

Southern Coos Health District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 20, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** - The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors for Southern Coos Health District was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman, David Allen.

Members Present: David Allen, Chair; Marilyn Noorda; Brian Vick; Vicki Gernandt and Gregory Aitchison, M.D.

Others Present: Jim Wathen, Donna and James Reilly, David Koch, Counsel; Esther Williams, Drs. Ken and Janet Bates; Dr. Gail McClave; Nadya Rogers; Dennis Jurgenson; Geneva Miller, Western World Reporter; and Melody Gillard-Juarez.

Public Attending: Mike Claassen; Darwin Noorda; Carol Acklin; Leslie Clarke; Linda Olsen; and Stephen Lunt.

- II. **Public Input** – Steve Lunt expressed his disappointment about the leading line in a recent article in the Western World and said he was appointing himself as an advocate of the hospital. Mike Claassen commented on the same article saying it was income and not a profit.

- III. **Consent Agenda** – Mr. Allen asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Vick **Moved** to accept Consent Agenda. Dr. Aitchison **Seconded** the motion. Mr. Allen thanked the Foundation for the great work on the Golf for Health tournament. Motion to accept Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

IV. Staff Reports

CEO Report – Mr. Wathen referred to his narrative in their packet. He said July and August 2008 almost \$400,000 below this year. In June the Board approved money for orthopedic equipment. Money has been paid back to designated funds. Discussion followed regarding progress on CFO search. Will be bringing in two candidates to interview. Question was asked if Board would be involved and Mr. Wathen told them they would be part of the interview process.

CFO Report – Mr. Rollins told the Board that Inpatients were up 8% over last year. He said surgeries were flat in 2008 because we had no surgeon. Lab outpatient up 16% over last year. ER flat overall. Gross revenue is up \$500,000 driven by inpatient and outpatient activities. \$1.226 million in net revenue and \$36,000 in black at end of July. Accounts Payable are being paid down and we are entirely

current on A/P. Discussion followed regarding low surgery numbers and Bad Debt write-offs.

CNO Report – Mr. Wathen referred Board to Ms. Scarborough’s report in the Board packet. He told the Board he would answer any questions they may have. Ms. Gernandt gave kudos to Ms. Scarborough for cutting 448 hours in nursing.

V. Old Business

Benchmark Reports

- Peer Comparisons – Quarter Ending 6/30 - Mr. Wathen told the Board that 3 hospitals on the south coast were used for this comparison, along with 3 other comparable hospitals.
- HCAHPS Inpatient -Satisfaction – Southern Coos Hospital remains above average in all areas and tying in two areas, but otherwise surpassing all other South Coast hospitals.
- Outpatient Satisfaction – Mr. Allen comment that this report looks as good, or better, than the Inpatient Survey. Mr. Wathen said Southern Coos Hospital was at the 100th percentile in this survey which means that all the other hospitals were below us.

Revised Meeting Schedule – For the members review.

VI. New Business –

Collection Agency Change – Mr. Allen complimented those who did the study. It was very thorough. Mr. Rollins said that Leslie Tucker and Carolyn Randolph worked for several months researching agencies and sending out RFPs to all agencies in Oregon and we invited five agencies to present to us. Each did 2-hour demos by webinars and by phone. The agency they chose was PCS. Mr. Allen asked for a motion to accept PCS as our new collection agency. Dr. Aitchison **Moved** to accept PCS as our new collection agency. Ms. Noorda **Seconded** the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Discussion

Dr. Aitchison – Complimented staff for good surveys.

Ms. Noorda – Said that order is coming.

Ms. Gernandt – Complimented nursing staff and Ms. Scarborough for cutting staff hours.

Mr. Vick – Economy is scary right now.

Mr. Allen – Wished Mr. Rollins the best.

Dr. McClave said she wanted to thank Dr. Janet Bates for accepting the position of Medical Staff President.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Southern Coos Health District Board will be Thursday, **September 17, 2009**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

David Allen, Chairman

Vicki Gernandt, Secretary