

SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: RCA Church

550 East Post St

Lone Pine, CA 93545

Treasurer Richard Fedchenko will be participating via phone.
5080 Mansfield, San Diego, CA 92116

Director Mark Lacey will be participating via phone.
571 S. Sierra Hwy, Olancho, CA 93549

AGENDA

PRESENT

Jaque Hickman, President

Charles Carson, Vice President

Carma Roper, Secretary

Mark Lacey, Director (via phone)

Richard Fedchenko, Treasurer (via phone at 6pm)

OTHERS

Brian Cotter, CEO

Roxanne Culp, HR

Chris Marks, IT

Scott Nave, Attorney (via phone)

Rick Jackson, JWT & Associates Auditor

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

Secretary Roper moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda for May 14, 2019. Vice President Carson seconded all approved.

Roll Call-

Carma Roper "AYE"

Charles Carson "AYE"

Jaque Hickman "AYE"

Mark Lacey "AYE"

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II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Audit Reports for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 (JWT Auditor)

Rick Jackson reported that SIHD's last audit was June 30, 2015. There was about 2.2 million loss in 2015. In 2016 there was a 2 million loss, 2017 there was a 778k loss and in 2018 there was a 1.2 million loss. These numbers may change once JWT receives more information from the bankruptcy attorney.

This is the first year that the state is requiring audited financials when a cost report is filed. SIHD was able to get an extension. State has the authority to withhold so at this time, JWT issued a draft. JWT is waiting for Jeff Golden to catch up on taking over as SIHD's bankruptcy attorney. There will be some fine tuning to this draft audited financials, as soon as JWT is able to contact the new bankruptcy attorney.

B. Discussion regarding future of Southern Inyo Hospital facilities. (President/Attorney)

The court ruled that Foley and Lardner, LLP and Ashley McDow be disqualified from representing SIHD in the bankruptcy case. There is a new counsel, Jeff Golden WG&G. The judge signed an order for Jeff Golden to get up to date. Ashley McDow and Jeff Golden are working together. There is a hearing coming up for the Optum cross motions for summary judgement. Nave will be meeting with Jeff Golden May 20th. Then there will be a general discussion on plan.

President Hickman stated the Ashley McDow served us well and is confident that Jeff Golden will do a good job. The Board has lots of work to do.

C. Consent Agenda: These items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. If a member of the Board or public wishes to discuss an item, it will removed from Consent and considered separately at the end of Business Items.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 04/09/2019.
- b. Special Board Meeting Minutes of 04/12/2019.
- c. Special Board Meeting Minutes of 05/01/2019.
- d. Special Board Meeting Minutes of 05/07/2019.

2. Medical Staff Privileges

- a. Nabil H. Abbassi, MD, Clinic Physician, Extended One Year Medical Staff Privileges.
- b. Adria Elene Ottoboni, MD, ER Physician, Extended Two Years Medical Staff Privileges.
- c. Ramesh Pundi, MD, Clinic Physician, Extended One Year Medical Staff Privileges.

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3. Approval of Contracts

- a. Neima Ghassemian, Pharmacist

4. Approval of Policies & Procedures

- a. Code of Conduct
- b. Compliance & Privacy Reporting Hotline
- c. Compliance Program Policy

Action: Secretary Roper moved to approve the Minutes for 04/09/2019, 04/12/2019, 05/01/2019, 05/07/2019, the medical staff privileges for Nabil H, Abbassi, MD, Adria Elene Ottoboni, MD, Ramesh Pundi, MD, Contract with Neima Ghassemian, Pharmacist and the Policy and Procedures for Code of Conduct, Compliance & Privacy reporting hotline and Compliance program policy. Vice President Carson seconded.

Roll Call-

Carma Roper	"AYE"
Charles Carson	"AYE"
Mark Lacey	"AYE"
Jaque Hickman	"AYE"

D. Services with Medsphere Systems Corporation (CEO)

Discussion item only.

Medsphere Systems Corporation provided a list of alternatives in regards to a different relationship with Medsphere and their services (upgrade on Revenue Cycle Management, General Ledger). The list of alternatives were presented at a Special Board meeting. The Board of Directors requested a detailed spreadsheet that shows the amount/cost and how the different options would work on annually and a 5 year bases.

Brian Cotter reviewed the list of alternatives provided by Medsphere and also reviewed the requested detailed spreadsheet.

President Hickman stated that there are concerns from the employees on changing the system again. At this time, SIHD is exploring the options because when HCCA took this on, there was an upfront fee for the software. The fee included putting it all together and a monthly licensing fee. Also, a one-time training for the EHR. None of that was paid so Medsphere came back with instead of paying the total, divide it to 28,800 a month and we will be even at the end of the 5-6 years of contract. By going to the cloud for revenue cycle, SIHD will no longer use Medworxs and they can offer us other services. For example, patient portal and e-scripts.

President Hickman, Brian Cotter and Irv haven been discussing on how SIHD can manage both the Medsphere program and make it work. How do you make the missing pieces appear and how do we manage the costs? SIHD did negotiate away from the 28,800 a month to 12,000.00 with a balloon payment, which was due January 15, 2019 but SIHD could not pay the ballon payment. Irv suggested that

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Medsphere handle the billing and Medsphere can make a percentage. President Hickman stated that there is a lot to consider. What if that doesn't work? How would we get the billing back and get billing back to speed? Does Medsphere know Medical?

SIHD is not ready to make a decision. There will be more discussions on this.

E. American Business Machines (IT)

Chris Marks, IT presented the American Business Machines agreement during the financial meeting. Chet wanted to get more info about the overage before approving this item. Chris found that SIHD already signed the maintenance agreement. Agreement does not include paper.

Chet Beedle is not present. President Hickman requested the Chris Marks contacts Chet and provide the requested info.

