

Southern Coos Health District
Board of Directors Meeting
January 20, 2011 – 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 7:32 p.m. by Chairman, Bob Hundhausen.

Members Present: Bob Hundhausen, Chair; David Allen; Marilyn Noorda; Brian Vick; and Vicki Gernandt.

Others Present: Jim Wathen; Alan Dow; Megan Holland, M.D.; Melody Gillard-Juarez; Donna & James Reilly; Mary Kemp; Dan & Diana Gehring; Leslie Clarke; Darwin Noorda; Dennis Jurgenson; Carol Acklin; Barbara Combs; Linda Olsen; Sandra Wilson, M.D.; John Ohanesian; Joseph Bain and others.

- II. **Public Input** – None

- III. **Consent Agenda** – Mr. Hundhausen asked if there were any questions, comments or additions. Being none, he asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Vick **Moved** to accept the Consent Agenda. Mr. Allen **Seconded** the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joseph Bain and John Ohanesian presented Southern Coos Health District with a \$110,000 check from the Foundation to purchase a brand new Heart Monitoring System. Mr. Bain said it has been a 2-yr. project and they are very excited to present it. We want to thank the Norman F. Sprague Jr. Foundation and the Mildred and Harvey S. Mudd Foundation. He also thanked Kirk and Elizabeth Sprague Day for supporting their grant requests to those foundations. To cap off this 2-year fund-raiser we have a generous donation from the Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keizer Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation for \$25,000. These contributions, plus funds from the community, the Hospital Auxiliary, Golf-for-Health Classic, and from generous donors throughout the community have made this possible. Mr. Bain then thanked Melody for doing an outstanding job and without her you would not be getting this check. There was a big round of applause. Mr. Allen commented that he was here when the Foundation started, and was part of the ‘think tank’ and then got away from it. I have now been with the Foundation for 2 months; the Foundation Board really works hard and they are doing a great job. He thanked them all and said he was very impressed. There was a round of applause for the Foundation. They then asked Aaron Buch to come forward and tell them about the new equipment.

IV. Staff Reports - CEO Report – Mr. Wathen referred members to his written report. He then thanked Mary Kemp for her work in the community. Waist Aweigh is in its 3rd go around and they have 55 participants. The 8th Women’s Health Day will be held on February 5. Mr. Hundhausen asked if we were going to have a presentation from Project Management. Mr. Wathen said that Heidi Brown and Mandy Calvert will give a presentation before the February Board meeting. Mr. Hundhausen then reminded the Board of the elections coming up in May.

CFO Report – Mr. Dow opened by saying that unfortunately the most positive thing he could say about the loss we reported for the month was that it could have been worse. Patient days dropped, we had just 87 patient days for the month, less than 3 a day, cutting our gross revenue by half a million dollars. The Boak gift reversed the loss by about \$90,000. We had a lot better experience on our Medicare/Medicaid contractual and our Charity Care. Expenses were down but they are never down as much when your revenue is down that much. Good news is that A/R days dropped. We hit a new milestone with A/R days breaking the 60-day threshold. The drop in A/R days was due to very little revenue coming in. We had real good collections. He then said that in response to a question at the last meeting regarding who we are contracted with, he provided a list and also said he was not aware of any insurance companies that desire a contract with which we are not contracted. If anyone feels there is a payor in that area that represents a number of enrollees and they don’t think the hospital has a contract, please let me know. Discussion followed about the \$167,000 in the red being a concern and if there is any contingency plan. Question was then raised about self-insuring. Mr. Wathen said this is highly discouraged for organizations this size.

CNO Report – Mr. Wathen referred members to Ms. Scarborough’s report in their packet.

Medical Staff Report – Medical Staff voted to grant privileges for Ortho services to Douglas Abbott, MD from South Coast Orthopedics, and also an expansion to Dr. Riddick’s procedures for Transesophageal Laproscopic Fundoplication and also Mary Anker, ANP, was granted privileges as Dependent Allied Health Staff. Mr. Wathen asked for a motion from the Board to accept the recommendations of the Medical Staff. Mr. Vick **Moved** to accept the recommendations of the Medical Staff. Ms. Noorda **Seconded** the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business – Mel & Marg Boak Trust. Mr. Wathen said this was informational for the Board. He reminded the Board that back in April they were notified that the trust had designated portions of their trust to be split between Southern Coos Health District and the First Presbyterian Church of Bandon. At that time we were requested, along with the Presbyterian Church, to agree to the appointment of a new trustee, which we did at that time. The work was completed over the last 6 months, and in December both the Health District and the Presbyterian Church were presented with checks of approximately \$89,500 out of a total designated funding of \$95,000 each. The remainder will be distributed over the next 12 months until depleted. These were good people and always came to our hospital for care. We can never thank Mr. Boak enough for what he did for the Health District. He went off our Board in 1995 after 30 years of service to the Health

District and we owe him for that. Mr. Allen pointed out that this was basically the settlement of Mr. Boak's trust, and Mrs. Boak's trust is still in the offing. There will be another distribution to the Hospital and to the church, not in the same amount, but perhaps close. Mr. Wathen said one way to express our gratitude is to give donations to the Foundation in Mel and Marge Boak's name.

VI. New Business – Benchmark Reports – Risk Management Report - Mr. Wathen said the reports are there for the Board's information.

National Core Measures - show that we operate well above the national average in all of the Core Measure areas. Mr. Hundhausen asked about the Heart Failure Process - Core Measures. We are below the average in this area. Dr. Holland said that is a difficult mark for us to meet because we do not do Echo Cardiograms at SCH. To get an Echo Cardiogram on patients who have congestive heart failure, it requires us to send them to Bay Area Hospital and back. This is something we are going to discuss at our next Medical Staff Peer Review. That is one of our targets. Dr. Holland said the Medical Staff has been taking each of the Core Measures and looking at how we are performing, and we will be discussing how we can fix it at our Peer Review meetings for the rest of the year.

Staff-Satisfaction Survey – Comments were made that these surveys were an excellent report even though we have potential for improvement in some areas, nevertheless, even those areas have improved compared to previous surveys.

VII. Open Discussion

Ms. Noorda – She has heard good things about the Waist Aweigh programs. There are now 55 people enrolled, including employees.

Ms. Gernandt – Shared her concern about census and admissions.

Mr. Allen – Foundation just rocks. Everyone on Board works and you saw the evidence of that tonight. Congratulations!

Mr. Vick – Echoed David's thoughts.

Mr. Hundhausen – Looking forward to attending Rural Health conference next month.

Mr. Wathen told Mr. Hundhausen that he had prepared feedback to Mr. Hundhausen's concerns. Mr. Wathen distributed the report to the Board.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m. The next regular meeting of the Southern Coos Health District Board will be Thursday, **February 17, 2011**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Bob Hundhausen, Chairman

Vicki Gernandt, Secretary