

Cascade Medical Center Board Minutes

March 15, 2023

CMC Conference Room/Zoom

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Trustees present in person: David Gough, Rachel Smith, Jacque Zemlicka, David Croshaw and George Greenfield

Trustees attending remotely via Zoom: Lesa Becker and Michael Drury

Members absent and excused: None

Others present: Tom Reinhardt, David Donnahoo, Sarah Hasbrouck, Bryan Gibson and Ronald Ellsworth

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by David Gough at 12:02PM.

Mission Moment:

Jacque shared her perspective of health care given her recent trip to Puerto Rico, stating that she was thankful for the availability and accessibility to dependable, safe and superior health care.

Approval of Agenda:

George Greenfield made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, David Croshaw seconded this motion. All members were in favor; motion passes.

2. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of Minutes from the February 2023 BOT meeting.
- b) Medical Staff Minutes & Utilization Report
- c) February '23 Financial Report

The members of the board reviewed the Consent Agenda items; hearing no requests to remove items, David Gough adopted the consent agenda.

3. Presentation:

Ray Mikus with PERSI shared a high level overview of the PERSI program to the members of the Board, including how members are eligible and how the program works during employment and post retirement. It was also discussed that the hospital qualifies to have this employee benefit due to its hospital tax district status.

4. Leadership Update:

CEO

Tom shared general updates, including the installation of the InstyMed machine next week as well as the continued discovery work being done with OCHIN: Epic on a new EMR. Work also continues with the hospice partnership, aiming to be in place by the end of the year. A volunteer coordinator has been hired and started today, allowing CMC to build a volunteer services team. Tom also shared an update to the St. Luke's Foot Care program, stating that we will be supporting the administrative part of this clinic as a way for it to continue. Tom shared that we are at the point of making a purchase of the grant funded transport van, and asked the members of the Board to participate in meetings to help set up the priorities for the van's utilization. David shared an update of the purchase of home for employee housing, stating that it will close this Friday. Tom also shared that the City of Cascade was certified as an AARP Age Friendly Community and that we continue to work with the City on projects that support inclusivity of all ages. Lastly, Tom updated that CMC has relaxed its mask policy now only requiring patients who are ill to wear masks.

George provided an update that Dennis Sandow has provided a report on his social action research at CMC. He stated that this report would be sent to the members of the board with the intention of being discussed at the April meeting.

5. Committee Reports:

Quality Assurance, Performance Improvement and Compliance Committee:

Members:

Lesia Becker, Chairperson
David Gough
George Greenfield
Aline Lee
Tom Reinhardt
Teri Coombs
Sarah Hasbrouck
Dr. Camarata

The Quality Assurance, Performance Improvement and Compliance Committee did not meet in February.

Strategic Planning Committee:

Members:

David Gough
George Greenfield
David Croshaw
Tom Reinhardt
Jack Knoblock
Karolyn Plehal
Mike Lancaster
Charlie Gowing
Ann Young

The Strategic Planning Committee did not meet in February.

Finance Committee:Members:

Michael Drury, Chairperson
David Croshaw
Jacque Zemlicka
David Donnahoo
Tom Reinhardt

The Finance Committee did not meet in February.

6. Bond Election:

Tom shared that he polled the CMC employees, most of which were in favor of trying for the bond again May. The members of the Board then discussed the pros and cons of placing the bond for a new hospital on the May ballot. David and Tom shared projections of the cost of a replacement hospital as well as possible funding structures including GO Bonds and USDA Loan options. David provided an example of how much a \$40M GO Bond would cost the average home owner.

After discussion, George Greenfield made a motion to accept the Resolution No. 2023.03.15-002 which would order a special bond election to be held on the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$40M for the purpose of constructing a district hospital. Lesa Becker seconded the motion. All members were in favor, motion passes.

Discussion on proceeding with a press release, as well as general public education occurred. George Greenfield and Rachel Smith will assist Leadership in creating these materials and can advise the other members of the board either via email or call a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee.

7. Executive Session:

An Executive Session was not held during the March 15, 2023 meeting.

8. Other/Next Steps:**Agenda Topics for Next Meeting:**

- Discussion on report provided by Dennis Sandow
- Bond Election Update

Meeting Evaluation:

The PERSI presentation was appreciated, as well as the conversation on the Bond. It was a respectful discussion and difficult issues were addressed.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by David Gough to adjourn the meeting, David Croshaw seconded. All members were in favor, motion passes. David Gough adjourned the meeting at 2:11pm.