Action: Vice President Carson moved to accept the American Business Machines item with subject to Chet Beedle reviewing the overage and approving or revising it. Secretary Roper seconded.

Roll Call-

Mark Lacey	"AYE"
Charles Carson	"AYE"
Carma Roper	"AYE"
Jaque Hickman	"AYE"

III. REPORTS

A. Financial Report

Chet Beedle, Financial Consultant was not present. Vice President Carson briefly reviewed the Financials presented at Finance Meeting May 7th.

Revenues were down last month. Traci Gilmore, Revenue Cycle Manager stated that the billing was off. The few factors were due to not having Medicare acute and our rate for the clinic has gone down. Medi-cal rate has gone down for long term care. About a 40% drop. Per Brian Cotter, SIHD is seeing the rebound that SIHD would be expecting last year.

B. CEO Report

The roof in skilled nursing was fixed and SIHD can now get more occupancy.

Swing Bed-SIHD is waiting on the licensing for Swing Bed. SIHD should hear back in June. Brian Cotter stated that a skilled nursing patient can go into Acute (3 days) and then be transferred into swing bed (up to 100 days). The skilled nursing patient could lose their skilled nursing bed but SIHD's turnaround of skilled nursing patients would give them a 90% guarantee to return to our skilled nursing. A patient who had surgery at another hospital can be transferred over to SIHD Swing bed, as long as they had their 3 days in Acute.

Michael Floyd stated that if our skilled nursing is full, SIHD can admit patients into the Swing beds.

Brian Cotter reviewed the monthly numbers and graphs presented at the financial meeting May 7th.

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There is a new physician at the Clinic, Dr. Abbassi. Physician Therapist had residency issues and is no longer with SIHD. At this time, HR is trying to get a Physical Therapist. SIHD did find a per diem PT for Saturdays. There is a potential PT coming in part time from Ridgecrest.

Brian Cotter reached out to Sherrita Lane with DHCS. SIHD's check was mailed to the wrong facility. Check was received for 1.185 million. Part of this amount will go towards paying the county back. SIHD has requested the final invoice from Inyo County.

Brian spoke with Amy Sheppard with the county and SIHD is expecting about 142k in tax money. SIHD is also expecting an IGT for 62k.

The hospital had a survey for skilled nursing and the swing bed a couple weeks ago. Great job to the staff. There were very little discrepancies. Having the mock swing bed survey definitely helped.

Prime data was submitted.

National Hospital week May 12-18th. We have a schedule of events and raffles for the employees.

President Hickman stated now that the roof is fixed, SIH can admit new residents.

C. Medical Staff Report (Quarterly Report)
No Medical Staff Report at this time. Only quarterly.

At this time, Treasurer Fedchenko called in.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Anita Sonke, Linda Tucker and Anne Bramhall reported that the SIH Salvation Inaugural Show and Shine Car Show was a success. There were raffles. A Membership enrollment by Lynne Bunn. The SIH Salvation would like to give thanks to the sponsors/judges, Boulder Creek for the use of tables and chairs and the Owen's Valley Cruisers. There are other projects to come. There is a quilt raffle still going on that will be announced at the Film Festival.

Linda Tucker mentioned that there are physicians who have student loans, they work at a facility to pay them off. This is a possible option to look at.

V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Secretary Roper stated we need more recruiting. There was a Bishop Job Fair May 4th that she would have liked to see SIHD there.

President Hickman responded to Linda Tucker's comment on the physician and student loans. Inyo Co. Resources is available and President Hickman would like to introduce her to some of the staff at SIHD. Vice President Carson stated that he will contact a previous community member that is now a physician.

President Hickman gave thanks to the hospital staff.

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VI. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Existing Litigation (Govt Code 54956.9): Chapter 9 Bankruptcy
- B. Personnel Evaluation: CEO
- C. Approval of ETB Cash Out-Personal

VII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The Board of Directors and the Legal Counsel discussed items A, B and C. At this time, the Board of Directors requested a policy review of the ETB Cash Out before making a decision. No other items were discussed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The open session meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.



