

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF OAK VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
OPEN SESSION  
July 13, 2023, 5:30p.m.  
1425 West H Street, Oakdale, CA 95361  
Royal Oak Conference Room**

**Board**

Dan Cummins, Chair Person  
Jim Teter, Vice Chair Person  
Louise Sanders, Secretary  
Edward Chock, M.D., Director  
Frances Krieger, Director

**Staff**

John McCormick, President & C.E.O.  
Ann Croskrey, CFO  
Andres Arellano, M.D., Chief of Staff  
David Rodrigues, V.P., Administrative Services  
Deborah Dunaj, V.P., Quality & Risk Mgmt.  
Sharon Watkins, V.P., Nursing Services  
Will Pringle, V.P., Long Term Care  
Chris Hawkins, V.P., Human Resources

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The District Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Dan Cummins, Board Chair Person at 5:32p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment read. Public in attendance.

Nancy Podolsky asked about the status of the hiring of the new C.E.O. position. Dan Cummins stated announcement of this position would be made at tonight's meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items, 1-3, 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. Oakdale Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Report
2. Approval of Administrative Policies
  - Admin. Manual/Privacy Officer (Total #21)
  - Daily Ambulance Checks & Maintenance (Ambulance)
  - Individual Request for Restrictions of the Use or Disclosure of PHI (Health Information)
3. Approval of Minutes
  - June 21, 2023 - Regular Meeting
  - June 26, 2023 – Special Meeting
  - June 28, 2023 – Special Meeting

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

Cummins – Aye

Teter – Aye

Sanders – Aye

Chock – Aye

Krieger – -y

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MEDICAL STAFF REPORT – Andres Arellano, M.D., Chief of Staff**

The Medical Executive Committee requests the District Board’s approval of the following items forwarded from the June 20, 2023 meeting.

Andres Arellano, M.D. recommended approval as presented.

**Forms/Policies**

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

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

A. **Forms and Policies**

**FORMS**

- i. Form2023 CRNA Proctor Form

**POLICIES**

- i. Administrative Manual (QM/Medical Staff)
  - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) Focused Professional Practice Evaluation (FPPE/Proctoring)
- ii. Nutrition and Food Services Manual
  - Dress Code
  - Menus
  - Nutrition and Diet References
- iii. Pharmacy Manual
  - Antimicrobial Stewardship (Antibiotic Management)
- iv. Surgical Services Manual
  - Hours of Operation for Surgical Services

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

Cummins – Aye  
Teter – Aye  
Sanders – Aye  
Chock – Aye  
Krieger – Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Financial Report for May 2023**

During May the District posted a profit on operations before the new hospital expenses of \$1.193 million dollars. As of the end of May, the fiscal year-to-date earnings before interest and depreciation (EBIDA), was at 12.8%. Last year at the end of May EBIDA was at 13.0%. Accounts receivable gross days were 56 days and our days of cash on hand at 118 days.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve the Financial Report for May 2023. Louise Sanders made the second. No public input.

Cummins – Aye  
Sanders – Aye  
Teter – Aye  
Chock – Aye  
Krieger – Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADDITION OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM**

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

Approval of proposed employment agreement between Oak Valley Hospital District and Rex Walk for Chief Executive Officer Position

be added to the July 13, 2023 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 motion to approve “Approval of proposed employment agreement between Oak Valley Hospital District and Rex Walk for Chief Executive Officer Position” to be added to the Open Session President & C.E.O. Report. Louise Sanders, M.D. made the second. No public input.

AYES: Cummins, Sanders, Teter, Chock, Krieger  
NOES:  
ABSTAINED:  
ABSENT:

**MOTION CARRIED**

Dan Cummins, Chair Person presented a summary of Mr. Walk’s education and specific fine points of the contract to include terms and compensation. Start date for this position is July 31, 2023.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve proposed employment agreement between Oak Valley Hospital District and Rex Walk for Chief Executive Officer position as presented. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

**CHAIR PERSON REPORT – Dan Cummins, Chair Person**

**Chair Person Comments**

No report.

