

SAN JUAN COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1
Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Wednesday, August 27, 2014

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Michael Edwards - Chair
Commissioner Lenore Bayuk
Commissioner Mark Schwinge
Commissioner Rosanna O'Donnell
Commissioner Mike Taylor

Others Present:

SJCPHD#1 Superintendent: Pam Hutchins

EMS: E. James Cole, SJIEMS Administrator

By Phone:

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

➤ **Approval of July 30, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes**

➤ **IIMC Warrants**

A/P Warrants	total \$ 33,089.73
Payroll	total \$ 2,662.00
Payroll Liabilities	total \$ 204.51
Electronic transfers for payroll taxes	total \$ 211.26

➤ **SJIEMS Warrants**

July Payroll	total \$ 110,099.99
A/P Warrants	total \$ 146,933.19

Commissioner Edwards asked for a motion to accept consent agenda items, Commissioner Bayuk --- so moved, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell---, unanimously approved.

IIMC FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORTS: Pamela Hutchins gave her financial and operations report. July total receipts were \$31,093 of which was \$7,562 were tax revenues. \$1,074 were patient receipts, \$6,246 were for the telemedicine grant, \$16,011 were EMS reimbursements for the audit expenses, and \$200 were rental income from IMA. Disbursements totaled \$35,712 which included \$33,090 payables which included \$2,622 payroll. The remainder of the payables were for utility expenses and the quarterly wages and benefits for the Superintendent to be paid to EMS. Total Cash available at the end of July with cash on hand was \$868,521. Please refer to the attached Financials for the month of July.

It is time for Andgar Corporation to inspect the Inter Island Medical Center HVAC units. They will be calling to arrange a time for that inspection soon. While they are here I am going to get them to draw out some type of zoning map that the units operate. While showing the building I get asked that question quite frequently. Commissioner Edwards asked about the HVAC maintenance contract.

When the medical center started being unoccupied, Andgar came over and set the range on the HVAC that would keep the units in good working order.

EMS FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONS REPORTS: Chief Jim Cole presented his financial and operations report. There were 160 Responses. Successfully launched the new EMT response teams. Average response to each call is 4 EMT'S. Pretty busy month and especially the County Fair was busy. For the first time at the fair there were no bee stings or hornet stings to treat. It has been a busy month on getting the job done. There is ongoing continuing education. Holding our own on the fiscal side of things. We are down from last year but holding our own with the adjusted budget. Commissioner Taylor wanted to know how the Team approach was going. Chief Cole told him he could come to any of the quality meetings and get an update on how the new teams were working out. We have not had 1 second page call since going to the teams. They are starting to stage in the building and interact with each other. August 1st the teams were launched. By the first training meeting of month the team members will choose their shifts. Then the other teams can fill in the open slots and by fourth Tuesday of the month the schedule is full for the next month. Commissioner Taylor wanted to know if we still are looking at the team approach being expense neutral. Jim Cole said it was still neutral.

Island Air Ambulance Report – Larry Wall: Busy Summer. Multiple days flight request. We can sometimes get out by plane, but can't get back in. That just happens some days with the weather here. Quality committee hitting its stride now. Part of CAMTS is maintaining this. Doing a very robust checking now. The Program Information File, PIF, is only 10 months away which is due December 15, 2015. Standards have changed and make sure everything is up to date. This is a great standard building process. Medevac system is a collaboration between organizations and all have to work in concert. It is utilized when the patient needs more medical care than is available on island. All the organizations have to work together and we need every one of them. It is all coordinated by Medical Director Dr. Michael Sullivan. The various organizations involved are SJIEMS and MedEvac, Island Air Ambulance, SJC Fire District #3, Lopez Fire and EMS, Orcas Island Fire, Rescue, and EMS, Shaw Island Fire and Aid, SJC Sheriff, Airlift Northwest, Northwest Medstar, US Navy, Coast Guard, Border Patrol, Vessel Assist, and Washington State Ferries. The average islander does not realize how much each of the agencies count on each other. Commissioner Edwards stated that San Juan EMS and Island Air Inc. have done a terrific job in coordinating efforts outside their organizations with the other various organizations. Commissioner Taylor asked about the new aircraft to come online. Island Air Inc. is still putting it together and maybe late Fall it will be ready.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Levy Update: Booth at the fair was successful. Edwards heard more inquisitive questions rather than negative questions. IIHF was well received. We had three and a half sheets of support filled out during the fair. Lenore asked for someone to write a con statement. We may not be a part of the Women League of Voters because we don't have a con statement. Chief Jim Cole and Commissioner Michael Edwards went to the Lions Club. Jim gave a 20 minute power point presentation and answered good questions. Commissioner Edwards' Ophthalmologist was a member of the audience and was impressed. Lenore and Cady are going to the Soroptimist in October. There is another presentation scheduled on September 3rd with the Rotary Club. Also have a presentation scheduled with PIMC Volunteers in September. On September 19, September 26, October 6 and October 10 EMS is setting up at Marketplace to give out information and answer questions.