President or Secretary of the Board

6-12-19

Date

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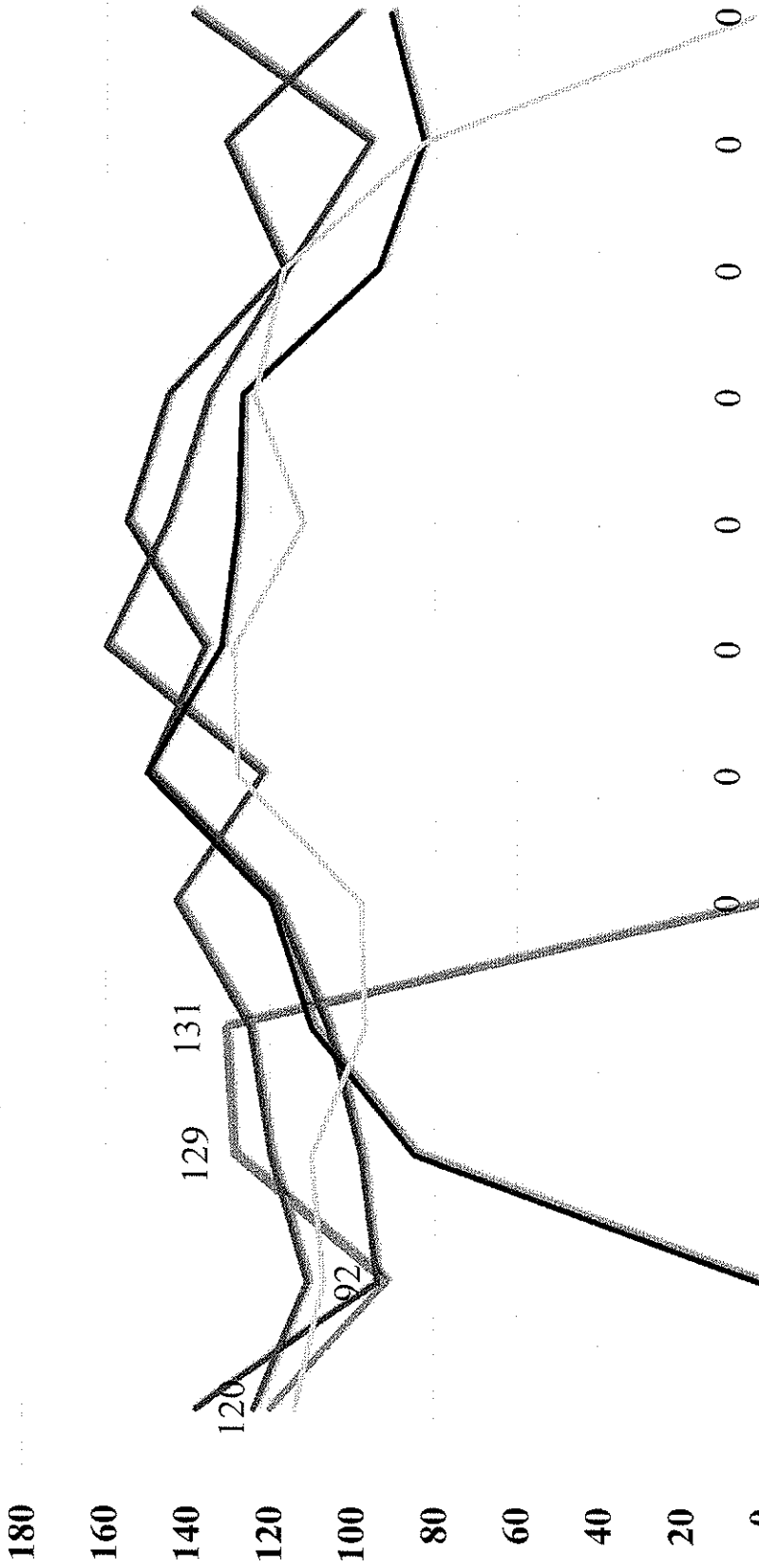


Emergency Room Volume

Average Visits Per Day

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	3.87	3.28	4.16	4.36								
2018	4.46	3.36	3.17	3.54	3.84	5	4.39	5	4.83	3.78	4.37	4
2017	4.4	3.9	3.8	4.2	4.6	4.1	5.2	4.7	4.5	3.7	3.2	4.49
2016	-	-	2.7	3.7	3.9	5.0	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.9
2015	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.2	4.3	4.2	3.6	4.1	3.8	2.8	0.1
2014	2.7	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.7	3.1	5.1	4.2	3.2	3.5	2.8	2.9
2013	2.9	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.3	2.0	2.3	2.1
2012	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.5	3.2	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.9

