

**Guadalupe County Hospital and New Mexicare Inc.
Hospital Conference Room**

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 9 am**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Chairman Keith Ross.

ROLL CALL: Other board members present were Erasmo Bravo, Peter Tormos, and Yolanda Tenorio.

OTHERS PRESENT: Staff present were Christina Campos, Administrator; Bret Goebel, CFO; Randal Brown, CMO; and guest Diana Urban, Interim County Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Yolanda Tenorio made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Erasmo Bravo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Erasmo Bravo made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2022. Peter Tormos seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT REPORTS:

- 1. County Report:** Interim County Manager, Diana Urban, was in attendance. She reported that the new commissioners, Randal Brown and Rick Chavez would take office on January 1, 2023. The county will also have a new county attorney, is working on new policies and procedures, and elected officers will attend the legislative conference in Santa Fe in January. The county is requesting ICIP infrastructure funds for a new emergency communications system. Diana offered to work with Christina on an ICIP capital request for a new CT scanner. The county also entered into an agreement with Ricoh Emergency Air Transport for covered services for Guadalupe County residents. It has already been used once in November to transport a prisoner. City EMS Director, Justin Rogers is organizing an EMS class in the Spring.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- 1. Guadalupe County Hospital October and November 2022 Financial Reports:** Bret Goebel presented the financial reports for both months. The net loss in October was \$372,893.83 and the net loss in November was \$125,591.06, for a year to date loss of \$1,163,087.11. Days in A/R went down to 57. Days of cash on hand is 469.4. Erasmo Bravo made a motion to approve the Guadalupe County Hospital financial reports for October and November 2022. Peter Tormos seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 2. New Mexicare Inc. October and November 2022 Financial Reports:** Bret Goebel presented the financial reports for both months. October had a net gain of \$9,947.32 and November had a net gain of \$10,633.15 for a year to date net gain of \$22,246.47. Peter Tormos made a motion to approve the New Mexicare Inc. financial reports for October and November 2022. Yolanda Tenorio seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT REPORTS, continued:

- 2. Administrator's Report:** Christina Campos presented the Census Report and Balanced Scorecard reports (attached). Inpatient census was slightly up, to 10 discharges. ED visits are still trending high at over 250. Outpatient (x-ray and lab) visits are also high at over 325. Pain procedures were down (only 24) as Dr. Grossetete was ill for 2 weeks. Christina met with a representative from the NM Department of Workforce Solutions. They will try to get a WIOA worker training program set up for high school students and recent graduates, either as nurse techs or administrative clerks.
- 3. Laboratory, Infection Prevention and Risk Management Report:** Frank Tenorio was on leave.
- 4. Nursing Report:** Mandy Cordova was busy in the nursing department.
- 5. Medical Staff Report:** Dr. Brown reported on efforts to improve census in the pain clinic. He believes the nursing shortage may be affecting available procedure days. However, goal of 10 procedures per day before we add additional procedure days has not been met. He brought up the new Tucumcari Mesalands Community College nursing program as a potential source for nurse recruitment. The Sunrise FQHC clinics are busy, seeing up to 1000 patients per week across all clinics. He hired Matt Probst (formerly with Clinicas del Norte) effective January 6, at the Las Vegas Sunrise clinic. Matt is proficient in grant writing. He also hired Johanna Georgilis as the Clinics Chief of Staff. He is working patient transportation options in Las Vegas and discussed legislative ICIP funding opportunities.

GUADALUPE COUNTY HOSPITAL ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Rural Emergency Hospital Status Transition Approval –** Christina Campos reported that Chris Burmeister, the attorney for the NM Department of Health had advised GCH to apply for the REH designation via the PECOS provider enrollment portal as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the state is working on the rules and regulations and the parameters for the onsite survey required for the transition. Christina also provided an overview of the REH designation for the benefit of the County Manager, Diana Urban. She requested board action for approval of the transition. **Erasmus Bravo made a motion to approve the application and transition to the Rural Emergency Hospital designation. Yolanda Tenorio seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

NEW MEXICARE INC. BOARD INITIATIVES AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Santa Rosa Middle School Donation:** **Erasmus Bravo made a motion to approve a donation to the Santa Rosa Middle School in the amount of \$100, as a thanks for their participation in the GCH door decorating contest. Peter Tormos seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- 2. Miss Sarah's Performing Arts Sponsorship:** Christina presented a request for sponsorship of the youth dance program offering 4 16-week sessions for up to 15 students per session. A donation of \$10,000 would allow tuition to be cut in half to serve more underprivileged students. **Peter Tormos made a motion to approve \$10,000 for the Performing Arts Sponsorship. Erasmus Bravo seconded the motion. Yolanda Tenorio abstained due to a disclosed conflict of interest. Motion passed.**

CREDENTIALS AND PRIVILEGING: None

NEXT MEETING – DATE AND TIME: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 9 am at GCH.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Having completed the business at hand, Chairman Keith Ross adjourned the meeting at 11.00 am.

Respectfully submitted:
Christina Campos, Guadalupe County Hospital Administrator

Yolanda Tenorio, Board Secretary

Date