.**

were not desired.

**Old Business/ New Business/ Public Comment**

A reminder was given that officer elections would be held at the May regular meeting.

**Public Comment**

Feiffer addressed annual financial comparisons, ultrasound services, and CSS Health Technologies.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Huckeba. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07am.  
The Board entered Executive Session at 10:15am.