

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JULY MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2009 3:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Harlan Rasmussen, Dixie See, Randy Bomar, Bill Huppert, Ron Mischke, Gary Miller, Michael Strahan, M.D.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Harlan called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The previous meeting minutes of June 24, 2009 were reviewed. After review, Dixie See made a motion for approval, Randy Bomar seconded the motion and motion carried.

**QUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ron Mischke gave a report in Lajune Bacon's absence. The Quality Committee, as well as the hospital, is working on the recommendations from the Joint Commission as a result of their June survey. Peggy Callantine noted that the Pharmacy is looking at conducting discharge instructions with patients regarding medications. There was question as to the availability of staff to do this and Kirsi Ludwig said that this is being evaluated.

Mr. Mischke explained that the committee reviews an activity log of patient concerns and works hard on follow-up and getting responses to the patients.

Mike reported that Dr. Hanebrink has been working with Medical Staff to make sure charting, etc. is compliant with hospital regulations. Ron Mischke expressed his appreciation for Dr. Hanebrink's efforts.

Gary Miller reviewed the HCAHP percentile rankings, noting that the hospital's overall scores have gone from 50% to 70% in a year and a half, as well as patient's willingness to recommend Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

**MEDICAL STAFF REPORT**

Dr. Hanebrink was not able to attend the meeting. Mike McCafferty introduced Dr. Gregg McAdoo, new OB/GYN physician who recently joined Dr. Gill's practice. The Board welcomed Dr. McAdoo to the community.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Wyoming Health Information Organization – Mike McCafferty reported that he will keep the Board informed about this new organization that is devoted to the creation of a health information exchange network.

Oncology Management Consulting Group – LaNora Dixon, Program Development Manager, explained that the hospital has consulted with several firms to provide a market analysis and business plan for the hospital's cancer center. Mrs. Dixon said that Oncology Management Consulting Group provided the most favorable bid. It was noted that since Medical Oncologist, Dr. Tracy Coe, joined the cancer center in 2008 there have been space constraints. The hospital also contracted with Medical Oncologist, Dr. Kim Fehir in April, 2009, who also sees patients at the hospital's cancer center.

Mrs. Dixon said that the hospital is trying to address this in the most fiscally responsible manner and the proposal from OMCG will be submitted to the Finance Committee in August.

Forward Sheridan – Mr. Dick Weber and Mr. Jay Stender were in attendance and Mr. Stender shared some information on his background, noting that working with Forward Sheridan enables him to stay in the community.

Mr. Weber submitted a focus report for the 2009-2010 year and reviewed this with the Board, noting that Forward Sheridan has lost some investors. Forward Sheridan is requesting additional funding from the hospital of \$10,000, the same amount as received in 2007 and 2008.

Dr. Strahan made a motion to continue the funding to Forward Sheridan in the amount of \$10,000. Bill Huppert seconded the motion and motion carried with a 5-2 vote, with opposing votes by Harlan Rasmussen and Ron Mischke.

Harlan Rasmussen stated that although he does support the program, but feels nonprofit organizations should not fund other nonprofits. Gary Miller said he feels this should be looked at as an investment in the community and supports funding Forward Sheridan. Bill Huppert concurred, stating that he feels the program will do good things for the community. Ron Mischke said that he prefers that the county give the money to Forward Sheridan instead of to the hospital, and the hospital giving to Forward Sheridan. Dr. Strahan said he feels it is important to support the community and believes Forward Sheridan can help the hospital directly and indirectly.

Mike McCafferty noted that last year when Hand to Hand asked for money from the hospital the main point of discussion was that Forward Sheridan was the arm in which the hospital gave funding.

Health Care Reform - Mike stated that he would like to open dialogue for discussion on health reform. Harlan Rasmussen said that we cannot maintain status quo and simply to say we want to extend healthcare to everyone is not possible. Mr. Rasmussen said there are tremendous problems on how to fund health care and somebody has to pay.

Randy Bomar said that what he has not heard is where is the money is going to come from. Gary Miller stated that the cost of those who cannot afford healthcare is not that

great, but the government is going to have to decide what they want to do. Ron Mischke noted that the hospital has subsidized over \$5Mil for charity care and write-offs.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Financial Statements - Gary Miller reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the meeting. Mr. Miller noted that June was a large revenue month, but higher for expenses. Accounts receivable are looking very good and Controller, Susan Novak, explained what drives the accounts receivable, beginning with Admissions, Medical Records, Patient Billing, and Posting of Cash Receipts.

Capital Equipment Request - Mr. Johlman recommended approval of a Siemens Chemistry Analyzer at a cost of \$206,400. This is a budgeted item and Laboratory Manager, Gary Sellenrick, explained the cost savings, noting that it will pay for itself in four years.

Dr. Strahan made a motion to purchase the Siemens Chemistry Analyzer, Gary Miller seconded the motion and motion carried.

### **FOUDATION REPORT**

Ada Kirven gave a report on the Foundation's annual meeting held in June and noted that the Foundation raised over 1.2MIL last year. Mrs. Kirven said that the Foundation recognized Dr. Sy Thickman for his six years of serving on the Board and welcomed Dr. Walt Gould to the Foundation Board. Mrs. Kirven reported that the Foundation membership totals over 1,000 members.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Harlan Rasmussen expressed his appreciation to the Foundation and the many contributors.

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dixie See reported that the bids for the laboratory and pharmacy are scheduled to be open the 3rd week of August.

Rob Forister noted that the hospital's recycling area is being built up for the containers that will be placed in August. Mr. Forister thanked the county for their assistance in maintaining the road behind the Medical Arts Complex.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board adjourned into executive session at 4:45 p.m.

The open meeting re-convened at 5:20 p.m.

Harlan Rasmussen reported that the Board had a discussion concerning real estate and discussion regarding two requests for medical staff privileges:

Brian Laman, M.D. - Dr. Laman is requesting Active Staff privileges in the Department of Surgery, specializing in Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. Laman will be joining the orthopaedic group in August, 2009.

Dixie See made a motion to approve Brian Laman, M.D. for privileges as requested, Randy Bomar seconded the motion and motion carried. Gary Miller declared a conflict and abstained from voting.

Jeffrey Cloud, M.D. - Dr. Cloud is requesting Consulting Staff privileges in the Department of Medicine, specializing in Gastroenterology.

Gary Miller made a motion to approve Jeffrey Cloud, M.D. for privileges as requested, Randy Bomar seconded the motion and motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Recorder,  
Joanne Redder  
Dixie See, Secretary