

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF OAK VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION**

**February 7, 2019, 5:30p.m.
1425 West H Street, Oakdale, CA 95361
Royal Oak Conference Room**

Board

Dan Cummins, Chair Person
Louise Sanders, Vice-Chair Person
Jim Teter, Director
Edward Chock, M.D., Director
Chaitanya "Chet" Mahida, M.D., Director

Excused Absence:

Staff

John McCormick, President and CEO
Ann Croskrey, CFO
David Rodrigues, V.P., Administrative Services
Jo Saporito, R.N., V.P., Director of Nursing
Brian Beck, V.P., Human Resources
Dave Hiatt, V.P., Oakdale Nursing & Rehab. Ctr.
Chang Ahn, Controller

Excused Absence:

Deborah Dunaj, R.N., V.P., Quality & Risk Mgmt.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The District Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Chair Person Cummins at 5:30p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment read.

ADDITION OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

Dan Cummins, Board Chair Person made the motion that the following open session agenda item:

Discussion regarding the Water Exercise Therapy Class (W.E.T.)

be added to the February 7, 2019 Meeting of the Board of Directors agenda as an Open Session item, as this item arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda for this Board meeting."

Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

AYES: Cummins, Sanders, Teter, Chock

NOES:

ABSTAINED: Mahida

ABSENT:

MOTION CARRIED

INTRODUCTION

Bruce Blackhart, M.D., Chief of Staff

Dan Cummins, Board Chair Person introduced Bruce Blackhart, M.D. as the new Chief of Staff. Doctor Blackhart's term will be for a two-year period. (2019-2020)

CHAIR PERSON REPORT

- Dan Cummins, Chair Person

Discussion regarding the Water Exercise Therapy Class (W.E.T.)

Dan Cummins, Board Chair Person stated the Board is aware of the many health benefits provided by the W.E.T. program but explained that specific laws prohibit these classes to continue due to a conflict of interest issue that arose involving a newly elected Board member. We are looking into alternative plans and our goal is to seek other options until we have reached a solution. This subject is now open to public comment.

Public Comments

There were 9 community members that provided comments on discussion of the Water Exercise Therapy (W.E.T.) program. Their concerns consisted of the following:

1. The W.E.T. classes provided many health benefits.
2. Regret that the W.E.T. class will no longer be available.
3. Question regarding physician interests in other contracts.
4. Question regarding bond funds.
5. Requests for Board assistance to find alternative options to maintain the W.E.T. Classes.
6. Question regarding awareness of the conflict of interest issue prior to Election of new Board Member.
7. Request to provide written legal opinion regarding donation of the facility and non-compliance with laws.

The Board responded to inquiries and comments from the public and restated that legal counsel was obtained regarding conflict of interest Laws surrounding the W.E.T. Program. It was clarified that laws regarding contracts with Physician Board Members falls under a necessity exemption statute which differs from the laws pertaining to the W.E.T. program. The Hospital Facebook Page will contain status updates regarding the W.E.T. program. The question regarding Bond funds was not an agenda item and not discussed due to Brown Act regulations. Dr. Chaitanya Mahida recused himself from answering when asked if he was aware of this conflict of interest prior to running for the Board membership. John McCormick agreed to confer with legal counsel before providing a written legal opinion concerning donation of the facility for the W.E.T. program.

The Board assured the public in attendance that they understand the vital importance of the W.E.T. program and have been actively investigating other options and will continue to do so until a solution is found.

Change Placement of Agenda Item

At the request of the Board Chair Person, the Board agreed to place the agenda item MEDICAL STAFF REPORT prior to the CONSENT CALENDAR agenda item.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT – Bruce Blackhart, M.D., Chief of Staff

The following forms, policies, manuals and reports have been revised to meet current required The Joint Commission and CMS standards. They have been thoroughly reviewed by the Standards Committee and appropriate Medical Staff Committees.

The Medical Executive Committee requests the District Board's approval of the following items forwarded from the December 10, 2018 meeting.

Delineation of Privileges

- i. Anesthesiology Privilege form

The Medical Executive Committee requests the District Board's approval of the following items forwarded from the January 22, 2019 meeting.

Forms/Policies

The following forms and policies have been revised to meet current required The Joint Commission and CMS standards. They have been thoroughly reviewed by the Policy, Procedures and Forms (PPF) Committee and appropriate Medical Staff Committees.

