

GRAHAM HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
October 22, 2019

The Board of Directors of Graham Regional Medical Center met in the Education Conference Room Tuesday, October 22, at 12:00 P.M.

Board members present: Terry Bishop, Dr. Behr, Jon Garvey, Barrie Strickland, Sylvia Overton, Suzy Graham, and Wyatt Pettus

Members of management present: Shane Kernell, Curtis Rojas, Jeff Casbeer, Sharon Hilliard, Jeff Clark, Amanda Rodriguez and Karl Hittle

Also present: Shelly Walls; Enoc Espinoza; Aaron Walker; Bobby Hadderton; Barbara Clark, GRMC Auxiliary; and Nathan Lawson, The *Graham Leader*

Presiding Secretary: Tammy Whittenburg

1. Call to Order and Record of Attendance

President Pettus called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. Invocation was given by President Pettus.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Department Directors Report

- a. Shelly Walls provided an update on Home Health and Hospice.
- b. Aaron Walker reported on the Fitness and Rehabilitation Center.

4. Meeting Minutes

Consider and Take Action on meeting minutes of regular meeting September 17, 2019
The Directors were asked to review the minutes for any revisions or corrections.

Action

Motion by Sylvia Overton, second by Terry Bishop to approve the regular board minutes of September 17, 2019. Motion carried.

5. Finance Committee Report

September 2019 Financials – Jeff Casbeer

- a. Previous conversations with our auditors were that because of the Children's Hospital Lawsuit and the way they decided what would and would not be included in some of the costs that were in that, we needed to put a reserve of \$790,000 on the net payment received of \$1,146,000. BKD had further conversations with the lawyer's for the Children's Health Association, resulting in a determination as a firm (BKD) for all their hospitals in Texas that the reserve is no longer required. We received that information on October 22, 2019, so the financials changed from what was sent out on October 18. Updated financials were handed out. Presented and reviewed were the Financial highlights for September; Income and Expense Statement for the Month Ended September 30, 2019; Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2019; and Statement of Sources and Uses of Cash Flow. Curtis Rojas presented the Revenue Cycle charts.

Action

Motion by Terry Bishop, second by Sylvia Overton to approve the financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

6. Action Items

a. Health Benefit Plan

It is that time of year to choose a health benefit plan. Three years ago, GRMC was on a self-funded plan. The plan we were on was for a three-year contract. We were paying out on a lot of claims. We broke away from that and went to a Minimal Essential Coverage (MEC) plan. It was a preventative plan only. Last year we decided to go back to a full coverage plan. It was a fully insured plan meaning we were no longer self-funded. The recommendation for this year is to renew the plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield. There was zero cost increase to the hospital. A 2020 Health Benefit Recommendation overview was handed out to show a comparison on high deductible plan (HDHP) and a buy up plan (PPO). 90 employees participated last year. Employee cost is on a sliding scale based on hourly pay. We were able to lower the employee costs on the high deductible plan because we increased the cost to employees on the buy up plan. Dental, vision and other insurance plans will stay the same as last year.

Action

Motion by Jon Garvey, second by Terry Bishop to approve the Health Benefit Plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield as presented. Motion carried.

7. Reports

a. Medical Chief of Staff Report

- i. Dr. Pat Martin was not in attendance.

b. CEO Report – Shane Kernell

- i. Dave Clark was here for the Community Health Needs Assessment. We had a good turnout. He is currently working on a report, and it will be presented to the board. We had mixed reviews. He had some very good insight. We will commit to an assessment every 3 years. An action plan will be included with the report.
- ii. The C-arm is here. It is used for almost every orthopedic surgery. General Surgery uses it as well.
- iii. We have a new pain proceduralist starting in November. Dr. Faisal Zaman from Abilene will see patients at GMA every other week and doing procedures at GRMC.
- iv. All parts are here for the nurse call system. Implementation has started and we plan to finish in December.
- v. Dr. Audra Kennedy has signed her agreement. She starts the first week in January. She has purchased a home and closes on it in November.
- vi. TeamHealth continues to do very well in our ED. If there is any specific feedback you have, please let us know.
- vii. The new ambulance will be here the end of April or first of May. When we priced the ambulance, we priced it with a new cot. The securing system for the cot is different than what we have used. We also priced a stair chair with the cot and securing system. Once we talked with the company that sells the equipment, we were able to get it for \$8,000 less than buying it through the ambulance company.
- viii. We have been shopping around for a new EHR system. Cerner was here last week demoing, and Meditech will be here the first week in November to demo their new system. We will work on a demo with EPIC after Meditech.
- ix. We would like to get away from all the paper we use for the board packets. Jeff Clark demonstrated the board portal he and Bryan Ogle have been working on. We have

loaded a year's worth of board packets and finance packets. You will have everything in one place. We will let the Board decide what type of tablet they would like to use.

8. Executive Session

President Pettus convened into Executive Session at 1:05 P.M.

Executive Session: The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to:

- a. Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032, deliberation of information from the Medical Staff regarding applications for appointment and/or reappointment to the Medical Staff and information from the Compliance Officer to consider quality assurance/performance improvement reports
- b. Texas Government Code §551.072, deliberation of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property

Executive Session adjourned at 2:18 P.M.

9. Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:18 P.M.

Action

Motion by Terry Bishop, second by Suzy Graham to approve the Physician Appointments and/or Reappointments of:

- a. APPOINTMENTS – PROVISIONAL
 - I. Emergency Medicine
 - I. Terence McCarthy, MD
 - II. Radiology
 - I. Danit Talmi, MD
 - II. Jason Akrami, MD
- b. REAPPOINTMENTS
 - I. Radiology
 - I. John Alexander, MD
 - II. Mary Betterman, MD
 - III. Thomas Griggs, MD
 - IV. Supratik Moulik, MD
 - V. Charles Myers, MD
 - VI. Bryan Peck, MD
 - VII. Eric Richter, MD
 - VIII. Benson Tran, MD
 - II. Allied
 - I. Darren Brown, CRNA
 - II. Ryan LeSaicherre, CRNA

Action

Motion by Barrie Strickland, second by Jon Garvey to approve the quality report as presented. Motion carried.

Action

Motion by Barrie Strickland, second by Sylvia Overton to approve the compliance report as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Terry Bishop, second by Jon Garvey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:19 P.M.



Wyatt Pettus, President, Board of Directors



Tammy Whittenburg, Secretary, Board of Directors