

**MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SWEETWATER COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND GENERAL MEDICAL STAFF**

August 22, 2017

The Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County met in special session with the General Medical Staff on August 22, 2017, at 6:00 PM with Dr. Barbara Sowada presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Sowada called the meeting to order, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, and confirmed that there was a quorum present. The following members were present: Mr. Taylor Jones, Mr. Marty Kelsey, Dr. Barbara Sowada, and Mr. Ed Tardoni. Excused: Mr. Richard Mathey.

Officially present: Mr. Irene Richardson, CFO & Interim CEO; Dr. David Dansie, Medical Staff President; Mr. John Kolb, Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners.

Guests: Ms. Suzan Campbell, Chief Legal Executive/General Counsel; Dr. Kristy Nielson, Chief Nursing Officer; and members of the General Medical Staff.

WELCOME MEDICAL STAFF AND NEW BOARD MEMBER

Dr. Sowada requested a change in the agenda. The motion to delete the Executive Session and change the order to place New Business earlier in the agenda was made by Mr. Jones; second by Mr. Kelsey. Motion carried.

Dr. Sowada welcomed new Trustee, Mr. Kelsey, and said he was a former Chief Financial Officer at Western Wyoming Community College. She said he brings to the Board a wealth of financial experience and Board experience. Dr. Sowada welcomed to the meeting the Medical Staff in attendance and invited each person to introduce himself/herself by name and specialty/role.

NEW BUSINESS

University of Wyoming Contract

Ms. Suzan Campbell asked Dr. Kristy Nielson to review the University of Wyoming Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing Clinical Adjunct Faculty Agreement. Dr. Nielson said the agreement allows a partnership between the University of Wyoming and the Hospital. It provides for adjunct faculty to teach nursing students at MHSC. It has been in place for 10-11 years with no changes and it has been renewed every two years. The University usually sends out the renewal paperwork two months before the expiration but due to various issues, this was not done in a timely manner. The current agreement expires August 31. Dr. Nielson said students are scheduled to start at the Hospital on September 7. Ms. Campbell shared some concerns she had regarding the language in the contract and added she does not have any concerns regarding the intent of the agreement. Mr. John Kolb referenced Wyoming Statute §18-8-301 and said it is always best to err on the side of caution with agreements. He said they should be reviewed by the

Sweetwater County Attorney's office to see if this is something the Board of County Commissioners must approve. Ms. Campbell will re-draft the agreement to present to the Board of Trustees for review at their September 6 regular meeting. She will communicate with the Board if anything causing concern comes up before then. Ms. Campbell will communicate with the County Attorney's office.

REPORTS

Medical Staff Update

Dr. David Dansie reported the General Medical Staff and departments did not meet in July.

Hospital Update

Ms. Irene Richardson announced we are so pleased to have Dr. Cody Christensen, Urology, with us. She thanked everyone for help at the recent fair and reminded everyone to attend the open house August 24. Ms. Richardson said The Joint Commission visited to conduct a hospital survey August 21 and 22. Ms. Richardson reviewed a financial power point presentation. She said we are focused on the budget and the need to increase revenue. She said we are pleased with expenses continuing to decrease. Dr. Sowada thanked Ms. Richardson.

Board Update

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Sowada thanked Ms. Richardson, the physicians, and the staff for turning things around in a new direction. She said that because we did not default on the bond covenants, we kept the hospital in community hands. Dr. Sowada repeated the importance and focus on increasing volume and decreasing expenses. She said the Board has been busy. She reviewed activities, announced new officers, and reviewed committee assignments. Dr. Sowada thanked the staff for the picnic August 19. She said The Joint Commission was so complimentary of the quality of care at the hospital. Mr. Tardoni commented on public relations efforts and expressed his appreciation for physician participation in events.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.



Mr. Richard Mathey, President

Attest:



Mr. Marty Kelsey, Secretary