Clinical Policies & Procedures

- i. Blood Products Procedure

Edward Chock, M.D. made the motion to approve the Medical Staff Report. Chaitanya "Chet" Mahida, MD made the second. No public input.

Aye: Cummins, Sanders, Teter, Chock, Mahida

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items 1-4 will be acted on by one action, with discussion, unless a Director or other person requests that an item be considered separately. In the event of such a request, the item will be addressed, considered and acted upon separately.

1. Patient Care Services

Joann Saporito, R.N., Vice President, Nursing Services

2. Oakdale Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Report

David Hiatt, V.P., Oakdale Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

3. Approval of Administrative Policies - None

4. Approval of Minutes

- December 12, 2018
- January 17, 2019

Jim Teter made the motion to approve all Consent Calendar items. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

Aye: Cummins, Teter, Sanders, Chock, Mahida
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Report for November 2018 & December 2018

Ann Croskrey presented the November 2018 and December 2018 Financial Report. For the months of November & December the District posted a profit on operations before new hospital expenses of \$370,000 in November and \$362,000 in December. After deducting new hospital expenses and adding non-operating income we finished the first 6 months of the year with a year-to-date net income of \$1.472 million, which is \$521,000 better than our budget. The year-to-date EBIDA was at 13.8% and our days of cash on hand are at 116 days.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve the Financial Reports for November 2018 and December 2018. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

Aye: Cummins, Teter, Sanders, Chock, Mahida
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIR PERSON REPORT

Chair Person Comments

Chair Person Cummins reiterated the importance of the W.E.T. classes and requested the Administrative staff to inform him of any possible alternative options that would assist in continuing this program.

Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee to Review Revisions to Human Resources Documents

John McCormick stated that this committee would be reviewing the Employee Handbook for necessary revisions. Louise Sanders (Chairperson) and Dr. Chaitanya "Chet" Mahida were chosen to serve on this Ad Hoc Committee.

Edward Chock, M.D. made the motion to appoint Louise Sanders and Chaitanya "Chet" Mahida, M.D. to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Revisions to Human Resources Documents. Jim Teter made the second. No public input.

Aye: Cummins, Teter, Sanders, Chock, Mahida
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Approve Hospital Email Accounts for Board Members

Hospital email accounts for Board Members was discussed and approved.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve Hospital Email Accounts for Board Members. Louise Sanders made the second. No public input.

Aye: Cummins, Teter, Sanders, Chock, Mahida

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Edward Chock, M.D. left the meeting at 6:29pm.

Resolution 2019-02 Approval and Validation of Contracts In Which An Officer Has An Interest (Health & Safety Code Sec. 32111 and Gov. Code Sec. 1090)

- John McCormick, President & CEO

Recommended Action to Validate Emergency Department Coverage Agreement to Provide Surgical Call with Edward Chock, M.D., dated February 6, 2018.

Resolution 2019-03 Approval and Validation of Contracts In Which An Officer Has An Interest (Health & Safety Code Sec. 32111 and Gov. Code Sec. 1090)

- John McCormick, President & CEO

Recommended Action to Validate Peer Review Services Agreement with Edward Chock, M.D.

Jim Teter made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 and Resolution 2019-03. Louise Sanders made the second. No public input.

Roll Call by Jill Andersen, Clerk of the Board:

Dan Cummins - Aye

Louise Sanders – Aye

Jim Teter – Aye

Chaitanya “Chet” Mahida, MD - Aye

Edward Chock, M.D. – Absent

MOTION CARRIED

Edward Chock, M.D. returned to the meeting at 6:31pm.

Chaitanya "Chet" Mahida, M.D. left the meeting at 6:31pm.

Resolution 2019-04 Approval and Validation of Contracts In Which An Officer Has An Interest (Health & Safety Code Sec. 32111 and Gov. Code Sec. 1090)

- John McCormick, President & CEO

Recommended Action to Validate Peer Review Services Agreement with Chaitanya Mahida, M.D.

Jim Teter made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-04. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

Roll Call by Jill Andersen, Clerk of the Board:

Dan Cummins - Aye

Louise Sanders – Aye

Jim Teter – Aye

Edward Chock, M.D. – Aye

Chaitanya "Chet" Mahida, M.D. - Absent

MOTION CARRIED

Chaitanya "Chet" Mahida, M.D. returned to the meeting at 6:33pm.

