

**Southern Coos Health District
Board of Directors
Special Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022
4:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Mary Schamehorn, Secretary; Norbert Johnson, Treasurer; Tom Bedell, Director. **Attending via remote link:** Brent Bischoff, Chairman; Pamela Hansen Director Katie Raebel, WipFli, LLP. **Administration:** Raymond Hino, CEO; Jeremiah Dodrill, CFO; Scott McEachern, CIO; Dawn Gray, Clinic Manager. **Also in attendance:** Kim Russell, Executive Assistant. **Public/Press:** None present.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Public Input

1. Call to Order: Mr. Bischoff called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Quorum was met.
3. Public Input: None.

II. Consideration of Rural Health Clinic Status Feasibility Study

Jeremiah Dodrill, CFO, introduced Katie Raebel from WipFli, LLP. Ms. Raebel presented background of what is a Rural Health Clinic, including 2021 payment reform legislation and feasibility report for Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center. RHC's have a separate designation with CMS for reimbursement purposes. Criteria include: must be located in rural area, be located in a healthcare shortage-designated area, offer 51% of services as primary care, employ non-physician practitioners; one must be employed by the provider, and must meet specific availability criteria. Only mental health may be via telehealth. Southern Coos meets required criteria. 2021 legislation changed the cost based reimbursement with provider-based and independent rural clinics now all capped at the same rate as of April 1, 2021. Reimbursement is based on per-visit with the maximum rate set at \$100, to increase by \$13 per year. This reform has negatively impacted provider-based Rural Health Clinics. Unfortunately, the National Association of Rural Health supports this legislation. Using the filed 2021 Medicare Cost Report and 2020 Medicaid Cost Report to complete the analysis, under the current reform, the analysis unfortunately confirms that it is not in the best interest of Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center to pursue RHC designation at this time. Ms. Raebel reviewed minimum productivity standards required and how that effects the reimbursement formula with current SCHHC Medicare/Medicaid patient percentages. Ray Hino, CEO, will visit with his contact at the National Rural Health Association to pursue conversation regarding the effects of this legislation on Rural Health Clinics and how it conflicts with our goal to keep primary care in our rural area. Katie will forward the printed report and is available if there are any further questions.

III. Open Discussion and Adjournment

Mr. Hino informed the board that the Governance Institute board self-assessment link is now live and accessible until November 28. **Meeting adjourned 5:23 p.m.**


Brent Bischoff, Chairman 12-15-22


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