

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF OAK VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
OPEN SESSION
July 1, 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
Chet Mahida, M.D., Director

Staff

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

Via Teleconference:

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

Excused Absence:

Jo Saporito, R.N., V.P., Nursing Services

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 -

- June 3, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Louise Sanders 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 – Aye

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 June 15, 2021 meetings:

Andrea Stark, M.D., Chief of Staff requested approval of the following Policies, Forms and the new Dialysis Program service line.

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.

Policies

- A. Clinical Manual
 - i. Management of Sepsis (Severe) & Septic Shock in the Adult Patient

- B. Health Information Management
 - i. Electronic Signatures

- C. Infection Control Manual
 - i. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Screening and Administration

OTHER

- D. Reference Guideline
 - i. Empiric Antibiotic Selection

Edward Chock, M.D. made the motion to approve the June 15, 2021 Medical Staff Report. Chet Mahida, M.D. made the second. No public input.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Report for May 2021

Ann Croskrey, CFO presented the May 2021 Financial Report. During the month of May the District saw significant increases in their outpatient volumes. Thus, our gross revenue exceeded last year’s May revenue by 24%. Assisted by a one-time grant from the state of \$414,000, the District posted a profit on operations before the new hospital expenses of \$1.521 million. The year-to-date EBIDA was at 24.9%, bringing the year-to-date EBIDA to 14.2%. Accounts receivable gross days were at 49 and our days of cash on hand were at 63 days. This lower number of days of cash on hand reflects the large transfer of money we made during April in exchange for future “lobby dollars”. The days of cash on hand will rebound for fiscal year-end as in mid-June; we just received \$13 million back from the state during June.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve the Financial Reports for May 2021. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

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

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIR PERSON REPORT – Dan Cummins, Chairperson

Chair Person Comment

No Report.

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

Edward Chock, M.D. left the meeting at 5:35pm and returned at 5:40pm.

Edward Chock, M.D. – Computer Network Agreement

Board approval is recommended to renew the Computer Network Agreement for Edward Chock, M.D. for a 3-year period with a revised monthly cost that reflects our cost to provide the service.

Jim Teter made the recommendation to approve a 3-year renewal of the Computer Network Agreement with revised monthly cost. Chet Mahida, M.D. made the second. No public input.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approval to Purchase 3-D Mammography not to exceed \$280,000 with funding coming from the Bond funds

This agenda item was deferred to allow continued negotiations with various vendors.

Approval to Purchase Lab Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$27,000 for an Incubator like Machine for Sepsis Patients

Board approval is recommended to purchase an “incubator like” Machine for Sepsis Patients at a cost not to exceed \$27,000. There has been a significant increase in the volume of sepsis testing and we need enhanced equipment.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve the purchase of an “Incubator like” Machine for Sepsis Patients at a cost not to Exceed \$27,000. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second.

Recommendation for Board approval to trade in the old equipment for \$2,500.

Amended Motion:

Jim Teter made an amended motion to approve the purchase of an “Incubator like” Machine for Sepsis Patients at a cost not to exceed \$27,000 with a trade-in of the old equipment for \$2,500. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approval to Purchase Lab Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$27,000 to Replace an Analyzer that is over 15 years old

Board approval is recommended to replace a 15-year old Analyzer at a cost not to exceed \$27,000. The cost will include training and a warranty.

Louise Sanders made the motion to approve the purchase of a replacement Analyzer at a cost not to exceed \$27,000. Jim Teter made the second. No public input.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approval to Repair Underground Fuel Storage Tanks at a cost not to exceed \$175,000, if acceptable by the Trustee the funds will come from the Bond funds

Board approval is recommended to repair 2 underground Fuel Storage Tanks using Bond funds at a cost not to exceed \$175,000. Fuel Storage tanks are required for County certification of the Hospital.

Jim Teter made the motion to repair the underground Fuel Storage Tanks using Bond funds at a cost not to exceed \$175,000. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approval - Department Managers Annual Salary Increase of 2.25%

Recommendation for Board approval of a 2.25% salary increase for Department Managers retroactive to January 24, 2021. This recommendation does not include the President & C.E.O. or Vice Presidents.

Louise Sanders made them motion to approve a 2.25% salary increase for Department Managers.
Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Edward Chock, M.D. left the meeting at 5:52pm and returned at 5:59pm.

Update on Anesthesia Program

Our current Anesthesia group has decided to extend their original resignation date of August 31st to October 31st, with the agreement that only 1 physician will be required for anesthesia coverage Monday through Friday. On a permanent basis, there has been an inquiry from a relatively local group with whom we are in conversation with at this time. Utilizing the use of Non-M.D. coverage and obtaining Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists has been considered. This would be more cost effective but will not be M.D. coverage. An Anesthesiologist, as an M.D. has authority to cancel a surgical case if they do not feel comfortable. A Nurse Anesthetist does not have the authority to cancel surgical cases as they are not an M.D. so there is a loss of the check & balance system. The Medical Staff would be requested to re-approve the Nurse Anesthetist position if there is a need to go in this direction. The change would also require Board approval.

Director Teter left the meeting at 6:00pm and returned at 6:05pm. Board meeting business continued during Director Teter’s absence.

Update on Dialysis Program

Training of our nursing staff has been completed by Washington Township Hospital. The staff was prepared to begin the program but the Medical Director, Dr. Santos has taken an emergency leave of absence for 1 month.

Update on Stroke Program

The Emergency Department Physicians and Nurses have completed training for the Stroke Program. We are not completing the required policies. The Speech Therapist will be coordinating with Ambulance Services as part of the program.

COVID-19 Update (distributed at meeting)

Due to a positive test by an employee in long term care, it was thought we were required to go back to the more expensive testing scenario. The County was requested to submit their requirements in writing regarding this situation but we were informed the County only provides recommendations. It was decided to use the more expensive testing route. A patient in the E.R. tested positive for COVID-19 so rapid testing was used for the healthcare providers involved. Offering additional employee behavioral health assistance programs to our employees is being considered due to being subjected to enormous stress regarding COVID-19.

Legislative Update (distributed at meeting)

California Assembly Bill 650 (“Hero Pay”) regarding salary increases for medical professionals has been put into suspension until next year.

State legislature set September 14th as the date to vote on the recall of Governor Gavin Newsome. During review of recall laws by the Courts an opening was discovered, which allowed an earlier date to be set to vote. Initially, the date was expected to occur later this year.

CMS (Medicare) intends to require hospitals to begin reporting vaccination rates for their clinical staff beginning October 1. The industry Associations will be working to block this request.

AB 72 - Balance Billing (Surprise Billing) regarding non-covered services (i.e., Emergency Room Physician; Radiologist). This Bill was recently passed and is expected to be implemented by January 1, 2022.

The Health and Human Resources Department is receiving strong encouragement to allow hospitals more time to spend COVID-19 emergency relief funds. Our hospital is in compliance with the requirements that justify receiving CARES Act funds during the pandemic.

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 – Aye

MOTION CARRIED

The Oak Valley Hospital District meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:10p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board meeting minutes - Approved

- June 3, 2021 (Regular Meeting)

President & CEO Report – Presented
Conferences with Real Property Negotiators – Presented
Report on Trade Secrets – Presented

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Recorder: Jill Andersen, Clerk of the Board.

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

DATE: _____