

Members Present: Jim Bachrach, Chair; Duffie Harrison, Secretary; Doug Creamer; Deborah Huckleba; Anne Wilson; Robert Davis; Rick Watson, Vice-Chair via phone

Members Absent: Patrick Conrad, MD

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: Lauren Faison, TMH; Tim Templeton, Ajax Construction

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 5/28/15 meeting were emailed prior to the meeting for review.

Action

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

County Report

- No report was available from a county representative.

TMH Report

- Per Faison, the WMH & TMH agreement had been revised in February 2015 to allow TMH to provide to Weems other full-time employees, including Physicians, subject to Hospital Board approval. In addition, a proposed clinical affiliation agreement was currently in the review process by TMH attorneys. Once in place, the clinical affiliation agreement would allow collaboration between TMH & Weems managers for the purpose of aligning practices. Faison discussed the expectation that such networking would be necessary in the future healthcare market. Faison stated a similar affiliation, already in place between TMH & Doctors Memorial, had shown improved patient care with integrated services. Bachrach questioned the possibility of shared physicians. Cooper explained a primary physician base would need to be in place to generate the needed referrals to bring TMH specialists to the area. Davis discussed the number of transports via Crooms

Transportation to out of town specialists. Lauren stated she anticipated a response from the attorneys by the end of the week, after which O'Bryant would review. Bachrach requested a list of advantages to becoming a TMH affiliate for the purpose of sharing with the community. Harrison discussed the importance TMH association, especially with the new residents. Cooper described the importance of Weems to TMH in regards to population market determination.

- Faison stated the telemedicine bill was not passed in the last legislative session; however she did not anticipate in cuts in the telemedicine budget.

CFO Report

- Graham presented and reviewed the following financial reports for the month ending 5/31/2015:
 - Balance Sheet
 - Patient Accounts Receivable reserved at 72%
 - Current liabilities down from prior month by \$136,860
 - Net Accounts Receivable days down slightly from prior month
 - Comparative Balance Sheet to Prior Periods
 - Income Statement by Division
 - Weems East & Weems West Income Statements
 - Key Revenue Cycle & Financial Indicators
- Graham noted a very good trend through last 4 months in Net Patient Revenues, ED visits, and the % of clean claims being sent (95%)
- Notifications had been received from Medicare stating a determination was made that Weems was underpaid in FY 2014 by \$135,053 for swing-bed services and by \$157,207 for acute care services. The anticipated date to receive these amounts was 6/22/15 (total \$292,260).
- The \$385,949 receivable from Medicare for prior years' bad debt issues was being pursued by the hospital. Communication has been made with Medicare to determine whether submitting to an audit of these old accounts or filing an interim 2015 Cost Report would bring the

quicker resolution.

- \$150,000 of \$300,000 owed to the Healthcare Trust Fund would be paid today.

CEO Report

Consent Agenda

- The following items were distributed for individual review:
 - May 2015 Patient Satisfaction survey results
 - 1st Quarter Risk Management & Regulatory Board Summary
 - Quality Assessment / Performance Improvement Dashboard Summary

Physician Recruitment

- Cooper gave an update on physician recruitment and coverage for the clinics.
 - Dr. Anthony Perrotti withdrew his application.
 - Phone conferences were held with a new physician candidate. A site visit is tentatively planned for July 6th.
 - Dr. Fountain has decreased to 3 days each week per his request.
 - Parker will be out of the office for 5 weeks. Whaley is scheduled to be out for 1 week.

New Facility

- Cooper stated he had no new information on the USDA or new facility. Cooper confirmed that all required forms had been received by the USDA. The next step will be a meeting with the USDA to receive their checklist. Sheneena Forbes was the new USDA contact for Weems as Mary Gavin had been promoted to Area Director.

Electronic Health Record / Razor Insights-Athena

- Per B. Gibson, the new E.H.R. system was working very well. Meaningful Use attestation on the “vanilla system” would begin on 7/1/15.

The “go-live” date for full system implementation would occur on 8/24/15.

- Per Cooper, Athena would do all billing for the clinics and eventually would take over the hospital billing. The cost for billing services was included in the E.H.R. monthly fee versus the percentage paid to Accordias. Graham pointed out that a non-compete clause was in place between Accordias & Razor Insights/ Athena.

Telemetry Update

- Per B. Gibson, wiring for the new telemetry had been set up. Installation of the telemetry patient monitor was scheduled for the following Monday. In the interim, the old telemetry system had been repaired and was currently functional.

Medical Resource Center

- Cooper shared his project plans for community “medical resource centers” to be located in the 3 libraries. Cooper stated he had met with the librarians and the idea had been well received.

EMS Assessment

- Cooper presented the Franklin County EMS Assessment July 2015. He explained the assessment was performed as a result of a meeting held with Comm. Jackel, Jay Abbott, Rick Watson, and two others. Questions regarding Life Flight, EMS equipment, and the continuance of the ambulance subsidy were raised. Cooper addressed each within the assessment and made his recommendations. Presentation of the EMS Assessment to the commissioners would be made at the next BOCC meeting. Harrison questioned including a 5 year program of equipment/ vehicles in the strategic plan. Per Cooper, Comm. Jackel directed him to review the equipment and provide a list of every need. A discussion was held on scholarships for EMT & paramedic school.

SGI Clinic Feasibility

- Cooper addressed the SGI clinic financial feasibility study which was performed at the

Action

A motion was made by Creamer to

direction of the BOCC. The study, based on conservative numbers, showed a profit. The results were provided to the commissioners; but no feedback had been received and the topic had not been raised again.

establish a clinic on SGI as soon as possible, seconded by Harrison. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business/ New Business

- No old or new business was addressed.

Public Comment

- No public comments were made.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.