



COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD MINUTES FOR JUNE 17, 2021

**Call to Order** – Kay Olson called the meeting of the Cook County Hospital District Board of Directors to order on June 17, 2021 at 9:16 a.m. on Zoom and in the Board Room.

**Adjourn to Closed Session** – Patty Winchell-Dahl made a motion to adjourn into closed session for the Quality Improvement and Medical Staff Reports. The motion was seconded by Mary Sanders and the motion carried with all ayes.

**Closed Session Summary** - The Quality Improvement/Peer Review Report from May 19, 2021 and the May 19, 2021 Medical Staff Report were reviewed.

**Reconvene** - The North Shore Health Board reconvened in regular session at 9:30 a.m.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Mary Sanders, Kay Olson, Randy Wiitala, and Patty Winchell-Dahl

**Members Absent:** Steve Nielsen

**Others Present:** Kimber Wraalstad; Paul Goettl; Greg Ruberg; Milan Schmidt, MD (p); Dave Mills (p); Carolyn Olson (p); and Doug Sanders (p)

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic members of the Board (Kay Olson, Mary Sanders, and Randy Wiitala); Mr. Ruberg; Dr. Schmidt; Mr. Mills, Ms. Carolyn Olson and Mr. Sanders attended the meeting via Zoom technology with the ability to hear and see the other participants. Ms. Wraalstad, Mr. Goettl and Patty Winchell-Dahl attended in the Board Room of North Shore Health.

**Approval of Agenda:** Patty Winchell-Dahl made a motion to accept the meeting agenda as presented; it was seconded by Mary Sanders. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Minutes from May 27, 2021** – Patty Winchell-Dahl made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2021 meeting as presented and the motion was seconded by Mary Sanders. The motion carried unanimously.

**Updates:**

- a. **Clinic Board:** Kate Surbaugh was out of town and did not send a written report.

- b. **County Board:** Commissioner Mills highlighted the continuing efforts of Cook County Public Health and Human Services to support vaccination efforts in Cook County. Information about the possible uses of the funds available from the American Rescue Plan is being received and evaluated. Several regional meetings that include County Commissioners are beginning to meet in-person. The County Board is also planning to hold in-person meetings. The Community Leadership Committee meeting held on April 29 was reviewed by Commissioner Mills. Much of the focus was on the information provided by the Housing Work Group.
- c. **Board Members:** Ms. Winchell-Dahl commented that she felt the Local Voices on COVID-19 column in the News Herald and Voices campaign about vaccination were very well done and helpful to the community.
- d. **Correspondence:** None.

**Board Presentation – Sexual Assault Response Program Update – Carolyn Olson, RN, APRN, FNP-BC**

Carolyn Olson provided an update on the sexual assault exam protocol at North Shore Health. These exams are considered the responsibility of the Emergency Room Physician. Patients should not be transferred for this exam. Carolyn is working to make physician involvement easier. AVERA has been contacted and they have Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners who might be able to provide assistance via the video monitor and can verbally assist with exams. Carolyn is also working with the Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault (PAVSA) and Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) for education to share with both Physicians and Nurses.

**Financial Reports:** Mr. Goettl presented the May 2021 financial statements. Patient days in the Acute Hospital were 27 days or 122.7% more than budget with inpatient revenue for the month being \$37K more than budget. Swing Bed days were 10 less than budget with revenue \$26K more than budget. Care Center days were 17 more than budget and revenue \$1K less than budget. Outpatient revenue of \$1,144K is \$280K or 32% more than budget. Net Operating Revenue of \$1,380K is 13% more than budget. Deductions from Revenue are \$161K more than budget. Total Operating Expenses of \$1,651K are 1% less than budget. The Net Income for the month of May 2021 of \$-225K is \$172K more than budget. The year-to-date Loss from Operations is \$680K, which is \$685K better than budget. Gross Patient Revenue is \$1,010K higher than budget year-to-date. The year-to-date Net Loss is \$449K, \$666K less than budget. Year-to-date FTEs are 104.8, 8.7 less than budget. Days' cash on hand remains strong at 311 days. Mr. Goettl reviewed the 2021 forecast. The forecast used five months of actual numbers and seven months of budgeted numbers. With the 4% adjustment to Net Operating Revenue, the budgeted Net Operating Loss has been reduced by \$858K. Mr. Goettl reiterated that no COVID-19 adjustments have been made to the forecast. Mary Sanders made a motion to accept the May 2021 financial statements. The motion was seconded by Kay Olson and the motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- a) **Other:** None.

**New Business:**

- a) **Other:** None.

**Management Report:**

The Management Report for June 2021 included in the Board materials was reviewed. COVID-19 activity continues to be a major focus at North Shore Health. Outbreak testing was initiated


with COVID-19 testing completed by every resident, employee, physician, volunteer and essential caregiver. After a series of three weekly tests, 623 tests were completed and all were negative; therefore transition to the relaxed guidance from CMS and MDH is beginning again. The CDC has relaxed their guidance about mask use for fully vaccinated individuals. However, this guidance does not apply in healthcare settings. Mask use for all individuals (patients, visitors and employees) entering North Shore Health and Sawtooth Mountain Clinic is required. The first vaccination event for those 12 years old and over, using the Pfizer vaccine, was held at North Shore Health on June 3 and will continue with first dose clinic on June 10 and June 17. Those wanting to be vaccinated continue to sign up on the Cook County HUB site.

The Sawtooth Mountain Clinic will be holding their Annual Meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. The Collaboration Committee for Sawtooth Mountain Clinic and the North Shore Health Board has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Ms. Sanders discussed the status of the Serenity Garden and acknowledged the work of Nancy Koloski in coordinating the activities of the Garden. During the week of May 24, 2021, the Care Center received our unannounced standard Federal survey, biennial State survey and a complaint survey from the Minnesota Department of Health. In addition, a Life Safety Code Inspection by the Fire Marshal also occurred. All of the surveyors completed their onsite evaluation. For the Federal and State survey, the surveyors identified broad preliminary "areas of concern" but nothing that identified as substandard care and we continue to wait to receive the "Statement of Deficiencies". An update on the status of the employee sleep quarter construction was provided. It was suggested that when construction is complete, an open house be held. Ms. Olson shared information from the Joint Elected Boards/Community Leadership Committee meeting held on June 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. In addition to Housing and Diversity, it was suggested the group should also address mental health services, drug/alcohol addiction services, child care and food insecurity.

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patty Winchell-Dahl and seconded by Mary Sanders. The motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on July 21, 2021.

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

  
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Chair

  
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Clerk