PRESIDENT AND CEO REPORT

- John McCormick, President and Chief Executive Officer

Purchase of Colonoscopy Unit Not to Exceed \$35,000

The current Colonoscopy Unit used for G.I. procedures is an older unit and is requiring replacement.

Jim Teter made the motion to purchase a new Colonoscopy Unit not to exceed \$35,000.

Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input

Aye: Cummins, Teter, Sanders, Chock, Mahida

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Dispose of Colonoscopy Unit for a \$2,000 Credit

Approval to obtain a \$2,000 credit for the old Colonoscopy Unit is requested.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve disposal of the old Colonoscopy Unit for a \$2,000 credit.

Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input

Aye: Cummins, Teter, Sanders, Chock, Mahida

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Approval for the Community Update Newsletter Not to Exceed \$33,000

Approval of a Community Update Newsletter at a cost not to exceed \$33,000 was requested. This newsletter would inform the community of the status of the District. It will be a brochure mailed out to each resident.

Edward Chock, M.D. made a motion to approve a Community Update Newsletter not to exceed \$33,000. Jim Teter made the second. No public input.

Aye: Cummins, Teter, Sanders, Chock, Mahida

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Health Information Exchange - Agreement to Participate with County on A Health Information Exchange for the Ambulance Services (Emergency Medical Services)

Approval was requested to participate with Stanislaus County Health Information Exchange for Ambulance Services. This agreement would allow our ambulance drivers to access patient information from other facilities to improve quality of patient care. The Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) has asked for our support in submission of a Grant to assist with the cost of this program. Our cost would be \$75,000 with possible reimbursement of \$25,000, if the grant is accepted.

Dr. Mahida made the motion to approve participation in the Health Information Exchange Agreement. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input

Aye: Cummins, Teter, Sanders, Chock, Mahida

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

Family Support Network

The Family Support Network (FNS) was a finalist for the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards for community service. While they did not win, congratulations are in order for Shellie LaMar, Manager of FNS and her outstanding staff.

Update on Telemedicine Project – Progress Report

The current telemedicine contract expires on June 30, 2019. The robot is currently used for neurological/stroke patients in the Emergency Room. We are looking into new equipment and possibly other services. This is information only, no action needed at this time.

Update on Emergency Room/Outpatient Registration System

Two firms are being considered to provide an online registration system. A request for Board approval to pursue this marketplace will be forthcoming.

Update on District's New Website

The new District Website is now operational. Access to the patient portal or the ability to pay a bill is now available through our new Website.

Update on Various Construction Projects

The new sleep quarters for the Hospitalists has been completed. The security door between the old hospital and new hospital with access only via hospital badges is operational. Additional security options are being discussed. The new tile flooring in the Med/Surg. area was installed and has been well received.

Legislative Update

- Update on Legislative Issues Involving Local, State & District Hospitals

Stanislaus County is preparing to bid out for Ambulance services but has decided not to include healthcare Districts within the County that offer ambulance services.

The state will begin adding individuals under that age of 26 to state-only-funded Medi-Cal services at a cost of \$134 million to the state General fund.

Committee appointments in the health care area for the State Assembly did not show much change. Two of the individuals assigned have District Hospitals in their zone.

District Hospital Leadership Forum – The concern is that the Governor has not allocated any money for the Districts from Proposition 55 (Millionaire's Tax) to offset low reimbursements to hospitals by Medi-Cal. The District hospitals were scheduled to receive \$7 million/year from this tax so further action will be warranted.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Jim Teter made the motion to adjourn to closed session. Doctor Chock made the second.

The Oak Valley Hospital District Board meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:50p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board meeting minutes for December 12, 2018 were approved.

Medical Staff Credentials Reports - Approved

Environment of Care Report - Presented

Quality Report – Long Term Care – Presented

Quality Improvement Report – No Report

Conferences with Labor Negotiators – Update presented.

Conferences with Real Property Negotiators – Update presented.

Report on Trade Secrets. – Presented.

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ADJOURNMENT

Jim Teter made the motion to adjourn the District Board of Directors meeting. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Recorder: Jill Andersen, Clerk of the Board.

APPROVED: _____
Edward Chock, M.D., Board Secretary

DATE: _____