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

**Resolution 2023-08 of the Board of Directors of Oak Valley Hospital District Changing Date of August 3, 2023 Board Meeting to August 17, 2023 and September 7, 2023 Board Meeting to September 14, 2023.**

Jim Teter made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-08 as presented. Edward Chock, M.D. made the 2<sup>nd</sup>. No public input.

**Roll Call by Jill Andersen, Clerk of the Board:**

Chair Person Cummins - Aye  
Vice-Chairperson Teter - Aye  
Director Sanders - Aye  
Doctor Chock, M.D. – Aye  
Director Krieger - Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Access Bond Funds**

John McCormick reported there is a total balance of \$2.054 million in Bond Funds. There is a time limit to utilize bond funds, which is August 2023. Requesting Board approval to use the entirety of the Bond Funds of \$2.054 million to be placed back into the general funds, which has already been dispersed on Capital equipment.

Motion: Jim Teter made the motion to approve accessing Bond Funds. Louise Sanders made the second. No public input.

Chair Person Cummins - Aye  
Vice-Chairperson Teter - Aye  
Director Sanders - Aye  
Doctor Chock, M.D. – Aye  
Director Krieger - Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FY 2024 Operating Budget – Review and Approval of Operating Budget**

The FY 2024 Operating Budget was presented to the Board of Directors and approved.

Louise Sanders made the motion to approve the FY 2024 Operating Budget. Fran Krieger made the second. No public input.

AYES: Cummins, Sanders, Teter, Chock  
NOES:  
ABSTAINED:  
ABSENT: Mahida

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval Purchase of Bone Density Equipment at a Cost not to Exceed \$50,000**

This agenda item was deferred as the cost not to exceed was higher than anticipated due to additional construction costs involved.

**Fuel Storage Project Update – David Rodrigues, V.P., Administrative Services**

David Rodrigues, V.P., Administrative Services presented an overview and status of the Fuel Storage Project. Board approval requested for an additional \$14,000 to complete the project.

Jim Teter made the motion to approve an additional \$14,000 to complete the Fuel Storage Project. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

Chair Person Cummins - Aye  
Vice-Chairperson Teter - Aye  
Director Sanders - Aye  
Doctor Chock, M.D. – Aye  
Director Krieger - Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Legislative Update**

State Budget: The State has recognized a problem with financial stability of hospitals with Medi-Cal patients. A tax will be implemented on Managed Care organizations. In 2024, hospitals that are distressed, hospitals with Graduate Medical Education programs and hospitals requiring relief funds to comply with new seismic requirements will have some budget funds allocated for assistance. In 2025, \$640 million will be allocated for hospitals with high numbers of Medi-Cal patients for Emergency Room access. There will also be funds regarding behavioral health, which is a service we have been structuring our Clinics around. We have not based our budget or cash flow on these State fund allocations. The Legislation approved in 2021 allows Nurse Practitioners and Midwives to see patients without Medical Directorships, which may provide good strategic opportunities for our Clinics.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jim Teter made the motion to adjourn to closed session. Fran Krieger made the second. No public input.

Cummins – Aye  
Sanders – Aye  
Chock – Aye  
Krieger – Aye  
Teter – Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Oak Valley Hospital District meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:20p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**Approval of Lease Agreement for Oakdale Nursing and Rehabilitation Center**

This agenda item was deferred to July 24, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board meeting minutes – Approved

- June 21, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- June 26, 2023 – Special Meeting
- June 28, 2023 – Special Meeting

Medical Staff Credentials Report - Approved

President and C.E.O. Reports - Presented

- Personnel Issues & Updates - Reported
- Update on Compliance Committee - Reported
- Quality Dashboard - Presented
- Quality Updates – Scorecard & Risk Management Report - Presented

Conferences with Real Property Negotiators – Deferred

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jim Teter made the motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Edward Chock, M.D. made the second. No public input.

Cummins – Aye

Sanders – Aye

Chock – Aye

Mahida – Aye

Teter – Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:07p.m.

Recorder: Jill Andersen, Clerk of the Board.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Louise Sanders, Secretary

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