

Southern Coos Health District
Board of Directors Meeting
December 17, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** - The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors for Southern Coos Health District was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, David Allen.

Members Present: David Allen, Chair; Marilyn Noorda; Brian Vick; Vicki Gernandt.

Others Present: Jim Wathen, Alan Dow, Lonnie Scarborough, Dr. Janet Bates, Dr. McClave, M.D., Mike Claassen, Jeff & Joanne Lepley; James and Donna Reilly, Chris Cox, Dennis Jurgenson, Mary Kemp, Ken Bates, M.D., Carol Acklin, Paul Mounts, David Koch, Counsel; and Ellen Lafferty plus several others attending.

- II. **Public Input** – Carol Acklin said she was impressed with the hand/hygiene project and the system of information collection and analysis that occurred. The Nursing Staff is to be congratulated for attendance to this project. She then commented that she had read the Resolution 2009-02 and wanted to know when this loan was discussed with the Board? “Since it isn’t a personnel issue, it will have been discussed in a public meeting, but I haven’t missed a meeting recently and did not hear it discussed. There are often items that show up in the agenda that would normally require Board discussion and a vote, but I rarely see that.” She asked if the Board had work sessions and whether they were public? Mr. Smith asked to move the podium as it blocked the audience from seeing the Board. Mr. Mounts apologized to Board, Medical Staff, and apologized for not being active in meetings. He was disappointed that a physician was not elected to the Board. Mr. Claassen said he was proud of Marilyn Noorda and Vicki Gernandt for sticking to their agenda and that Bob Hundhausen was appointed.

Mr. Allen closed the Public Input.

- III. **Consent Agenda** – Mr. Vick **Moved** to accept the consent agenda. Ms. Noorda **Seconded**. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Staff Reports**

CEO Report – Mr. Wathen referred members to his report in their Board packet. He then informed all present that on January 12, 2010, *Passport to Chronic Wellness*, will be presented by Dr. Sandra Wilson and Stephanie Pellosi. ‘Passports’ will be handed out as attendees go through the program. March 7, 2010, is the 7th annual Women’s Health Day.

Ms. Gernandt asked when Paragon would kick off. Mr. Wathen told her the first part of July and explained how the process worked.

CFO Report – Mr. Dow said we had a good month. Inpatient services were 42% over November 2008. Discussed how Medicare pays a cost-based hospital. Property tax is more than past years and will be used to pay off loans from the Special Districts Association of Oregon.

CNO Report – Referred members to her report. Patient satisfaction came in 2 days ago and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Chief of Medical Staff – Dr. Janet Bates shared her concern of physical limitations of ER privacy. Medical Staff has started Peer Review of certain cases as a learning experience and physician interaction.

V. **Old Business**

Board Position Update - Mr. Wathen said that Mr. Hundhausen is not here and will be sworn in at January meeting.

Benchmark Reports – Are there for the Board's review.

- Infection Control

- Surgical Care Improvement Program – Mr. Wathen said SCH was the first Critical Access Hospital to participate in the State of Oregon.

VI. **New Business**

USDA Loan/Grant Closure – Mr. Wathen asked Mr. Allen to refer first item to January. We need more discussion with USDA. Mr. Allen asked if there was any objection to moving item to January. Consensus was to move to January.

Medical Staff Appointments – Mr. Wathen brought a recommendation for courtesy privileges from the Medical Staff for Richard S. Jany, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery.

Mr. Allen **Moved** to accept Dr. Jany to the Medical Staff. Ms. Noorda **Seconded** the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 8pm to go into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e). Real estate negotiations.

Mr. Allen reconvened the meeting at 8:05pm.

Mr. Allen asked for a motion.

Ms. Gernandt **Moved** to commit \$300,000 of District money as matching funds for grant applications, the purpose of which is to acquire real property or develop facilities on existing District property. Ms. Noorda **Seconded** the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **Open Discussion**

Ms. Noorda – She was impressed about the flu shots coming up and the flu shots that have been given; our lab and our surgeries are very good. She felt our hospital is doing very well.

Ms. Gernandt – Looking forward to a positive year. Wished everyone happy holidays.

Mr. Vick – Stated for the record that he is very appreciative of the staff for all the difficulties we have gone through this year. They basically worked with us and he thanked them all for doing that.

Mr. Allen – We are lean and tough and the world will learn this soon enough.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Southern Coos Health District Board will be Thursday, **January 21, 2010**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

David R. Allen, Chairman

Vicki Gernandt, Secretary