

EASTERN RIO BLANCO COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT

dba PIONEERS MEDICAL CENTER

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APRIL 26, 2022

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Kimberly Brown, President

Kai Turner, Vice President

Todd Shults, Secretary

Mark Schryver

Regas Halandras

OTHERS PRESENT:

Liz Sellers, CEO

Lionel Montoya, CFO

Amy Peck, CNO

Christina Harney, Legal Counsel, via Zoom

Eric Jones, QHR

Dr. Kellie Turner, Chief of Staff, via Zoom

Cindy Rholl, Credentialing

Dan Olson, Compliance, via Zoom

Natalie Bustad, Recorder

Lindsay Hunt, Director of Health Systems Transformation, Harvard Medical School,
via Zoom

Dr. Nida Zakiullah, Family Practice Physician, Austin Texas, via Zoom

Jennifer Caro, Director of Nursing Melissa Memorial Hospital, Holyoke, Colorado,
via Zoom

Marnell Bradfield, Administrative Director, Community Care Alliance, Grand Junction Colorado, via Zoom

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Bobby Gutierrez

JH Sheridan, via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER:

President Brown called the monthly meeting of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:11 PM. Directors and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mission Statement was read for Board consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

BOARD CHAIR AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

President Brown commented on the CNO report and the connection Amy Peck, CNO is making with Colorado Northwest Community College.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mark Schryver made the motion to approve the agenda as it was written. Regas Halandras seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mark Schryver made the motion to approve the March 22, 2022 minutes. Regas Halandras seconded and the motion carried.

CLINICAL BURNOUT:

Marnell Bradfield and Associates presented a slideshow detailing the results of a clinical burnout survey sent to Pioneers Medical Center's clinic employees. Overall, most clinic employees are satisfied with their jobs. However, there is risk of clinical burnout at PMC. The presentation concluded with ideas for improvement. They will continue to measure clinical burnout through May and July, and work with clinical staff to monitor it. The Board expressed interest in the upcoming meetings.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT:

Dr. Kellie Turner, Chief of Staff, gave report from the Medical Staff. The Medical Staff is pursuing possible opportunities with PMC and Torrence Rykhus, LAC, a counselor focused on drug and alcohol abuse. He has an office in Craig, but could meet patients in Meeker.

The Hospital Transformation Project is a large project concerning patient quality measures. The Medical Staff has been working on this project for a while. Part of the project concerns Alternatives To Opioids (ALTO). There will be education for nurses and providers on ALTO.

Dr. Cindy Hall is a gynecologist currently serving the Glenwood Springs area. She has reached out to PMC to see patients in Meeker.

Athena, the current EMR, is presenting difficulties in the hospital. There is a need for a different EMR for the hospital.

Patients and providers are both pleased with how well the Retail Pharmacy is doing.

Dr. Sielatycki, spine surgeon, has been seeing quite a few patients and performing surgeries here. This is going very well.

Dr. Jodi Fitzgerald, a Family Practice physician, has signed a contract with PMC and will start in September 2022. She will be stepping into Dr. Krueger's role as well as taking on other responsibilities.

A new PA, Catherine Zweifel, will be joining the Pioneers Medical Center team soon. The goal is to extend the hours of PA coverage in the Emergency Department. The addition of another PA will allow for a slight overlap in coverage in the middle of the day to support the hospital and ED more efficiently, as well as allowing for additional coverage on Saturdays.

The HealthOne Telehealth robot newly implemented will provide supplemental support concerning neurology, stroke support, and psychiatry. The goal of HealthOne is to help provide rural facilities with consulting services. They have a broad range of

services, but PMC will be starting with neurology, psychiatric counseling, and stroke support. Representatives are coming on site in May 2022, to educate nurses, providers, and PCTs on the service.

The Medical Staff passed an amendment to the Medical Staff Bylaws concerning affiliation verifications for telemedicine credentials. Previously, the bylaws required a telemedicine provider to have eight affiliation verifications before receiving credentials. Currently most other facilities require two, hence the bylaws were amended to fall in line with other facilities requirements.

The Medical Staff recommends that the Board recredential Dr. Marcus Howell and Dr. Michael Rubinstein, cardiologists, as well as Dr. David Braeland, radiologist. President Brown entertained a motion to recredential these doctors. Mark Schryver made a motion to credential these physicians. Kai Turner, Vice President, seconded. Motion carried.

The Medical Staff recommends privileges for Dr. Jonathan Dill and Dr. Daniel Edmonson. These physicians are in their last year of residency and have clean records. They are Family Practice physicians through Docs Who Care. They would provide coverage until Dr. Jodi Fitzgerald comes to PMC in September. President Brown entertained the motion to grant privileges to Dr. Johnathan Dill and Dr. Daniel Edmonson. Regas Halandras made the motion to grant privileges to these physicians. Todd Shults, Secretary, seconded. Motion carried.

The Medical Staff recommends the Board credential the Telehealth providers through HealthOne. Mark Schryver made the motion to approve the HealthOne providers as listed for psychiatry, stroke, and behavioral health. Kai Turner, Vice President, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Todd Shults, Secretary, made the motion to approve the consent agenda as written. Mark Schryver seconded, and the motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Lionel Montoya, CFO, presented a brief report of March financials. Overall, there were 61 patient days and 93 swing bed days in March. March showed 182 paid FTEs and 169 worked FTEs. The Days Cash on Hand increased to 180 days.

Mark Schryver made the motion to approve and accept the financial reports as recommended by the PMC Finance Committee. Todd Shults, Secretary seconded, and the motion carried.

ELECTION UPDATE:

Dan Olson, Designated Election Official, presented a brief update on the May 3, 2022 election. Currently, there have been seven nominations for three open seats. The official lot drawing for candidate position on ballots is complete.

QHR UPDATE:

Eric Jones, QHR, updated the Board on the corporate initiative. Most hospitals are encountering difficulties with staffing and contract labor. QHR is piloting an initiative from a related company that would potentially yield 20-30% savings on contracted labor and relieve some of the pressure of staffing issues. The initial pilot is focused on filling RN positions, but discussion of Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Respiratory Therapist, and Laboratory Technician roles is underway. QHR is also working on building a relationship with AllScripts in addition to its relationship with MediTech.

BYLAWS REVIEW:

The motion to approve the bylaws as amended was made by Mark Schryver, seconded by Regas Halandras, and thus carried.

NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of the Eastern Rio Blanco County Health Service District Board of Directors will be held on May 24, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further questions, Regas Halandras made the motion to move into Executive Session. Mark Schryver seconded and the motion carried. The Board of Directors moved into Executive Session at 1:33 PM. At 2:30 PM, Liz Sellers, CEO was asked to leave. At 2:55 PM Liz Sellers, CEO, was asked to return. Mark Schryver made the motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Regular Board Meeting. Todd Shults seconded and the motion carried.

With no further business, Mark Schryver made the motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Todd Shults seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.

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