

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

**March 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.

**Public Comments**

Ms. Sue Field addressed the Board on behalf of the members of the W.E.T. Program (Water Exercise Therapy Program) inquiring about the status of this program and the hospital reaching out to the City Council to discuss pool options for this class. The Board Chair Person invited those in attendance to stay until this item is discussed by John McCormick during the President and C.E.O. Report as it is on the open agenda.

**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 Report**

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**

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

Aye: Cummins, Teter, Sanders, Chock, Mahida

Nay:

Abstain:

Oak Valley Hospital District  
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**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADDITION OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM**

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

**Ratification of 1 Year Proposed United Steel Workers Union Contract for Acute Care Employees**

be added to the March 7, 2019 Meeting of the Board of Directors agenda as an Open Session item under the President and C.E.O. Report, 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, Mahida  
NOES:  
ABSTAINED:  
ABSENT:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Financial Report for January 2019**

Ann Croskrey presented the January 2019 Financial Report. During the month of January the District posted a profit on operations before new hospital expenses of \$1.2 million. The year-to-date EBIDA was at 14.9% and our days of cash on hand are at 115 days.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve the Financial Reports for January 2019. Louise Sanders made the second. No public input.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Charity Care**

John reported on two Charity Care cases that met the criteria. The total amount of these two cases is \$3,372.89.

Louise Sanders made the motion to approve the Charity Care cases totaling \$3,372.89. Chet Mahida, M.D. made the second. No public input.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**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 February 26, 2019 meeting.**

Forms

- i. Form0913 History & Physical Examination Request
- ii. Form0914 Assessment of Late-Career Practitioner
- iii. Form0915 Authorization for Use and Discloser of Medical/Psychiatric/Psychological Info

Administrative Policies & Procedures

- i. Assessing the Late-Career Practitioners

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

Aye: Cummins, Sanders, Teter, Chock, Mahida

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CHAIR PERSON REPORT**

**Chair Person Comments**

Chair Person Cummins commented that he shares in the excitement of the future building of a pool for the W.E.T. program. He is in favor of the joint project with the City. Chair Person Cummins stated the Hospital had another very successful month due to diversification of services that have been implemented within the last several years and thanked the employees for their continued efforts.

**PRESIDENT AND CEO REPORT**

- John McCormick, President and Chief Executive Officer

**Water Aerobics Program (W.E.T. Program)**

John reported that several alternative options for this program were investigated prior to last month’s Board meeting. The Hospital Administration has reached out to the City of Oakdale and will be working in conjunction with the City to build an indoor pool for the W.E.T. classes. In turn, this pool could be utilized to host a variety of classes that would benefit the community. John thanked Bryan Whitemyer, City Manager for his optimism and cooperation regarding this project. The goal is to have this project presented with a recommendation for approval at the April 2019 Board meeting.

Public Comment:

Ms. Kathleen Westenberg commented that she had also been in contact with the City and felt the Mayor was quite agreeable to the idea of building an indoor pool and stated she is grateful the Board is considering this idea for the benefit of the community.

**Ratification of 1 Year Proposed United Steel Workers Union Contract for Acute Care Employees**

Ratification of a 1-Year proposed United Steel Workers Union contract for acute care employees was recommended for Board approval Retroactive to January 27, 2019. Ann Croskrey, CFO and an assist from David Rodrigues, V.P., Administrative Services were thanked by John McCormick for their efforts in the negotiation process.

Approved terms:

1 year contract

2.5% annual increase with a minimum of 0.50 cents per hour.

Retroactive to January 27, 2019.

Adjustments to individuals with incongruent wage rates to align hourly pay based on years of experience.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve ratification of the 1-Year Proposed United Steel Workers Contract for Acute Care Employees. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second.

Aye: Cummins, Sanders, Teter, Chock, Mahida

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Telemedicine Update**

Another favorable meeting was held with Washington Township Hospital regarding constructing physician relationships in numerous formats. Jo Saporito, R.N., V.P., Nursing Services and David Rodrigues, V.P., Administrative Services will be attending a Conference regarding development of a telemedicine department. The possibility of their physicians coming to our Hospital to perform specific procedures was also discussed. The best reimbursement mechanism still needs to be determined. Possible discounts for employees of either organization was also discussed.

**Legislative Update**

Surprise billing is an important issue that needs to be diminished. This occurs when patients receive unexpected bills due to medical emergencies and undisclosed gaps in health insurance coverage. This is being reviewed by both State and Federal legislators.

The State of California introduced over 2,700 Bills for the 2019 Legislative Session. Many of the newly introduced bills will be Placeholders or "Spot Bills". Senate Bill 343, sponsored by Dr. Pan of Sacramento would require Kaiser Permanente to report in greater detail medical trends that are factoring into rate increases for additional transparency requirements.

Members of the District Hospital Leadership Forum (DHLF) visited Washington, D.C. last week and met with the staff of the Speaker of the House, the Minority Leader of the House, both Senators and our newly elected Congressman, Josh Harder. It is very important to keep Legislators educated and aware of the needs of the Rural Hospital sector.

**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 6:02p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board meeting minutes for February 7, 2019 were approved.

Medical Staff Credentials Reports – Approved.

Quality Report – Long Term Care – Presented.

Quality Improvement Report – Presented.

President and C.E.O. Report – Personnel Issues.

Conferences with Labor Negotiators – Updates presented.

Conferences with Real Property Negotiators – Update presented.

Report on Trade Secrets. – Presented.

Liability Claim of Sheila Pederson was discussed – Claim was rejected.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jim Teter made the motion to adjourn the District Board of Directors meeting. Louise Sanders made the second.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Recorder: Jill Andersen, Clerk of the Board.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward Chock, M.D., Board Secretary

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_