Emergency Room Volume – Visits Per Month

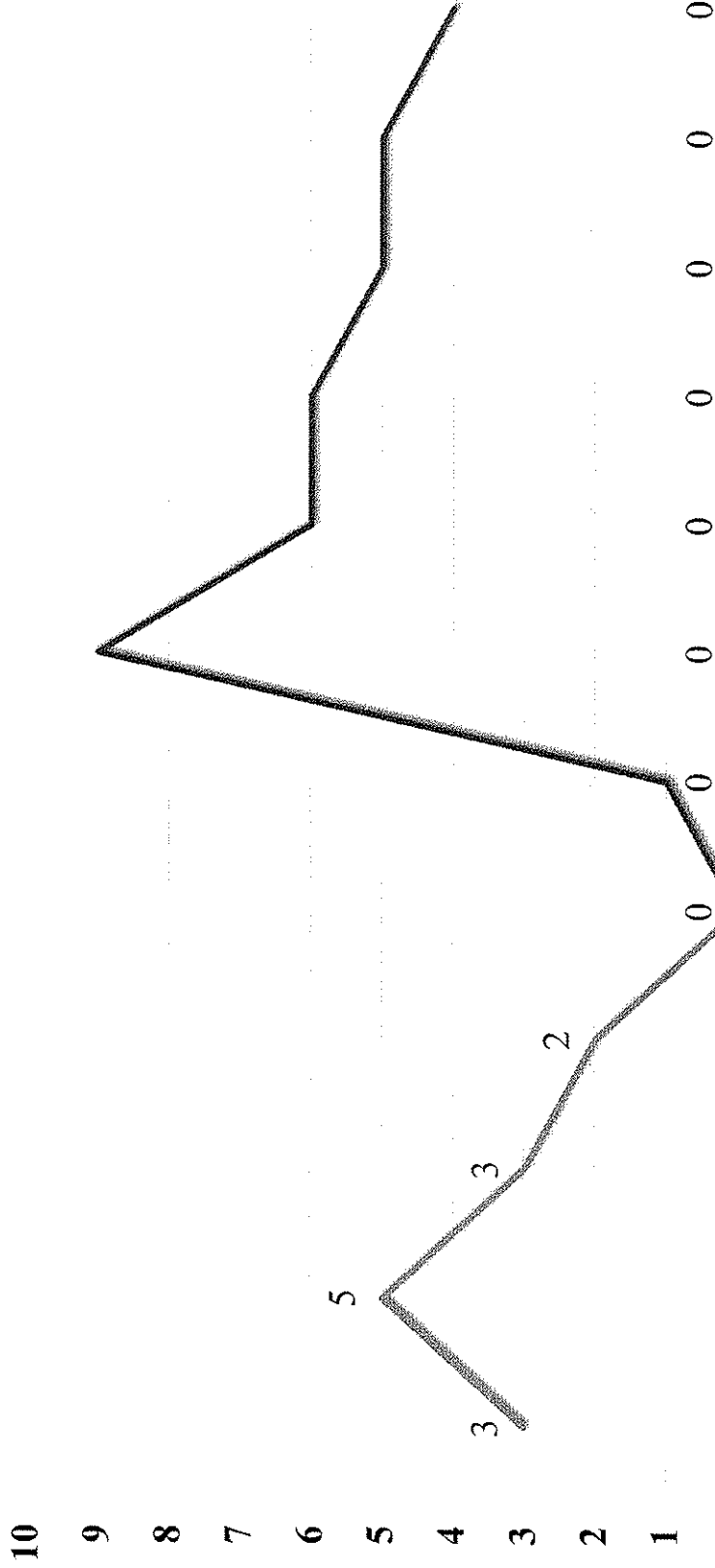


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2019	120	92	129	131								
2018	138	94	98	106	119	150	136	155	145	117	131	99
2017	124	111	120	125	143	122	160	145	135	116	96	139
2016	-	-	85	110	120	150	132	128	127	94	83	91
2015	114	107	110	97	98	128	129	112	124	117	83	133

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Acute & Swing Room – Patients Per Month

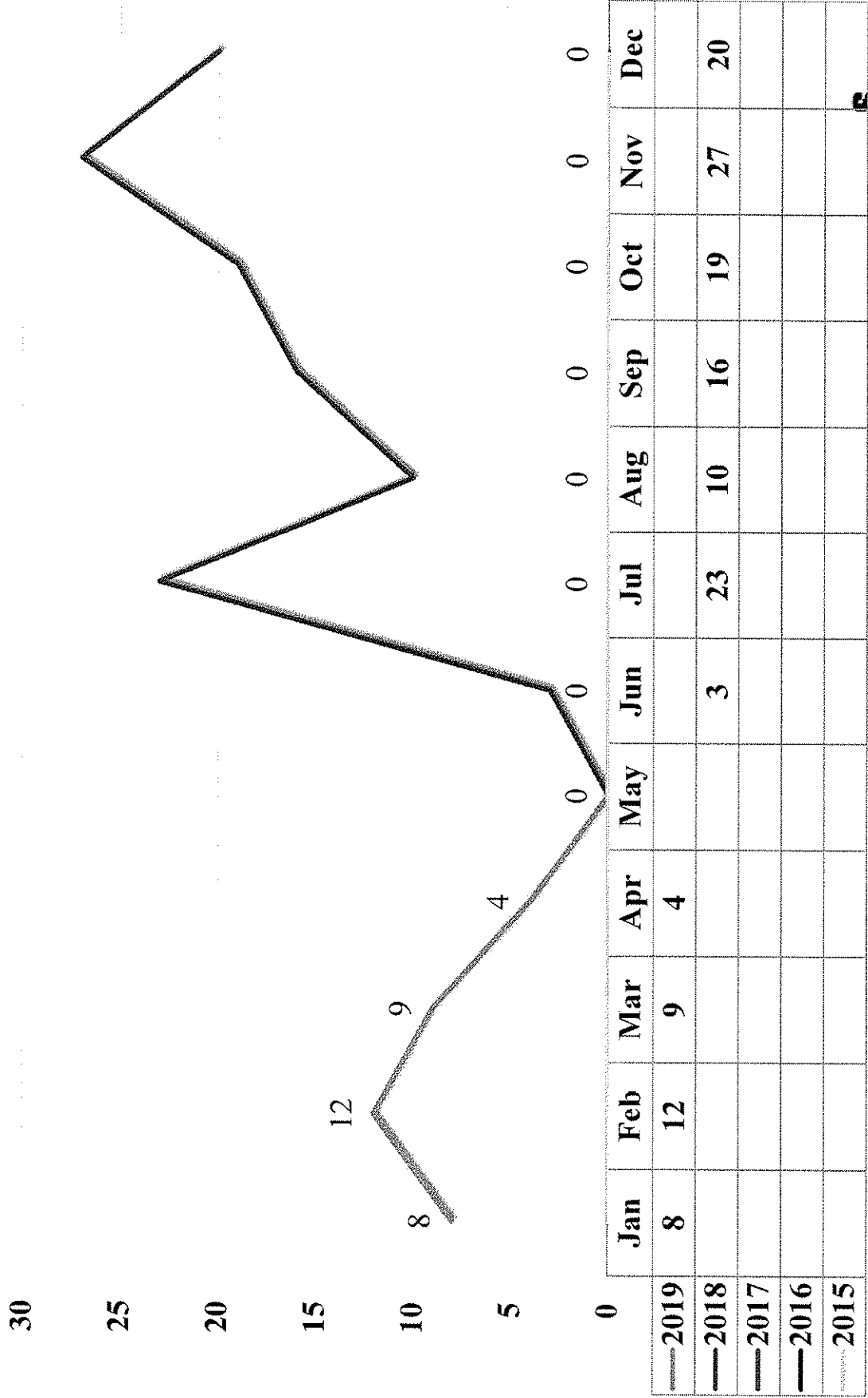


	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	3	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	3	5	3	2	0	1	9	6	6	5	5	4
2017												
2016												
2015												

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Acute Room – Total Days in Acute

