

Perham Memorial Hospital and Home
Perham, MN
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: 4-29-09
Time: 5:30pm
Place: Board Room
Present: Kathy Hemmelgarn, Jane Aschnewitz, Cal Dockter, Gilbert Ebner, Karen Field, Alfred Fresonke, Bernice Genoch, Eugene Jahnke, Alisyn Keil, Jerry Kunza, Terry Marthaler, Gail Quittschreiber, Cyndy Rastedt, Rich Richter. Also present included: Chuck Hofius, Brad Wurgler, Dennis Happel, Marilyn Oelfke, Darla Medeck-Johnson, Sue Von Ruden, Jim Rieber, Paulette Amundson (via telehealth), Mike Holper, Deb Soliah, Sue Sailer, and Karla Kupfer.

A. Call to Order

Chair Hemmelgarn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Hospital philanthropy project will be discussed at the beginning of the meeting so that those involved can leave if they choose to after this item is discussed.

C. Board Education

Sue Von Ruden introduced some of the Foundation members in attendance as follows: Dennis Happel, Mike Holper, Sue Sailer, Brad Wurgler, Kathy Hemmelgarn, Alisyn Keil, and Dr. Stolee. Deb Soliah, who is the MeritCare Foundation Director, was also present to discuss ideas she shared with the Foundation Board on how to kick off a successful foundation campaign. Several good ideas were provided to help start the planning for the foundation campaign.

Radiology Department – Darla Medeck-Johnson gave an overview of what’s new in the radiology department. Darla noted that the new C-arm and DXA scan equipment are working well and we are now doing pain injection treatments. The ultrasound machine may need to be replaced soon; we believe we will have enough volume to put an in-house MRI in the new hospital; and now we are able to schedule mammograms and bone density scans at the same time for patients. The department is also involved in a clinical rotation for radiology students from the Detroit Lakes campus.

Darla provided a tour of the Radiology Department for the Board.

The meeting resumed at 6:30 p.m.

D. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dockter, seconded by Fresonke, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion passed.

E. Reports

1. Operating Reports

Brad reviewed the Finance Reports for March 2009. March saw a net gain from operations of \$115,298, compared to a budgeted gain of \$75,519. With the addition of the non-operating income, March finished with a total net gain of

\$201,143 compared to a budgeted gain of \$154,438. This brings the facility to a year-to-date total net income of \$1,022,544 for the first half of the fiscal year, compared to \$675,619 budgeted, a positive variance of \$346,925 or 51.3 percent.

Brad also reviewed the Financial Dashboard.

(a) *Patient Services Report*

There were no changes to the report.

(b) *Long Term Care Report*

Marilyn gave a verbal report at the meeting. Transitions has 10 beds open at the current time, the evacuation of MeritCare and several discharges and deaths at once have created this unusual situation. The nursing home staff have been doing several education sessions and consulting on the culture change. A group of directors of nursing from several different states were here last week.

(c) *Community Services Report*

There was no report available at this time being Dan was gone.

2. *CEO Report*

Chuck noted the community open forum schedule and verified that all board members would be present at their assigned times.

3. *Medical Staff*

There was no medical staff present at the meeting. Paulette informed the Board that the female P.A. turned down their offer to come to Perham. They are hopeful that the female provider coming in June for a site visit will be interested.

4. *MeritCare Report*

Paulette reviewed the MeritCare evacuation process and noted that they are operating at full capacity once again. Valley City hospital and clinic are currently in an evacuation mode; MeritCare is hoping to do some joint marketing with Perham, New York Mills and Ottertail. Paulette also provided a recap on National Healthcare Reform.

5. *Strategic Goals Quarterly Report*

There were no changes to the report.

6. *Community Relations Quarterly Report*

There were no changes to the report.

7. *Personnel Quarterly Report*

There were no changes to the report.

F. **Old/Other Business**

1. *Storytelling our Success*

Marilyn shared two stories from the Nursing Home, both relating to strong positive feedback we have received from family members of nursing home residents regarding our handling of death and dying.

2. *Hospital Project Update*
The final platting of the land should be done by the City on May 11; they will then annex the property. We should be able to purchase the land in June. Engineering meetings have been taking place.
3. *Hospital Financing*
There have been ongoing talks between Brad and Tom Mayfield about options with financing. Healthcare Capital will start the bidding process with local banks in May. With the economy as it is, there are much stricter guidelines in order to acquire financing, so things aren't the same as they were when we financed the nursing home project. They are hopeful that things will begin loosening up soon.
4. *Legislative Update*
Chuck attended the Day at the Capital yesterday and reported that things are not looking good for healthcare. He reviewed what was on the table with the House, Senate and Governor. Every aspect of state sponsored healthcare is looking at rate cuts for the next two years.
5. *MeritCare Relationship Update*
There is a special board meeting scheduled with Greg Hart on May 14 at 5:30 p.m. The Executive Committee has a meeting scheduled with MeritCare and Greg Hart on May 15 at 8:30 a.m.
6. *Public Comments*
Dennis Happel provided some international Rotarians with a tour of the nursing home last year. Last week, Dennis heard one of those Rotarians, from Thunder Bay Ontario, speak and mentioned Perham, MN as an example of patient and family-centered care. It was pretty exciting to hear people speak about us internationally.

F. New Business

1. *Credentialing*
Upon the recommendation of the Medical Staff Executive Committee, a motion was made by Keil, seconded by Kunza, to approve medical staff privileges for Raymond S. Meier, CRNA, reappointment for two years until 4-30-11; Dr. Mohsin Hasnain, ER Locum, for appointment for one year until 4-30-10; and Dr. Peter J. Henry, appointment for one year until 4-30-10. Motion passed.
2. *Medical Staff Rules and Regulations and Bylaws*
A motion was made by Aschnewitz, seconded by Ebner, to approve the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations, along with the Medical Staff Bylaws as presented. Motion passed.
3. *Community Benefit Reporting*
Brad provided a presentation about Community Benefit, and what it means to be a non-profit organization and tax-exempt. As of year-end 2007, PMHH showed a total qualifiable community benefit in the amount of \$6,264,869.
4. *Hospital Project Philanthropy*
This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

5. *Board Comments*

Cyndy R.-Asked if we were going to look seriously into getting digital mammography in the near future. Paulette noted that MeritCare, Fargo, will be getting digital mammography this summer some time. She also asked what the hospital is doing about the swine flu pandemic. Chuck said that Mary Mayer, our Quality Manager, is working on this matter as information unfolds.

Rich R.-would like to see financial numbers for digital mammography by the next Finance Committee meeting. Brad said that he and Darla are already putting some numbers together on this and they should be available at that time.

A motion was made by Kunza, seconded by Genoch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Katherine A. Hemmelgarn, Chair

Jerry Kunza, Clerk

Karla Kupfer, Recorder