

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF OAK VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
OPEN SESSION  
March 4, 2021, 5:30p.m.  
1425 West H Street, Oakdale, CA 95361  
Royal Oak Conference Room**

**Board**

Dan Cummins, Chair Person  
Louise Sanders, Vice-Chairperson  
Jim Teter, Director  
Edward Chock, M.D., Director

**Staff**

John McCormick, President & C.E.O.  
Ann Croskrey, CFO  
Andrea Stark, M.D., Chief of Staff

**Excused Absence**

Chet Mahida, M.D., Director

**Via Teleconference:**

Jo Saporito, R.N., V.P., Nursing Services  
David Rodrigues, V.P., Administrative Services  
Deborah Dunaj, R.N., V.P., Quality & Risk Mgmt.  
Dave Hiatt, V.P., Oakdale Nursing & Rehab. Ctr.

**CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment read. No public in attendance.

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

Cummins – Aye  
Sanders – Aye  
Teter – Aye  
Chock – Aye  
Mahida – Absent

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MEDICAL STAFF REPORT – Andrea Stark, M.D., Chief of Staff**

**The Medical Executive Committee requests the District Board’s approval of the following items forwarded from the February 16, 2021 meetings:**

**A. Forms**

- i. Form0866-Comprehensive Surgical Checklist
  - Addition of Room Temperature and Humidity requirement prior to each case

**B. Policies**

**Community Health Centers Manual**

- i. Preparation and Inspection of the RHINO-LARYNGOFIBERSCOPE for ENT
- ii. Transporting RHINO- LARYNGOFIBERSCOPE

**Oakdale Nursing and Rehabilitation Manual - J. Saporito, VP Nursing**

- i. ONRC-Skin Assessments using the Braden Scale-Retire

**C. Nominations**

- i. 2021-2022 Department of Surgery Chair and Vice Chair
  - James Shu, MD Accept Chair Nomination
  - Matthew L Tilstra, Accepted Vice Chair Nomination
- ii. 2021-2022 Credentialing Committee Surgery representative
  - Dr Shu will serve on the Credentials Committee as Chair of Surgery
  - Dr. Tilstra will serve on the Credentials Committee as a Surgery Representative

Louise Sanders made the motion to approve the Medical Staff Report. Jim Teter made the second. No public input.

Cummins – Aye

Sanders – Aye

Teter – Aye

Chock – Aye

Mahida – Absent

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Financial Report for January 2021**

Ann Croskrey, CFO presented the January 2021 Financial Report. During the month of January we had higher than normal acute in-patient volumes and lower than normal out-patient volumes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The total patient revenue was just \$100,000 under budget. Acute care staffing was stretched thin with high volumes and some staff out sick. However, during the month of January the District still posted a profit on operations before the new hospital expenses of \$744,000. Our EBIDA was at 14.1% in January. Year-to-date EBIDA at the end of January was 10.6% as compared to 13.4% at the end of January last year. Our days of cash on hand for the month of January was 74 days.

Louise Sanders made the motion to approve the Financial Reports for January 2021. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

Cummins – Aye  
Sanders – Aye  
Teter – Aye  
Chock – Aye  
Mahida – Absent

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CHAIR PERSON REPORT – Dan Cummins, Chairperson**

**Chair Person Comments**

Chair Person Cummins commented that he continues to be amazed at how well our hospital is performing during this Pandemic. He is pleased we have met the mandatory Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supply stock pile requirements.

**PRESIDENT AND CEO REPORT - John McCormick, President and Chief Executive**

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

After lengthy discussions a decision was reached and ratified by the employees for salary increases of the greater of \$.42 per hour or 2.25%. This increase would be effective retroactively with the pay period beginning January 24, 2021. This is a one-year agreement.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve Ratification of 1 Year Proposed United Steel Workers Union Contract for Acute Care Employees. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

Cummins – Aye  
Sanders – Aye  
Teter – Aye  
Chock – Aye  
Mahida – Absent

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Price Increases**

Recommendation for Board approval to raise Emergency Room rates 8% for higher levels cases. No raise to lower level cases. The price increase will be effective early July 2021.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve an Emergency Room Price Increase of 8% for higher level cases, effective early July 2021. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

Cummins – Aye  
Sanders – Aye  
Teter – Aye  
Chock – Aye  
Mahida – Absent

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C.E.O. Report – Employee Health Insurance**

Employee health insurance costs were reviewed and discussed. Medical insurance and Pharmacy cost savings were bid out for potential reductions with much success and at little or no cost to our employees. The savings will be \$330,000 per year with no change to coverage. This program will also reduce the cost of medications for employees at an additional savings of \$70,000 per year for a total savings of \$400,000 per year.

**Update on COVID-19**

The County of Stanislaus is still considered high risk for COVID-19. When the Pandemic began the initial focus was on ICU beds then equipment and then staffing. OVHD experienced 35% of employees missing work due to COVID-19. We are expecting another surge in April after the Easter Holiday. A 4<sup>th</sup> ventilator machine was ordered last July and arrived last month. Andrea Stark, M.D., Chief of Staff was thanked for her assistance in obtaining the additional ventilator. A portable telemetry system was implemented and was very beneficial when adjusting the ICU capacity. John recognized and thanked the employees for performing above and beyond the call of duty in various capacities. Blue Shield will be overseeing the vaccination project. Rapid testing at the Clinics has decreased by two-thirds. We are considering providing rapid testing as a community out-reach program. Testing of our employees and residents is still costing \$100,000/month but changing to rapid testing is under discussion as it would reduce this cost significantly. The percentage of hospital employees receiving the vaccination has increased. Continued challenges are expected within the State vaccination project.

**Legislative Update (distributed at meeting)**

To date, our hospital has received no funds from the State for COVID-19. The State continues to have problems with vaccination distribution. The Senate announced this week that they are considering approving funds to Rural Hospitals. Our hospital is classified as an Urban Hospital so we would not be eligible to receive these funds. However, funds through the CARES Act are still available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jim Teter made the motion to adjourn to closed session. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second.

Cummins – Aye  
Sanders – Aye  
Teter – Aye  
Chock – Aye  
Mahida – Absent

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Oak Valley Hospital District meeting was adjourned to closed session at 5:55p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board meeting minutes - Approved

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Medical Staff Credentials Reports – Approved

President & CEO Report – Presented

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Long Term Care) – Reported

Conference with Labor Negotiator (I.A.E.P. & N.A.G.E.) – Reported

Conferences with Real Property Negotiators – Update presented.

Report Involving Trade Secret - Reported

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Cummins – Aye  
Sanders – Aye  
Teter – Aye  
Chock – Aye  
Mahida – Absent

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 6:27p.m.

Recorder: Jill Andersen, Clerk of the Board.

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

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