

**EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT  
PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER**

**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 26, 2021**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Kimberly Brown, President  
Kia Turner, Vice President  
Todd Shults, Secretary  
Regas Halandras  
Mark Schryver (Zoom)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Liz Sellers – CEO (Zoom)  
Tim Howard - Interim CFO  
Dan Olson - Compliance  
Eric Jones - QHR  
Dr. Turner - Chief of Staff  
Cindy Rholl – Medical Staff

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Vicki Crawford, Resident

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Kimberly Brown called the monthly meeting of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Pioneers Medical Center Board of Directors to order at 12:51 p.m. Directors and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mission Statement was read for Board consideration.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Lionel Montoya; Interim Chief Financial Officer was introduced and welcomed by the Executive Board to the Pioneers Medical Center Team.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

President Kimberly Brown presented the agenda for Board approval. A motion to approve was made by Regas Halandras, seconded by Todd Shults. Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Kai Turner. Todd Shults seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2021, was made by Regas Halandras and seconded by Todd Shults. Motion carried.

**MEDICAL STAFF REPORT:**

Credentialing:

RAD partners telehealth for radiology to credential. Motion to approve was made by Regas Halandras, seconded by Mark Schryver. Motion carried.

CRNA, Joshua Bright, was a new appointment, recommended for approval. He covers occasionally when needed. Motion to approve was made by Todd Shults, seconded by Kai Turner. Motion carried.

Re-appointments of Dr. Krueger, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Turner, Heather Babcock, PA, Rosaly Coombs, NP, Dr. Frank Holmes, Pathology, Dr. Robert Macauley, Pathology, and Dr. Harold Young, Radiology were presented. Motion to approve made by Regas Halandras, seconded by Kai Turner. Motion carried.

Dr. Turner talked about last month being fairly busy due to COVID numbers going up, and she indicated it has been tricky to find places to send patients. St. Mary's is our partner hospital and they will usually find room for the patient, however we have used some hospitals not used in the past, but they are good hospitals.

The PMC Team is seeing breakthrough COVID cases. Vaccinated patients don't seem to get as sick, which she indicated may be a good reason to push for vaccinations.

PMC is getting quite a few patients from Craig. Our team is not sure what is going on in Craig, but it seems these patients prefer coming to Meeker rather than seeing providers in Craig at this time.

Colorado COVID numbers are high. When PMC has tried to send patients to Utah or Idaho they have been unable to find room for them there. PMC is keeping patients here that we probably wouldn't have kept before this current situation.

An additional trend is PMC is seeing more sick people that have delayed healthcare for the last year and a half due to COVID.

Dr. Turner reported our team is running lean, and we currently don't have the flexibility to move staff into different departments.

Our team is currently considering whether or not we may have to cancel surgeries to take care of sick patients. Currently some other orthopedic clinics are doing surgeries as outpatients for younger patients.

Due to this increase in patients, PMC has modified the procedures for on-call physicians to make sure we have a backup provider in town in case they are needed. The providers have also changed how they divide and take patients when we are at capacity.

Nationally, there is a healthcare worker shortage. Our PMC leadership team has been very creative with ideas to attract more potential staff members.

Dr. Dunston from Maine, a potential provider has toured PMC and may be a potential fit. Dr. Krueger will retire March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Dr. Dorman has cut back her time working at PMC. Dr. Landa has discontinued filling in as well.

Currently PMC has a number of staff members out under quarantine.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REVIEW/ FINANCE REPORT:** Kai Turner moved to acknowledge and accept the September 2021 Financial Report as presented during the Finance Sub-Committee meeting. Mark Schryver seconded. Motion carried. Todd Shults made motion to accept the Accounts Payable August Report as presented to the Finance Sub-Committee meeting. Mark Schryver seconded. Motion carried.

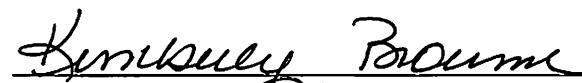
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion to move into Executive session made by Regas Halandras; motion was seconded by Todd Shults. Motion carried.

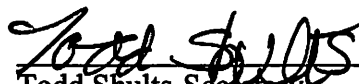
**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:** Vice President Kai Turner indicated that the next regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion to adjourn the regular Board Meeting was made by Kai Turner and seconded by Regas Halandras. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Kimberly Brown, President

  
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Todd Shults-Secretary