

**Nocona General Hospital  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 19, 2024**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Cris Lemon  
Kristal Ferguson

**Hospital Administration:**

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

**Medical Staff:**

Len Dingler, MD

**Others Present:**

Brian Jackson, Jackson & Carter, PLLC  
David Hartwell, BYSP Architects  
Jacob Jordan, Genesis Wellness & Pain  
Jake Wickham, Genesis Wellness & Pain

Meeting was called to order by President, Charles May at 12:36 PM.

**Approval of Previous Minutes from the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Ron Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting, with one correction, and Paula Webb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Community Input**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Presentation and Discussion: Genesis Wellness and Pain**

Lance stated that he believes the best course of action to replace Lexi Thompson's CRNA services is to contract with Genesis Wellness and Pain. Jacob Jordan was present to not only introduce their anesthesia services, but also their pain management services. Nick Rose has moved to Albany and is only coming up every 2 weeks, so if an agreement is reached with Genesis, we will no longer utilize Nick's services. We did ask Nick to present an offer to service both areas, but with him being several hours away and the possibility of needing anesthesia three days per week, it was not feasible.

As you can tell by their name, Genesis is more pain management than general anesthesia. They will most likely utilize a locum tenens group for the CRNA duties and charge us a daily rate. There has been much discussion, with more to come, on how to rearrange surgical cases to maximize the time the CRNA spends here. Now, it appears that a minimum of 3-4 cases per day will be needed to offset the daily rate.

Jabob will go into more detail at the meeting, but they are confident that the pain management services will grow and help offset the CRNA fees. They currently have contracts in Henrietta, Seymour, and Olney, with cases (combined with office visits) exceeding 70 per month.

They are paid based on a work RVU model, so currently we are vetting how that will look for us as it will require changing up our current billing methods.

**Presentation and Discussion: Caraleigh Buxie, MD**

Dr. Buxie was unable to attend.

**Discussion and Possible Vote on Approval of Final Architect Drawings for Clinic Expansion and ER Remodel**

David Hartwell brought the board up to speed on the project and presented the final plans for the renovation/clinic addition. The only item that is currently outstanding are the mechanical drawings.

Ken Koontz made a motion to approve the final drawings, and Ron Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and Possible Vote to Release for Bid Architectural Drawings for Clinic Expansion and ER Renovation**

Paula Webb made a motion to release the clinic/ER drawings for bid. Chris Keck seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and Possible Vote on February 2024 Financial Statements**

Lance presented the following report to the board:

For the month of February, the hospital had 32 admissions; 671 outpatient discharges, including 17 surgeries; 249 ER visits; 360 home health visits; and 1794 clinic visits. Additionally, there were 9 observation admissions. This utilization resulted in gross revenue of just over \$2M., exceeding budget by about 2.55% for the month while exceeding the yearly budget through 8 months by 2.8%. The average daily census was 4.2 patients with an average length of stay of 3.4 days. These utilization numbers, combined with the expenses and allowances, resulted in a \$215,377 loss from operations.

For year over year comparison: (8 months)

- Gross revenue is about 1.1% higher than last year. Expenses are up 14.5%.
- The ADC is up 0.4 patients from last year.
- Admissions are up 9%.
- The ALOS is the same.
- Outpatient discharges are up 3%.
- ER visits are down 10%.
- Ambulance calls are up 11%.
- Obs admissions are up 21%.
- O/P surgeries are up 22%.

- Clinic visits are up 3%.
- FTEs are up 0.7.
- Receipts of patient accounts are up 15% for hospital accounts, up 39% for home health and about the same in the clinics when Cooper's stats are removed.

Net operating revenue exceeded budget by 35% and 19.5% for the year, while up 16% from last year through 8 months.

Overall expenses were over budget by about 7.5% for the month and about 8% over budget for the year, mostly due to supplies, Cooper, and consultant fees.

The Hospital had a big month for QIPP with collections of about \$566,000 (net of expenses for the program). We also received year 13 advanced UC payment of about \$60,000.

Ron Brown made a motion to accept the February 2024 financials as presented, and Paula Webb seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Possible Vote on the Addition of the Following RadPartners Physicians:**

<b>Roshon Amin, MD</b>	<b>John Lampe, MD</b>
<b>David Pilkinton, MD</b>	<b>Nelson Uzquiano, MD</b>

Paula Webb made a motion to approve the addition of these physicians, and Ken Koontz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Agreement with Oakmont Guest Care Center Detailing Operational and Financial Responsibilities During Nursing Home License Transfer in Order to Participate in the Quality Incentive Payment Program**

Gamble Guest Care has requested the hospital provide interim bridge financing during the CHOW process for its Oakmont Guest Care Center facility. As you know, once a CHOW is initiated all Medicare/Medicaid payments are put on hold until completion of the CHOW, normally a 4–6-month process. They are requesting \$1M in funds during this process which correlates to about 4-5 months of their normal operations. They have agreed to beat our current average investment portfolio return of about 5.2%.

Chris Keck made a motion to approve the agreement with Oakmont Guest Care Center, and Paula Webb seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Possible Vote on Capital Purchase: Evident Interface for Wolters Kluwer Senti7 AUR Reporting to Meet Requirements for Promoting Interoperability Measures (Formerly Meaningful Use)**

Ken Koontz made a motion to approve the Capital Purchase as presented. Paula Webb seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Possible Vote on Genesis Wellness & Pain Contract**

Paula Webb made a motion to approve the contract with Genesis Wellness & Pain, with the following correction in section 4.2: "...upon providing **ninety** (90) days written notice...". Ken Koontz seconded, and the 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**

No additional information to report.

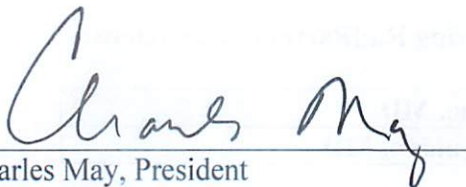
**Medical Staff Report**

Nothing to Report.

**Other Business**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 2:29 PM.



Charles May, President



Chris Keck, Secretary