

**Nocona General Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
January 19, 2021
*Via Teleconference***

Board Members Present:

Charles May, President
Ken Koontz, Vice-President
Chris Keck, Secretary
Kristal Ferguson
Paula Webb
Ron Brown

Absent:

Cris Lemon

Hospital Administration:

Lance Meekins, CEO; Rebecca Hamilton, Admin. Assistant/HR

Others Present:

Brian Jackson, Jackson & Carter, PLLC

Meeting was called to order by President, Charles May at 12:34 PM.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Ron Brown made a motion to accept both the minutes of the December 15, 2020 board meeting as presented, and Chris Keck seconded. Charles polled those in attendance, and the motion passed unanimously.

Community Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion and Possible Vote on December 2020 Financial Statements

Lance presented the following financial information for the board's consideration:

For December the hospital finished with 39 admissions, 714 outpatient discharges, including 6 surgeries, 264 ER visits, 43 ambulance calls, 437 home health visits and 1604 clinic visits. Additionally, there were 8 observation admissions. This utilization resulted in gross revenue of \$2,285,000, exceeding budget by about 29%. The average daily census was 6.8 patients. The average length of stay was 6.0 days.

For year over year comparison:

- Gross revenue is about 5.6% over budget, although there are variances among the individual departments, and is running about 7.6% above last year.
- The ADC is matching last year
- Admissions are down about 6%
- The ALOS is up slightly, not surprising due to the COVID patients
- Outpatient discharges are up 31%
- ER visits are up 17%

- Ambulance calls are up 4%
- Obs admissions are down 19%
- O/P surgeries are down 54%
- FTE's are only up .4

On the net revenue front the hospital benefited from remaining year 4 November payments of about \$30,000. We also received two generous donations, one from the Hill family for the purchase of a blanket warmer for the ER (\$4000) and from Mr. Bartocci (\$5000 and unencumbered) who recently moved to Nocona. The allowances were booked heavily due to the increase in gross revenue, most of which is due to the extended length of stay and the expense of caring for the COVID inpatients.

Expenses again were over budget due to COVID purchases as in the past months.

Paula Webb made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, and Kristal Ferguson seconded. Charles polled those in attendance, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Calling of Election for Saturday, May 1, 2021

Chris Keck made a motion to call an election for the NGH Board of Trustees on Saturday, May 1, 2021, and Ron Brown seconded the motion. Charles polled those in attendance, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote Tuition Reimbursement Request for Matthew Womack, EMT

Matthew Womack, EMT, has requested to participate in the NGH Tuition Reimbursement Program. Matt will be continuing his education at NCTC to become a paramedic.

Ken Koontz made a motion to approve Matthew Womack's tuition reimbursement request, and Paula Webb seconded the motion. Charles polled those in attendance, and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Report

Lance presented the following update on the Coronavirus to the Board:

- Averaged about 5.4 positive results per day in December (6 per day in November)
- Tested about 12 per day (14 per day in December)
- The positive results are split about 50-50, Nocona residents and non-Nocona again
- Averaged 4.3 COVID + inpatients, up slightly from November
- First 13 days of January average COVID + inpatients is 4.9, 4 positive tests daily, down from 5.4 in December, only 1.1 positives per day for Nocona residents
- Had 19 COVID admissions in December, 2 were transferred, 2 transferred from ER
- According to State dashboard testing through Jan 7th, there had been 400 residents with a Nocona address reporting a COVID positive, 1643 countywide
- Supplies are in good shape
- Currently have 1 employee out, utilizing 1 staffing agency RN on a 13-week contract
- Still have the COVID clinic patient parking north of the clinic with tent, providers are performing visits outside to prevent utilizing clinic rooms at this time.
- The free State testing has been extended through February
- Have received 200 doses of Moderna thus far. All staff and first responders that wish to receive it will have received 1st dose by end of week (approx. 140), remaining 60 doses were distributed by staff to residents of Montague county over the age of 65. Currently awaiting additional doses which will be distributed as quickly as possible at Senior Citizen Center.

COVID	Tested	Positive	Negative
MARCH	15	0	15
APRIL	34	4	30
MAY	11	0	11
JUNE	29	5	24
JULY	60	10	50
AUGUST	103	21	82
SEPTEMBER	111	36	75
OCTOBER	278	102	176
NOVEMBER	421	183	238
DECEMBER	380	168	212
TTL	1442	529	

Medical Staff Report: Nothing to Report

Other Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 1:13 PM.

Charles May, President

Chris Keck, Secretary