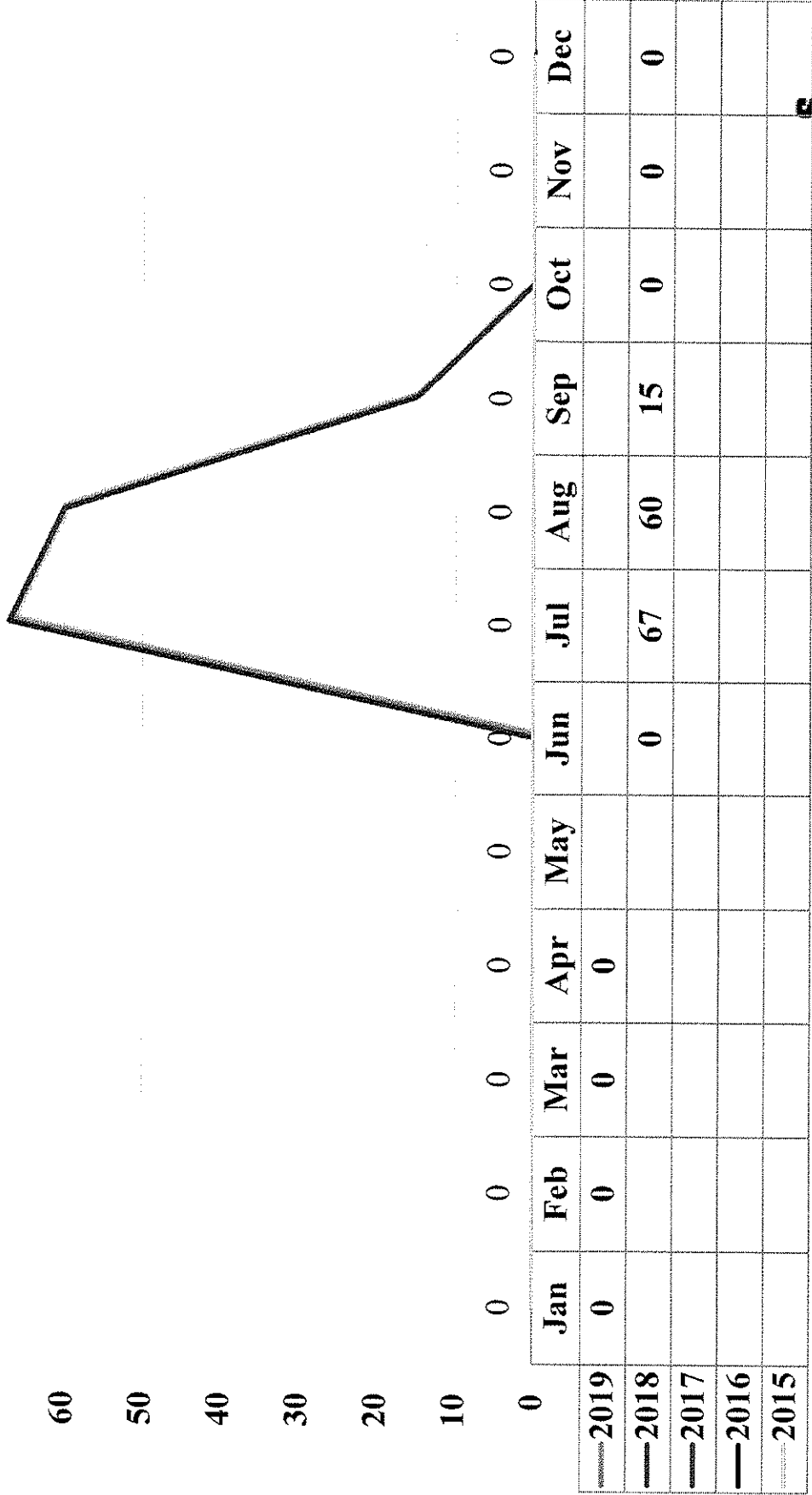


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Swing Bed Room – Total Days in Swing Bed

