

SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Time: 4:30 p.m.

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PRESENT

Charles Carson, President

Bruce Branson, Vice President (via zoom)

Mark Lacey, Treasurer (via zoom)

ABSENT

Carma Roper, Secretary

Jaque Hickman, Director

OTHERS

Peter Spiers, CEO

Maritza Perkins, Executive Assistant

Scott Nave, Legal Counsel

Daniel Spina, Director of Facilities

Jody Mills, PIC

Genoveva Southey, HR Manager

Felicia Crawford, GDC Consulting

Meghan McCamman, Assistant County Administrator

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Vice President Branson moved to approve the 02/08/2022 Regular Board Meeting agenda.
Treasurer Lacey seconded.

Roll Call

Bruce Branson "AYE"
Mark Lacey "AYE"
Charles Carson "AYE"

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 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 be removed from Consent and considered separately at the end of Business Items.

1. Approval of Policies and Procedures

a. Covid-10 Mitigation Plan for SNF (updated plan)

ACTION: Vice President Branson moved to approve the Covid-19 mitigation plan for SNF.
Treasurer Lacey seconded.

Roll Call

Bruce Branson "AYE"
Mark Lacey "AYE"
Charles Carson "AYE"

B. GDC Consulting- Hospice (Felicia Crawford)

Peter Spiers, CEO introduced Felicia Crawford. Felicia reviewed the presented hospice presentation. *(Hospice Presentation will be provided at the end of these minutes.)*

Peter Spiers, CEO will do a roll up of the monies and report back to the board of directors.

C. Mobile Clinic (Meaghan McCamman)

Meaghan McCamman stated that the mobile clinic concept come along when Inyo County received word of grant opportunities from CMS. CMS wants to invest in their rural counties that they serve. They issued a noticed of a 50k planning grant. The planning grant can roll into a 1.5 million implementation grant. Inyo County wants to bring together its three biggest providers in Inyo County (SIHD, NIHD, and Toiyabe) to serve the community who are off the 395 Hwy (outlined population).

Now that covid is winding up. Inyo County hired two different consultants to work with the three providers.

(Mobile Clinic information will be provided at the end of these minutes.)

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At this time, NIH has dropped out of the project, and it is only SIHD and Toiyabe who are still participating in the project. The plan is to purchase the mobile clinic this summer. The negotiation has leaned towards SIHD taking ownership of the mobile clinic since SIHD will be serving the largest land area of the population and have Toiyabe rent of the mobile clinic.

A couple goals for this grant is to serve the outlined population and use this mobile clinic as an opportunity to enhance the financial stability of our local care providers.

D. Resolution 22-2 Authorizing Remote Meetings During State of Emergency (Legal Counsel)

The executive order encouraging social distancing is still in effect even though the mask mandate is not widespread. The temporary suspension of the Brown Act is in effect.

This will continue each month until further notice from legal counsel. This started in October 2021.

ACTION: Vice President Branson moved to approve Resolution 22-2 Authorizing Remote Meetings During State of Emergency. Treasurer Lacey seconded.

Roll Call

Mark Lacey	"AYE"
Bruce Branson	"AYE"
Charles Carson	"AYE"

E. DHSC Grant Money for New Covid Unit (CEO)

Peter Spiers, CEO stated that the DHCS wants to give SIHD 220k to buy a modular covid unit. SIHD Team has already looked into the specifications and company we will use.

Scott Nave, Legal Counsel stated that the board can authorize the President of the Board to review the contract with legal counsel and the CEO and sign it if all in agreement that it is in the best interest of district.

ACTION: Treasurer Lacey moved to approve the DHSC Grant Money for New Covid Unit and to have the President of Board, Legal Counsel and CEO to go over the contract and finalize. Vice President Branson seconded.

Roll Call

Mark Lacey	"AYE"
Bruce Branson	"AYE"
Charles Carson	"AYE"

F. RHC Physician Agreement for Ashvin Pandya (CEO)

Peter Spiers, CEO gave a brief background on Ashvin Pandya. Dr. Pandya has been in the rural clinic in Bishop for 15 years and did work at SIHD a long time ago. Dr. Pandya will be working with us 3-4 times a month and do some telemedicine.

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ACTION: Treasurer Lacey moved to approve the RHC Physician Agreement for Ashvin Pandya. Vice President Branson seconded.

Roll Call

Mark Lacey "AYE"
Bruce Branson "AYE"
Charles Carson "AYE"

G. WIPFLI Contract (CEO)

This is a proposal only, not a contract.

Peter Spiers, CEO stated he would like to hire WIPFLI to provide SIHD's financial management services. SIHD will not need everything that is on this proposal. Peter Spiers will work with Wes Thew on what is needed for SIHD and request a second proposal showing how he can offset the expense based on the size of our hospital.

Peter Spiers would like to give this 6 months and if everything works out, Peter will come back to the board to hire WIPFLI for a year.

III. REPORTS

A. CEO Report & Hospital Operations Update

- a. Human Resources – Genoveva Southey, HR Manager
- b. Facilities- Daniel Spina, Facilities Director
- c. CEO Report- Peter Spiers

The CEO, HR Manager, and Director of Facilities reviewed their report. *(Reports will be provided at the end of these minutes.)*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Teresa McFarland commented that department budgets are essential and makes good sense. Teresa McFarland commented that there is lack of access for pharmacy in Lone Pine. She found a program called Instinet (vending machine) that is located in a facility that the provider sends the prescription to the machine. Jody Mills, PIC stated that in the state of CA we have consulting requirements, and the devices are expensive. If SIHD can find a grant for it, we would be willing to get one in the facility. If there is a device outside the facility, the district cannot be involved in an outpatient project. Teresa will forward the info to Jody Mills. Teresa also mentioned VA care. There is no care throughout the valley. Peter Spiers will have the PFS team to see what we can do about that.

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

President Carson stated that he appreciates Daniel Spina and Peter Spiers.

Vice President Branson stated that he appreciates Daniel Spina. Thank you for getting things in order.

Treasurer Lacey stated that the reports were good, and he appreciates the communication. Good job.

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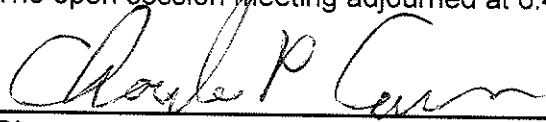
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VI. ADJOURNMENT

The open session meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



Signature of Board Member



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