

**NEW MEXICARE, INC. dba Guadalupe County Hospital
Hospital Conference Room**

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Chairman Keith Ross.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Staff present were Christina Campos, Administrator; Bret Goebel, CFO; and Frank Tenorio, Asst. Administrator; and Mandelyn Cordova, RN, DON.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Peter Tormos made a motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022. Yolanda Tenorio seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT REPORTS:

- 1. County Report:** No one in attendance.
- 2. Administrator's Report:** Christina presented the Census Report and Balanced Scorecard reports (attached). She discussed progress made or not made on Strategic plan initiatives including affiliation with a larger hospital or system. There were no updates on the pain clinic or other initiatives in partnership with Sunrise FQHC. She also discussed the recent DOH focused (complaint) survey and potential findings or deficiencies, primarily around expired items and inventory. The DOH has 14 days to issue the findings and the hospital has 10 days to respond with a corrective plan of action.
- 3. Laboratory, Infection Prevention and Risk Management Report:** Frank reported on the DOH survey from the infection prevention stand point, and efforts to address issues. The COVID positivity rate for in house testing was 20% in January, 39% in February to-date and had dropped to 9.5% in the most recent week. He and Christina also shared other COVID stats including those from the state COVID website on mortality and hospitalizations. Frank gave an update on Lab staff and how well they are working. For Infection Prevention, Frank is working on sterilization updates and respiratory fit tests are recommencing after being waived by CMS during the peak of the COVID pandemic, in an effort to conserve PPE. Frank recently attending a NMRHN risk managers face-to-face peer group meeting in Lovington (NorLea Hospital). He reported that a former DOH surveyor was now working at Portales (Roosevelt General Hospital) and might be a good resource for mock surveys. Lastly, he gave updates on 3 risk management cases of concern (one motioned to dismiss, one no update, one exceeded statute of limitations to file).

- 4. Nursing Report:** Mandy reported that one nurse tech had resigned and the position had been posted. Mandy gave a report on actions taken in response to the Survey, and pending process updates. There may also be employee reprimands due to findings. The COVID vaccination effort is still ongoing at GCH, with vaccines available on Wednesdays.
- 5. Medical Staff Report:** Dr. Brown was not able to attend as the Sunrise FQHC was undergoing its one-year HRSA on-site audit.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- 1. Guadalupe County Hospital:** Bret Goebel, CFO presented the Guadalupe County Hospital financials for January 2022 (attached). Net loss for the month was \$55,667.73. **Erasmio Bravo made a motion to approve the financial reports for Guadalupe County Hospital for January 2022. Yvette Griego seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- 2. GCH Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for FY 2021-22:** Bret Goebel presented proposed budget adjustments based on year-to-date actuals, resulted from a budgeted net loss of \$250,163, an improvement from an originally budgeted net loss of \$987,145. **Erasmio Bravo made a motion to approve the proposed mid-year budget adjustments as proposed. Yolanda Tenorio seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- 3. New Mexicare Inc.:** Bret Goebel, CFO presented the New Mexicare Inc. financials for January 2022. Net gain for the month was \$5,457.08 (attached). **Erasmio Bravo made a motion to approve the financial reports for New Mexicare Inc. for January 2022. Yvette Griego seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- 4. FYE 6/30/2021 Audit Update:** Christina and Bret reported that the audit had been fully approved by the State Auditor's Office and is now posted on the state's website. Christina will reach out to Chris Garner at Patillo, Brown and Hill to schedule a board presentation. There were zero findings.

GUADALUPE COUNTY HOSPITAL ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Emergency Room Coverage Contract:** Christina presented the renegotiated proposed contract for 24/7 Emergency Room Coverage with Sunrise Medical Group. The new proposed rate is \$218/hr up from \$190/hr. It is a 3-year agreement with the option to renegotiate after 2 years. **Peter Tormos made a motion to approve the Emergency Room Coverage Contract at the proposed new rate and term. Yolanda Tenorio seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

NEW MEXICARE INC. BOARD INITIATIVES AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Scholarships –** No applications received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CREDENTIALS AND PRIVILEGING: In accordance with the Medical Staff Bylaws of Guadalupe County Hospital and upon recommendation of the Credentials Committee and the Chief of Medical Staff **Erasmio Bravo made a motion to approve a renewal of privileges for Randal W. Brown, MD. Yvette Griego seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

NEXT MEETING – DATE AND TIME: The next meeting is scheduled tentatively for March 22, 2022.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: **Having completed the business at hand, Chairman Keith Ross adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.**

Respectfully submitted:
Christina Campos, Administrator

Yolanda Tenorio, Board Secretary

Date