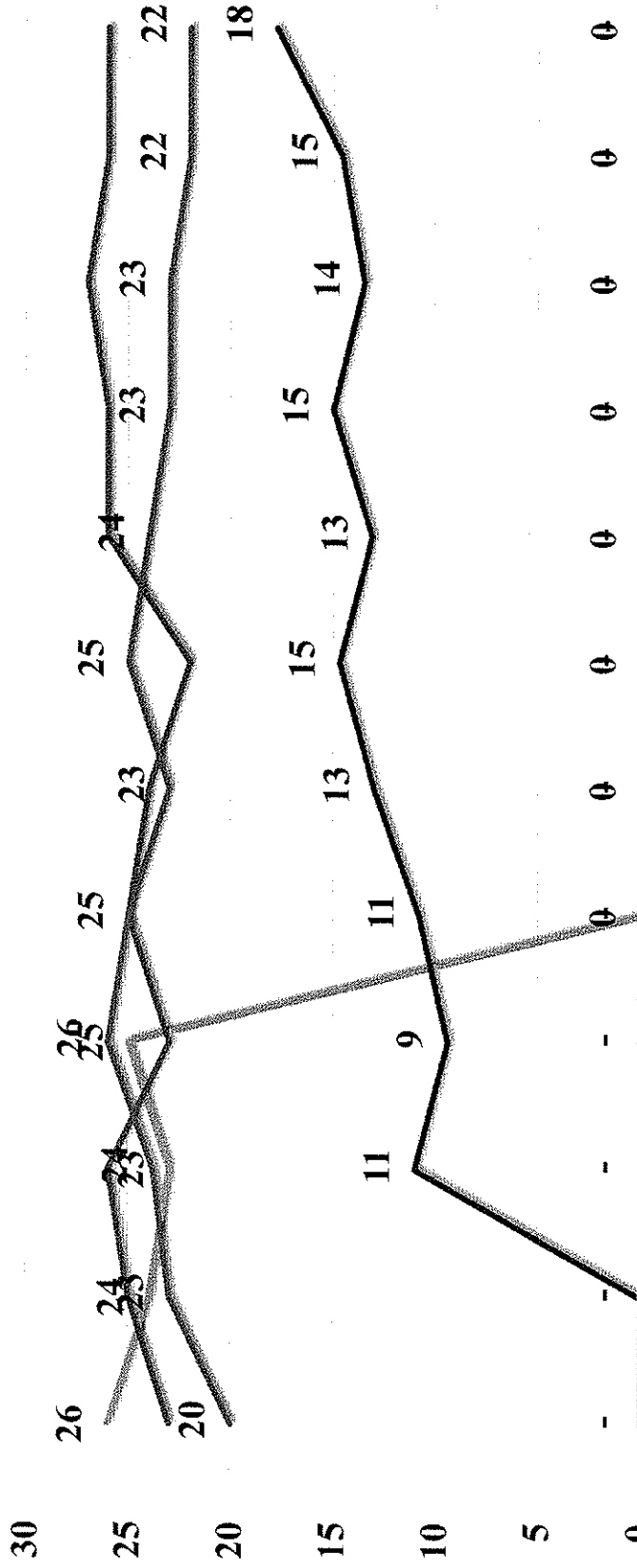
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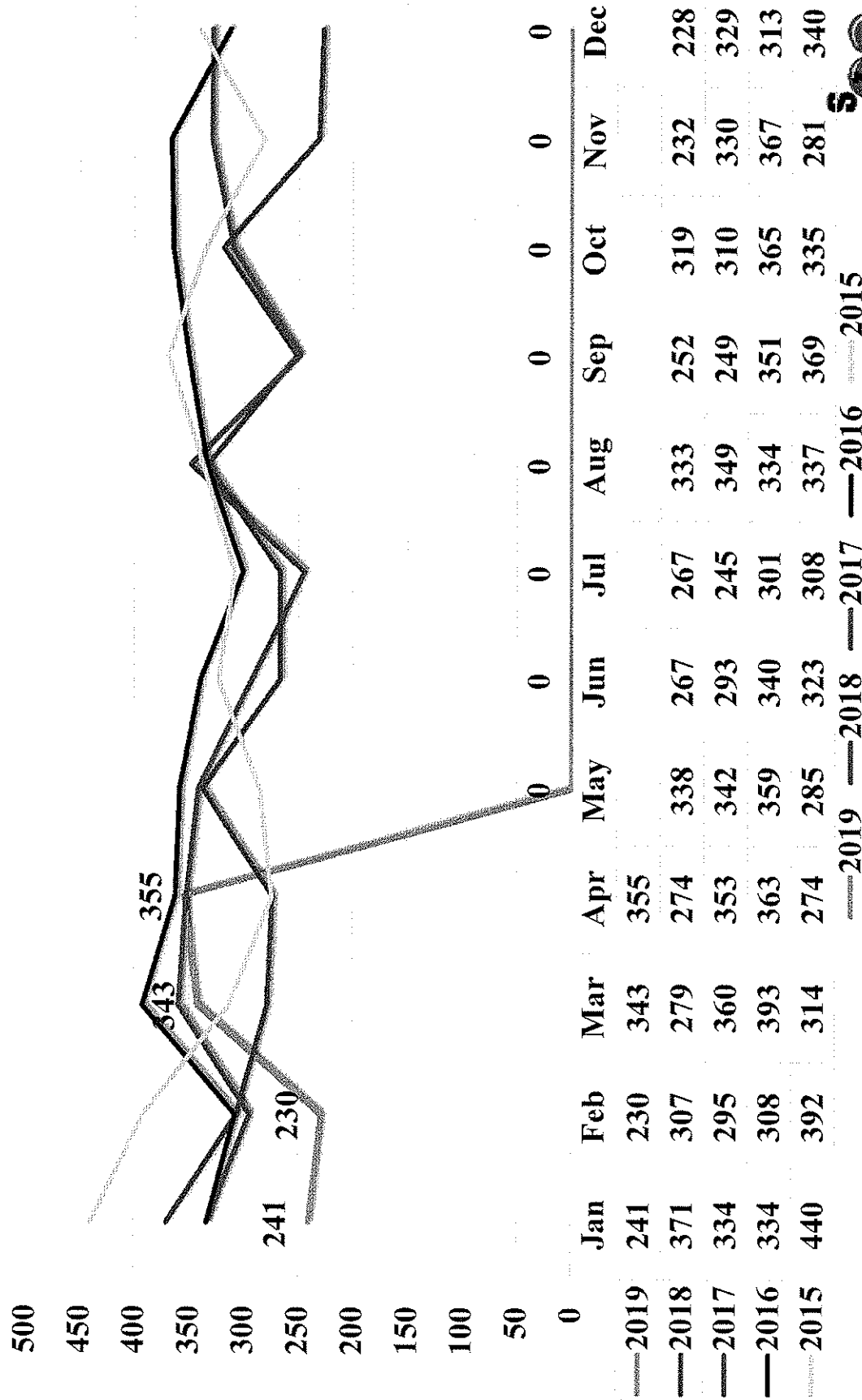
Skilled Nursing Facility Volumes – Monthly Census



