

**Mountainview Medical Center
Board of Directors Meeting
January 22, 2025**

Present: Shane Sere day-Vice-Chair, Chris Schlepp, Cheri Bailey, Rick Seidlitz, Tanya Hill, Rob Brandt – CEO, Tony Pfaff – Cypress Healthcare

Guests: Jerry Grebenc- Great West Engineering; Cassie Coburn – Meagher County Stewardship Council.

Call to Order

Shane called the meeting to order at 3:58 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes of 12/4/24 meetings; request for corrections or additions. Chris moved to approve, seconded by Tanya. **Motion Passed.**

DON/Quality

Meg reported end-of-life care education will be held for staff and providers. InterMountain Health/St Vincent will be coming for a site visit. Trama designation recertification will be this spring, done every 3 years. Meg will be doing 2 site visits to Fort Benton and Deer Lodge. 2 new nurses will be going to Benefis for ER training.

Medical Staff Report:

Dr. Whitmore reported that providers completed trauma training for I&O and chest tube insertions. Currently seeing respiratory illness, covid and flu going around. Increase in swing and long-term care admits.

Financials: December

- Investment Accounts: 1st Security 6K, US Bank (loss of 6K) \$549K, Merrill Lynch (loss) 1.216, Merrill Lynch CD 5K
- New facility work-in-progress: 6.125 million
- Revenue: hospital 610K, clinic 57K, net patient 587K
- Expenses: 735K, includes audit and cost report expenses
- Operating loss 139K, net loss (with investments) 155K.
 - Waiting for our rate adjustment from Medicare
- Census: 8 inpatient days, 38 swing days, 58 ERs, 306 clinic visits,
- Days Cash on hand: 89
- AR days: 77

CEO Report:

New Facility:

Have received the wire transfer of 9.9 million from Benefis loan. Title and legal fees for setting it up were held out. Sletten is working on the pay app and plans to be onsite next week. Rob has a draft flier for review; a post office bulk mailer to inform the community and next steps for roll out. Plan on doing a financial presentation to the board of the layout

for pay apps; so, everyone knows what we are spending. The first one will be in February. 18 months build time will start when they start the concrete. They will be getting a jump start with walls being prebuilt and need to order the steel.

Visiting Providers:

Rob reviewed the providers that “visit” our facility to see patients. Meaning they utilize our space to see patients. Dr. Berbos/Ophthalmology; Dr. Palen/OB-Gyn; Jennifer Hurwitz/Mental Health; Dr. Erb/Cardiology.

Housing Study:

Jerry (city/county planning and Great West Engineering) and Cassie (Meagher County Stewardship Council Executive Director) are here to present the study findings from a proposed housing master plan for the extra property MMC owns at the new facility site. The board reviewed a broad concept map and area constraints map. The types of housing are based on sewer, slope, and gravity. The next step is a more formal design with density and streets. This can't be done until there is a consensus if this concept is acceptable.

Two public meetings were held to gather the information of need. This satisfies the requirement from USDA for public participation and has been shared with them.

The maps were reviewed in detail. Question was raised if this leaves enough land for future expansion for the hospital. 15 acres is off limits.

The initial focus will be on the (green) area northwest of the facility for apartments/condos. Plans are already made and have interested developers and Sletten.

Support and approval is needed prior to the next scheduled meetings with the City on February 3rd, County Commissioners on the 4th and the City-Planning Board on the 12th.

The Board feels there is not enough to approve or disprove. They don't see any red flags, besides MMC keeping the “yellow” piece of property for expansion. Rob will communicate with the members and have an answer via email by Friday.

Information Items:

Meissner contract is up for renewal. 5-year contract, details discussed. Motion to approve by Chris and Tanya seconded. Bill has signed off. **Motion Passed.**

Planning an event on March 3rd for a Foundation launch to reenergize the board and raise funds. Good opportunity to invite the community to hear the plans going forward in addition to the flier. Potentially do a separate visit to the senior center.

The first in-house newsletter was released in January. Received well. A copy will be sent to the board.

Public Comment: none

Motion to adjourn at 4:33 p.m. by Chris and Tanya.