

**Southern Coos Health District**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 17, 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; Melody Gillard-Juarez; Donna & James Reilly; Mary Kemp; Carri Wathen; Darwin Noorda; Dennis Jurgenson; Carol Acklin; and Esther Williams.

- II. **Public Input** – None

- III. **Consent Agenda** – Mr. Hundhausen asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Vick **Moved** to accept the Consent Agenda. Ms. Noorda **Seconded** the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. **Staff Reports - CEO Report** – Mr. Wathen referred members to his report in the Board Packet. He reminded members of the Board Retreat on April 20. Bill Charney will be giving a special presentation. Mr. Wathen emphasized that this educational presentation was made possible by a grant. Mr. Hundhausen asked for suggestions for the retreat. The retreat will be at Bandon Dunes in the Lincoln room and starts at 9 a.m. Mr. Hundhausen then noted the change in the phone systems will save Southern Coos Hospital a lot of money. Mr. Wathen told those present that this was made possible through the Oregon Health Network. It is a broadband network and the federal government covers 80% of the cost. Mr. Allen suggested having at least one hardline into hospital. Discussed MedStars scholarships. Mr. Wathen explained the scholarships are through the Foundation and they have committed to 2 scholarships. He said he would like the Hospital to support 2 scholarships as well.

CFO Report – Mr. Dow told the Board he will make himself available for interviews and orientation for his replacement, when hired. Patient volumes were down in January and continued through February. The District had a net loss in February of (\$47,126) and he thanked the Foundation for the \$110,000. Inpatient volumes were up 60 days (70%) from the January level but are still 95 days (39%) below the inpatient days a year ago. YTD Net Loss is (\$65,678); Net Operating Income for February was a negative (\$84,306) and a negative (\$671,439) for the fiscal year. Surgery volumes were down for the month of February. Lower patient volumes in

February resulted in lower staffing and supply costs with Operating expenses \$89,987 (7%) lower than last month and \$118,852 (8%) lower than budget. Receivables stable, grew some in February. Discussion followed regarding grants.

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

Medical Staff Report – Mr. Wathen presented Douglas Abbott, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery and Hazen Herzog, PA-C, Orthopedic Surgery for Courtesy Privileges; Mary Anker, ANP, from Independent Allied Health Staff to Dependent Allied Health Staff; and expansion of privileges for R. Steven Riddick, M.D. (Transesophageal Laproscopic Fundoplication) and Michael McQueen, M.D., (ED Ultra-Sound privileges). Mr. Allen **Moved** to accept the Medical Staff recommendations; Mr. Vick **Seconded** the motion. Passed unanimously.

- V. **Old Business** – Benchmark Reports – Peer Comparison, HCAHPS (Inpatient Satisfaction) and Outpatient Satisfaction reports are there for Board's information. Mr. Wathen commented that we are in the top 10% and still 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State.  
Insurance Updates – Shared that the cost of premium has gone down in past few years. Worker's Compensation has gone down due to in-house training.  
Budget Calendar – Mr. Vick **Moved** to accept the Budget Calendar. Mr. Allen **Seconded** the motion. Passed unanimously.

- VI. **New Business** – Medical Staff Membership & Privileges Recommendations (above) – Membership & Privileges were addressed in the Medical Staff report section.  
Change in May Meeting Date to Thursday, May 26, 2011 – Mr. Wathen asked the Board to move May 19 meeting date to May 26. Mr. Allen **Moved** to change the Board meeting date; Ms. Noorda **Seconded** the motion. Motion passed unanimously.  
MedStars Scholarships (2) – Ms. Gillard-Juarez told the Board that we receive letters from students at the school. This year we have asked for a letter from students receiving the scholarships. The scholarships are \$750 each. Mr. Vick **Moved** for the Hospital to give 2 MedStar scholarships not to exceed \$750 each. Ms. Noorda **Seconded** the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## VII. Open Discussion

Ms. Gernandt – No comments

Ms. Noorda – Read an article that encouraged hospital staff to attend community clubs and meetings to keep our hospital in the face of the community. Mr. Wathen said it had been a couple of years since he had been to all the clubs, but has started with the Lion's Club this month and will be giving presentations to all the others with current information on the Hospital. He said it was a timely comment.

Mr. Allen – No comments

Mr. Vick – He said that we all know we had a tsunami warning. In the low lying areas everyone was evacuated and it went very smoothly. There were some

issues and the department heads are going to meet, talk about these issues and further formulate our emergency plan. He then asked what plans we have for the hospital should a major event like this happen, was there any kind of warning given to the hospital.

Mr. Wathen responded that we have this as a part of our Emergency Response Plans. We have a couple of members of our staff sitting with the City on the Tsumani Planning Committee. We are set up to respond to anything that might happen. Through our Flu inoculation program, we are trying to get people used to coming to a certain point, at the City yard, where we would initially set up our tents, do all the screening there, then send the people who need more care down to the Hospital. This is important because if people head straight to the Hospital, we will have a traffic jam and won't be able to get anything done and serious incidents will not be able to get to us. All of that is included in our plan. Rebecca Davisson is our ED manager and Disaster Coordinator for the Hospital. She is up-to-date on everything. In the past 5 or 6 years we have spent a lot of time obtaining grants from HRSA that bring a lot of emergency capabilities. We have these in storage and ready to move out on a moment's notice. We still have to test it, but the basics are down and we have a Call List for the first part of that and when something happens we will put into play. The Call List is called and everyone comes in and we are ready to go. Ms. Noorda said she had heard that some of the churches in town have a call list. She suggested that someone from the committee might go around to the different places where people gather to remind people if they have a calling tree. Mr. Hundhausen said that was a part of our warning system. Mr. Wathen said it was a good idea in certain circumstances, we could include them in our plan and extend calling to some of those groups. Mr. Vick apologized to the Board for missing the last meeting.

Mr. Hundhausen – Community Health is a very important item. Southern Coos (Mary Kemp) is doing a great job of outreach to the community, especially with the tobacco, diabetes, and the Waist Aweigh programs.

## VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Southern Coos Health District Board will be Thursday, **April 21, 2011**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

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Bob Hundhausen, Chairman

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Vicki Gernandt, Secretary