

Southern Coos Health District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 18, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

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

Members present: David Allen, Chair; Brian Vick; Vickie Gernandt, and Bob Hundhausen

Others present: Jim Wathen; Alan Dow; David Koch; Dennis Jurgenson; Carol Acklin; Lonnie Scarborough; Gail McClave, M.D.; James and Donna Reilly; Mary Kemp; Melody Gillard-Juarez; Esther Williams; Ellen Lafferty and others.

- II. **Public Input** – Gail McClave, M.D. – Announced that the Bandon Community Health Center is up and running. They had their open house on January 23 with over 200 people attending. The hospital has met with us to talk about areas of interest. We have developed a sliding financial need scale that will serve for patients of the BCHC and the hospital. She thanked Mr. Dow for working with Ms. Maxon on this project. Mr. Allen clarified that the hospital was already using this and we are going to take the BCHC word for it.

- III. **Approval of Consent Agenda** – Mr. Allen said he would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms Juarez wanted to add to the report she submitted. She told the Board that the \$70,000 the Foundation Board pledged for the annual campaign will be used to either purchase the Outpatient Clinic or buy property to build on. She said that writing grants is getting harder, especially for capital grants, but she feels good about it being successful. She will be mailing out pledge forms and encouraged everyone to give to the project. Mr. Vick **Moved** to accept the motion and Mr. Hundhausen **Seconded**. Motion passed unanimously. He then asked about match to VALIC. Mr. Wathen explained that VALIC is the Administrator of our retirement program.

IV. Staff Reports

CEO Report – Mr. Wathen referred to his report in their packets. He reported on legislation at State and Federal levels which may or may not have an effect on hospitals. He said we are watching these very carefully. Often things come up on the legislative end that need to be responded to immediately if they are going to impact you. He cited an example where legislation was introduced through a committee and carried to the Ways and Means Committee that could have cost hospitals in Oregon \$2.5 million. It was immediately questioned and by initiating this discussion we were able to gain some time to fully look at the impact of this proposal. It would have only cost the hospitals \$2.5 million this year, but it would have cost hospitals \$49 million over the next biennium. Ultimately it was pulled off the table. Discussion followed concerning several bills that were coming up.

CFO Report – Mr. Dow referred Board to his narrative in the Board packet. District had a good month. Total revenues were about \$100,000 more than last month, although they were still about \$40,000 below budget. Expenses were in line and below budget as well. We had a small bottom line for the month of January. Bad debt reserve looked high, \$150,000. As payments come in, the reserve will go down. Billing office has been in training a lot and that had an impact. Updated Board on the USDA grant. They are a few weeks behind in processing grants because of weather.

CNO Report – Clarified a statement in her report. Ms. Scarborough referred members to the 3rd paragraph. ‘On January 1, 2009, this included central line associated blood stream infections in ICUs and 3 surgical site infections.’ The statement makes it sound like we are doing open heart surgery. To clarify, the only thing we are reporting to the NHSN is the knee prosthesis procedure.

Medical Staff – Ms. Scarborough told the Board that Dr. Janet Bates emailed her a report and asked that Ms. Scarborough present the report. Dr. Ken Bates was going to present for her, but he is busy in our Emergency Room. There were a number of issues at the last Medical Staff meeting and the number one problem was the hand over of patients from the ER physicians to the hospitalists. There has been some disagreement on whether or not to admit a patient to the hospital. Also clarifying the qualifications of ER physicians and having all of them be at a certain standard of care. Mr. Allen asked for clarification of the problem of handing patients over to the hospitalist. Ms. Scarborough said that it has been an issue in the past for Board certified emergency physicians, as it is not in their scope of practice to follow patients after they have been admitted. That has since changed and ER physicians agreed, on special occasions, to follow their patients. Mr. Wathen added that we are working with the parties to be sure that how we used to do things is not how we do things moving forward. Discussion followed regarding policy and procedure.

V. Old Business

South Coast Health Alliance – Board Appointment – Mr. Wathen said that he mentioned this at our last meeting and explained that we are members of a LLC and the Articles of Incorporation dictate that the Board of Directors for the LLC shall be made up of the CEOs and one Board member from each of the member hospitals. Mr. Hundhausen said he would be interested. Mr. Vick made a **Motion** to appoint Bob Hundhausen to the SCHA post. Ms. Gernandt **Seconded** the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business - Benchmark Reports - Peer Comparisons; Outpatient Satisfaction Surveys; Inpatient Satisfaction Surveys (HCAHPS). Mr. Wathen said the reports are there for the Board’s information. There are no decisions that need to be made in regard to these reports. Mr. Wathen suggested that the members go over the reports and come back with any questions they may have.

Insurance Renewals – Mr. Wathen said again that this is for the Board’s information.

Budget Committee – Joe Briscoe has left the area and we need to fill that position on the Budget Committee. Mr. Wathen said there was one candidate from the last election, Harv Schubothe. We can ask Mr. Schubothe or go out to the public again

and ask for more candidates. Ms Gernandt asked if he is still willing to serve on the committee. Mr. Wathen said he had talked with him on the phone. He has lots of experience with budgets and financials and would be a value to the Budget Committee. Mr. Hundhausen said he had to leave for another appointment. He said he would be in favor of Mr. Schubothe for the Budget Committee. Mr. Allen asked if Mr. Hundhausen would be willing to make a motion to that effect before he left. Mr. Hundhausen made a **Motion** to appoint Mr. Schubothe to the Budget Committee position. Ms. Gernandt **Seconded** the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hundhausen said he would vote Aye for Resolution 2010-02.

Resolution 2010-02 – Mr. Wathen said that Treva Brown has been a very valued member of our Hospital Auxiliary for the past ten years. She came to Bandon in 1999 and joined the Auxiliary shortly after that and immediately became an impressive member of the organization. Over the years she has been president, secretary, and treasurer. She was integral to the development of the Auxiliary Gift Shop in the lobby, which has meant a lot to us. The Auxiliary has given a tremendous amount of money to scholarship funds and toward the purchase of equipment. She is leaving us to go live with her daughter in California. It is our feeling that we really want to recognize her service in a very special way. By herself, she gave thousands of hours of her time over the ten years. With the concurrence of the Board of Directors in the form of a Resolution, we will recognize her contributions to the Auxiliary and the Hospital and applaud her efforts that have resulted in a lot of gain, both in terms of scholarship monies for the hospital and nice interactions with everybody she talked with when she was here representing the hospital. Mr. Allen said he would entertain a motion and second for the adoption of Resolution 2010-02. Mr. Vick made a **Motion** to adopt Resolution 2010-02. Ms. Gernandt **Seconded** the motion. Mr. Allen said he could only second what Mr. Wathen said. She has been a stalwart for the Auxiliary and this recognition is well deserved. Motion passed unanimously, which included Mr. Hundhausen who had stated his Aye vote before leaving the meeting.

Open Discussion

Ms. Gernandt – She said she was concerned after receiving the Medical Staff report, especially the part about handing over patients.

Mr. Allen said he really wanted to digest this and then talk to Dr. Janet Bates.

Mr. Vick – Commented on what Jim said about the 80% figure. There was an article in the paper today that said Coos and Curry counties are the two most unhealthy counties in the State and that does not help matters any.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Southern Coos Health District Board will be Thursday, **March 18, 2010**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

David Allen, Chairman

Vicki Gernandt, Secretary