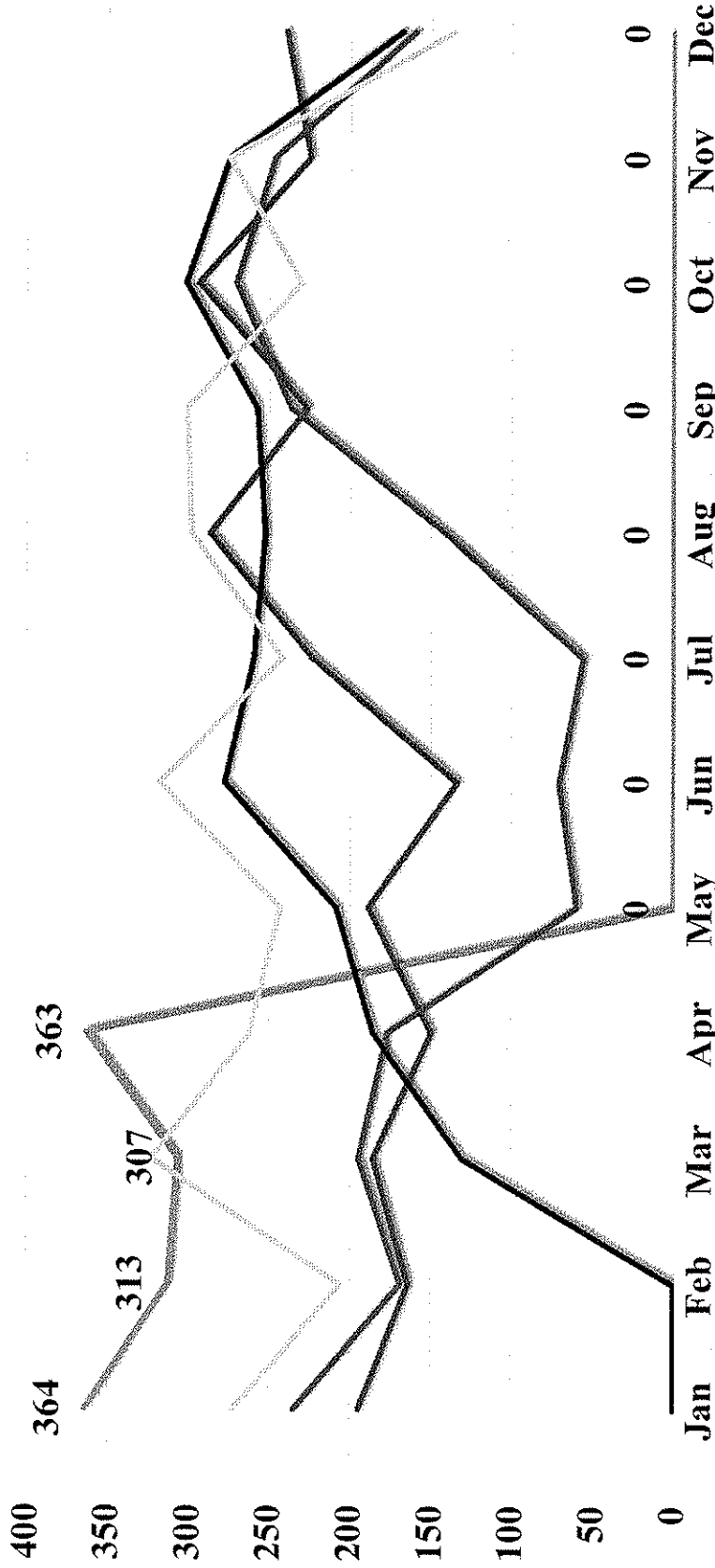
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	26	24	23	25	25	24	22	26	26	27	26	26
2018	23	25	26	23	25	24	22	26	26	27	26	26
2017	20	23	24	26	25	23	25	24	23	23	22	22
2016	-	-	11	9	11	13	15	13	15	14	15	18
2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



