

Sherman County Health District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

February 8, 2024
Moro, Oregon

Present:

Board Members: President Bert Perisho, Vice President Jayme Mason (absent), Director Janice Strand, Director Mike McArthur, Director Linda Cornie

Staff: Caitlin Blagg, District Administrator

Visitor:

Call to Order: President Perisho called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Visitor's comments on agenda items (Discussion to be regarding agenda items only):

Consent Items

- A. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** After reviewing the minutes from the January 11th, 2024, Regular Board meeting, **Director McArthur made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Director Cornie seconded. No discussion. Motion carried (unanimous).**

- B. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Handed out was a financial report put together by District Administrator Blagg stating the District's cash on hand as of the end of January 2024 was \$767,503.91. Also presented was a Profit & Loss statement as of January 2024 and year-to-date budget vs actual report. The check register for January 2024 was gone over to explain some of the different costs. **Director McArthur made a motion to accept the financial report for January 2024. Director Strand seconded. No discussion. Motion carried (unanimous).**

- C. **PATIENT REPORT:** The patient report for January 2024 was given to the Board members for review. The average provider patient per day number was 7.13 and the average number of Medical Assistant visits per day was 3.69. These nursing visits were only the visits that were scheduled as a nursing visit; they do not include any 'add on labs' that clinicians might have requested as part of an office visit.

PA-C & Administration Report

- A. **Caitlin Blagg, District Administrator:** District Administrator Blagg let the Board know that Regence BlueCross BlueShield came to a contractual agreement with Providence Health. Now, Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield is in negotiations with Legacy Health and if they cannot, effective April 1, 2024, Legacy Health Systems will no longer be in network with BCBS. This will have a negative effect on our BCBS members because many of them rely on Legacy services for ED visits, hospital stays and specialists.

Ms. Blagg stated that she has heard rumors that the renters at 109 are in the process of buying a house. No official notice has been given. The Board gave verbal permission to Ms. Blagg to allow her to propose 109 to Center for Living in lieu of the apartment spaces.

Ms. Blagg stated that the new exam chair was here and lovely.

Tammy Gaskey reached out to Ms. Blagg regarding a blood drive. Ms. Blagg reached out to American Red Cross and response was that ‘upper management has decided to suspend drives in rural areas due to fiscal reasons and no guarantee of donors.’ Ms. Blagg sent the response to Sen. Wyden and Rep. Smith’s office to let them know of the lack of rural support from ARC.

Regarding the solar project, Director McArthur stated that the companies do not want to come to rural areas because there is so much work in the more urban areas. He is continuing to escalate this up the chain of command with MCEDD and Energy Trust.

Old Business

- A. **GARAGE OVER 109 SCOTT STREET:** District Administrator Blagg informed the Board that Bill with Integrity Roofing has gotten back to her about the roof at 109, and we are waiting a day for him to come out and look at the roof to give an estimate.
- B. **JOB POSTING:** Ms. Blagg has the MA/Referral job posted on the clinic website and in The Times Journal. She has not yet posted it anywhere else. No applications have been received. Admittedly, Ms. Blagg stated she had not spent as much time on this as she had originally planned due to the PCPCH site visit.

New Business

- A. **PCPCH SITE VISIT:** Ms. Blagg informed the board that the PCPCH site visit is complete and we ‘did not qualify for an improvement plan.’ Ms. Blagg attested to 170 points and the PCPCH program was able to qualify 140. To remain a Tier 3 we had to have 130+ points.
- B. **2024 HAZARD VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT:** Ms. Blagg gave the Board the 2024 version of the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment. This is a requirement of the Emergency Preparedness Plan for Rural Health Certification. A notable change to the 2024 version was the required addition of “Pandemic/Epidemic/Emerging Infectious Disease” to the Naturally Occurring Events.

Good of the Order:

None

Adjourn

Director Cornie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Strand seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, March 14th, 2024, at 5:30 pm, in the Administration Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Blagg
District Administrator



Board President
Bert Perisho



Director
Janice Strand

Absent

Director
Linda Cornie

Via telephone

Vice-President
Jayme Mason

Absent

Director
Mike McArthur

3/14/2024

Date