Community Advisory Committee Update: Commissioner Schwinge wants this committee to be a liaison with the community and healthcare. Under the Affordable Care Act, the IRS has mandated non-profit hospitals to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment. It is largely a data gathering process. Community Health Needs assessment is going to be undertaken. Good communication

between the District and its participants has long been asking for improvement. There are several organizations that have put these Citizen Advisory Committees in place. This would be a committee of eight people to represent the community. There might be a survey from the committee. Objective is to have an objective sampling of the community. Commissioner Bayuk stated the objective was to get more communication out to the community and have a broad reach across the people of the community.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Audience Participation:

Jim Skoog asked if there was a community needs survey taken before Peace Island Medical Center was built. Yes. The Community Health Needs Assessment Committee is mandated by end of year to be done by Peace Island Medical Center. The Community Advisory Committee is a separate committee from the Critical Needs Assessment Committee. Skagit Valley Hospital District #2 has put in place a Community Advisory Committee and it has been quite successful. Mr. Skoog commented that a good model of healthcare has two ends. One is on the family medicine end and the other being emergency care. The middle is urgent care. He thinks this area should be worked on at Peace Island Medical Center (PIMC). He thinks there is a gap in this type of care here on the island. He has had experiences of where he had a medical issue and could not see a doctor. He sees efforts being made, but we are not there yet. He feels what happens is they get moved over to the emergency care which is a higher cost? He doesn't think that the urgent care clinic is well advertised to the community. Bottom line is he thinks the community will want a greater presence of the urgent care clinic rather than just on Saturday.


Jim Barnhart, CEO of PIMC, apologized for what had happened with his last visit at PIMC and for Mr. Skoog's frustration. Jim Barnhart thanked Mr. Skoog for acknowledging that progress is being made. There are four slots every day that are open at PIMC in the morning. For the last six weeks they have been short staffed. Dr. Wingren's replacement starts tomorrow. The accusation that PIMC tries to move the patient up to a more expensive treatment area is not accurate. PIMC does want to do a better job of how to accommodate the patients in their training. PIMC does not have the staff to do the urgent care clinic more than just Saturday. Jim Barnhart said they will concentrate on training of the registration staff. They will continue the Saturday clinic, but can't promise that it will get extended to another day. Jim Skoog asked if it was a staffing issue or a PeaceHealth standard. Cottage Grove and Florence are much bigger areas and much more patient volume. A designated doctor is picked to take the walk-ins at those facilities. D.T. McCarty supported Jim Skoog in the acute care effort at PIMC. Cady Davies thanked the board for levy education, and the extra time the board is spending on the levy work educating the community. She also knows how hard it is for the island to attract family practice doctors. D.T. McCarty also thanked the board for the amount of levy work being done and said it is exactly what was needed this time around. Jack Cory of The Guardian didn't know about the open slots at PIMC daily. He thinks the problems at PIMC start when you walk in the door and the first person you come in contact with. He supports Mr. Skoog in his efforts to get more urgent care at PIMC. He wants the board to come back with a response to Jim Skoog. Jack Cory wanted to know what the role of the Department of Health was in the Community Health Needs Assessment and the Community Advisory Committee was. The Board of Health is a partner of the Community Health Needs Assessment Committee. Frank James with the Department of Health is involved in the committee. Commissioner Taylor wants Jim and Beth to present a follow-up report on the new hires at Peace Island Medical Center and the status of the appointments for urgent care.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Taylor ---moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Schwinge , all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at ---5:55-pm.

ALL EXHIBITS AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.



Signed By Chairperson



Date