

**Nocona General Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
March 15, 2022**

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Cris Lemon

Hospital Administration:

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

Medical Staff:

Len Dingler, MD

Others Present:

Brian Jackson, Jackson & Carter, PLLC

Meeting was called to order by President, Charles May at 12:33 PM.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Chris Keck made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting and Ron Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Input: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Department Update

EMS/Wellness Department Director Kennen Fleming updated the board with information from his departments.

Discussion and Possible Vote on February 2022 Financial Statements

Lance presented the following financial report to the Board:

For February the hospital finished with 31 admissions; 537 outpatient discharges, including 3 surgeries; 256 ER visits; 48 ambulance calls; 371 home health visits; and 1,280 clinic visits. Additionally, there were 10 observation admissions. As you will note, the winter storm and the shorter month impacted these utilization numbers. This utilization resulted in gross revenue of \$1,932,566, exceeding budget by about 5.5%. The average daily census was 5.2 patients with an average length of stay of 3.7 days. These utilization numbers combined with the expenses and allowances resulted in a \$373,409 loss from operations.

For year over year comparison:

- Gross revenue is exceeding budget by about 23% this year, and is up almost 17% over last year. Net revenue is up 9%, expenses are about the same.
- The ADC is up about 0.5 from last year.
- Admissions are up 16%.
- The ALOS is down .3 days.
- Outpatient discharges are up 13%.
- ER visits are up 25%.
- Ambulance calls are up 15%.
- Obs admissions are down 13%.
- O/P surgeries are up 52%.
- Clinic visits are up 10%.
- FTEs are unchanged from this time last year.

On the net revenue front the hospital benefited greatly from QIPP payments for the first quarter of year 5 (\$710,000), the monthly payments for November and December (\$55,000), and a Year 4 adjustment period (\$134,000).

Additionally, we are reserving about \$600,000 in QIPP payments until the end of the QIPP year as a safety net in case we do not fully receive our IGT payments. This is plausible as the monthly return is based on the current census of each facility, while the IGT submitted was based on 2018 census. With 2 years of COVID it is possible that a facility's census could decrease to a point that the IGT is not fully recaptured. Due to this, there are 4 facilities for which we are withholding all component 2-4 payments. If a facility is short then these funds will be used to make the hospital whole on the IGT. If this shortage does not come to fruition, then the withheld payments will be distributed as normal. Please note that approximately 43% of these withheld payments would otherwise belong to the hospital as component 2-4 payment benefit.

Supplies and expenses are well over budget as we replenished our COVID testing supplies and pharmaceuticals once again.

Paula Webb made a motion to accept the February Financial report as presented. Ken Koontz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Certification of Unopposed Candidates

Ken Koontz made a motion to certify the three unopposed candidates up for reelection: Ron Brown, Cris Lemon, and Charles May. Chris Keck Seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Cancellation of May 7, 2022 Election

Ken Koontz made a motion to cancel the May 7, 2022 election, and Paula Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Award of Proposal for Parking Addition and Fire Lane Project

We advertised for three weeks in the local paper, and our architects reached out to a couple of contractors in the Wichita Falls area to submit bids for the addition. One bid was received and opened yesterday, March 14th. The bid was for \$237,600, well above the expected cost. Architect David Hartwell recommends tabling the award until further research can be done regarding the soil/base prep work needed for the fire line.

Ron Brown made a motion to table the award of the bid until further research as recommended by Mr. Hartwell can be completed. Chris Keck seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote on the Removal (R) and Addition/Credentialing (A) of the Following RadPartners Physicians:

Carlson, Simon (R)

Hovsepian, Michael (A)

Lapidus, Robert (R)

Lucas, Joshua (R)

Newman, Barbara (R)

Paula Webb made a motion to accept these removals/additions as presented, and Kristal Ferguson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Convene to Closed Session for the Following Purposes:

- a) Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**

No Closed Session

Administrative Report

Lance presented the following report to the Board:

Coronavirus Update

- 152 Tests performed (484 January, 309 December, 203 November); 194 in February 2021
 - 32 Positive (313 January, 74 December, 25 November); 35 Positives in February 2021
 - Positives:
 - Bowie 8
 - Nocona 20
 - Saint Jo 1
 - Montague 1
 - Terral 2
 - 7 Covid+ admissions (32 January, 12 December, 7 November) resulting in 43 inpatient days
 - Nocona 4
 - Bowie 2
 - Terral 1
- 4 Vaccinated, 3 not vaccinated

March update thus far: Through the first 8 days of March, we have tested 24 with 1 positive.

Medical Staff Report: Nothing to Report

Other Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 1:23 PM.

Charles May, President

Chris Keck, Secretary