SIHD Rural Clinic Volumes – Visits Per Month



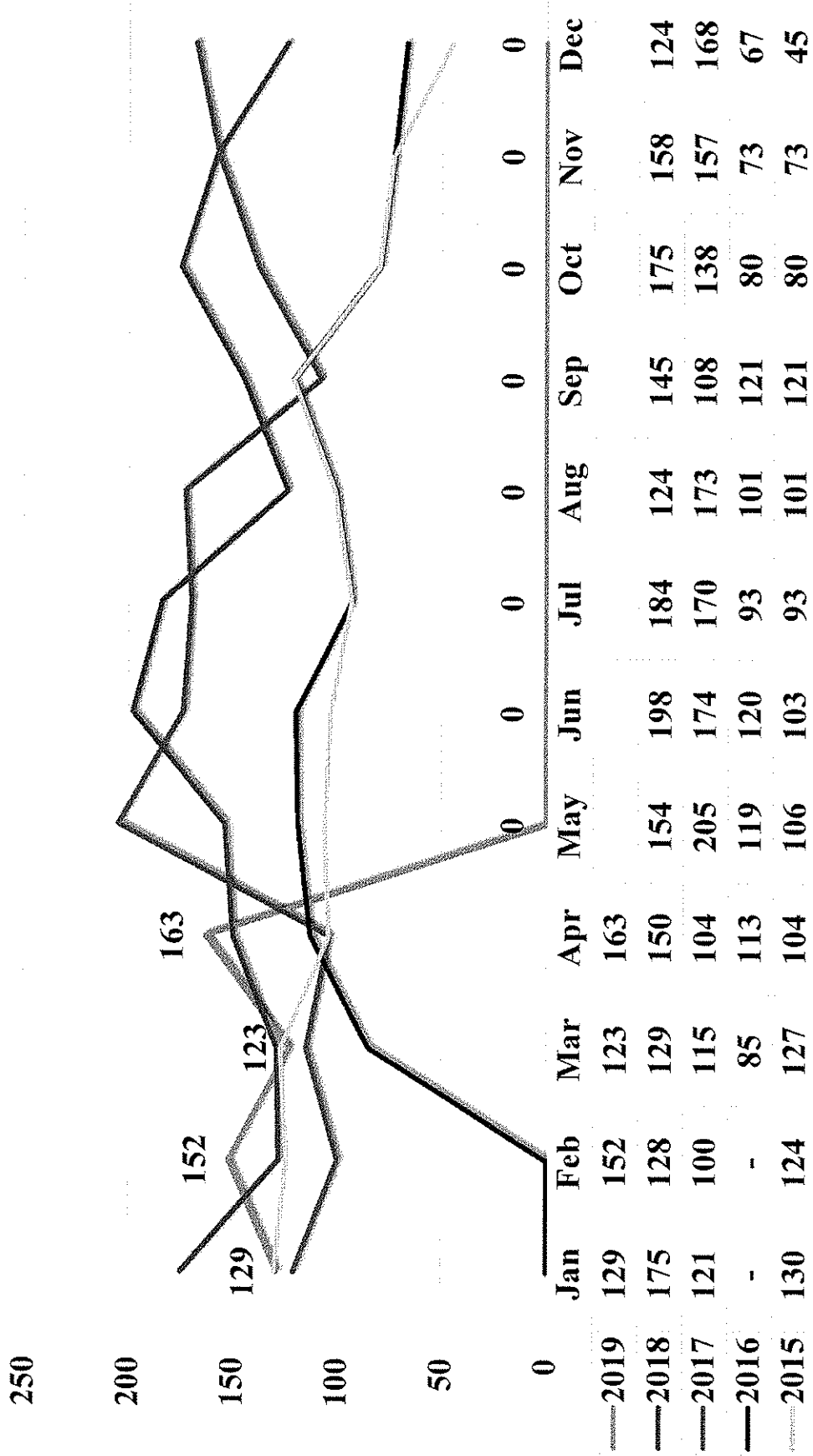
Physical Therapy Volumes



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
—2019	364	313	307	363	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
—2018	195	164	186	150	189	134	224	287	227	294	225	240
—2017	235	169	195	177	60	71	56	141	237	271	247	160
—2016	-	-	131	186	209	278	260	253	258	302	275	168
—2015	272	206	323	262	243	318	242	298	301	230	275	275



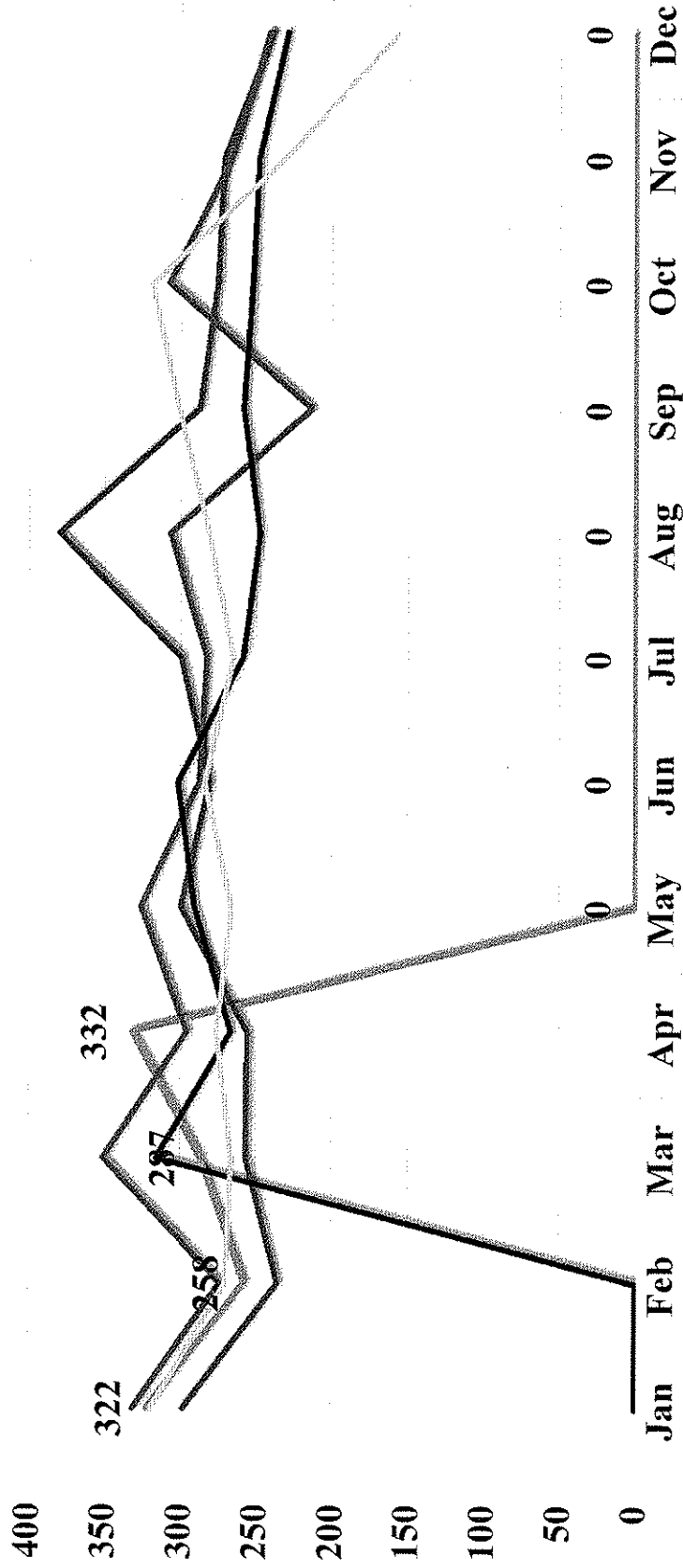
X Ray Volumes – Visits-Exams Per Month



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Laboratory Volumes



Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	322	258	287	332	300	281	300	380	288	276	272	240
2018	298	236	257	256	326	288	283	307	214	308	267	242
2017	331	274	351	296	291	302	259	248	259	253	249	230
2016	-	-	316	267	266	284	265	281	301	319	232	157
2015	319	270	266	276	266	284	265	281	301	319	232	157

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