

Southern Coos Health District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 17, 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; Dr. Gail McClave; Dennis Jurgenson; Geneva Miller, Western World Reporter; Lonnie Scarborough; Melody Gillard-Juarez; and Ellen Lafferty

Public Attending: Mike Claassen; Darwin Noorda; Carol Acklin; Leslie Clarke; James Smith; Paula Smith; Myra Lawson; Bob Hundhausen; Linda Olsen; Nadya Rogers; and Stephen Lunt.

- II. **Public Input** – Dr. McClave expressed her concern that Medical Staff were not involved in Board meetings that she wished they would become involved. Mike Claassen expressed his opinion that we needed a strong and independent CFO.

- III. **Consent Agenda** – Mr. Allen asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Aitchison **Moved** to accept Consent Agenda. Mr. Vick **Seconded** the motion. Motion to accept Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

IV. Staff Reports

CEO Report – Mr. Wathen referred to his narrative in the packet. He then congratulated Debbie Allen, RN, for being with Southern Coos Hospital for 30 years. She is one of four who have reached this milestone. We are working hard on the CFO position. We are checking on one candidate's references and preparing an offer. Spent most of today with a group that works with different areas of performance with hospitals all over the country. Discussion followed regarding restrictions on staff and that we will continue these restrictions for a few more months. It was suggested that we evaluate employee levels and productivity at some point in the future.

CFO Report – August shows we did better than last year. Patient days are at 240. Operating shortfall of about \$4,000. Bottom line of \$18,000.

CNO Report – Ms. Scarborough told those present that this is the first year we have not received free seasonal flu vaccine. We have located the vaccine and will have

a drive thru. Will be free but we will be asking for a donation. Dr. McClave said she would be providing shots on September 29.

V. Old Business

Benchmark Reports

- Peer Comparisons – 3-month – This is not the Quarterly Report. It is the report that Mr. Rollins normally included in his report, May through July. This report includes the 5 hospitals used for comparison, including the 3 small hospitals on the South Coast. Discussion followed regarding some of the hospitals which had such a high rate of outpatients and about the scheduling of the surgeon.
- Department Benchmark Report – FYE 06/09 – Specific finance and productivity information. Mr. Wathen indicated this is the report we will make changes to as we move into our benchmarking assessment. There are no targets currently associated with this report.

VI. New Business

Financial Strength Index – 06/09 – We are at a good point of 1.71
ORH Conference information – For Board's review.

VII. Open Discussion

Dr. Aitchison – Congratulations to Debbie Allen for her 30 years of service. Keep up the good work.

Ms. Noorda – Happy about Lonnie's hard work getting the flu shots and watching out for the citizens of Bandon. She commented on the healthcare controversy article in the Board Notes. She gave everyone attending a handout of the website for anyone who wants to go in and look at the comparisons.

Ms. Gernandt – Said she appreciated Dr. McClave bringing up the Medical Staff and that she would like so see a report from the Medical Staff.

Mr. Vick – Nothing to Report.

Mr. Allen – Said he was glad to see people out there interested in what we are doing.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Southern Coos Health District Board will be Thursday, October 15, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

David Allen, Chairman

Vicki Gernandt, Secretary