

West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board's rescheduled meeting from November 24, 2022 was held on December 1, 2022 at 12:00 Noon.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Glenn Schexnayder, Mr. A. J. Gomez, Mr. John Marchand, Mr. Vince Cataldo.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Nobie Landry, CFO, Ms. Loretta Larvadain, DON, Mr. Larry Buquoi.

ABSENT: Dr. Michel Hirsch, Mr. Michael Medine

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn Schexnayder. There were no objections to the minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting as distributed. The minutes were accepted as individually read.

2. ROLL CALL

Dr. Michel Hirsch and Mr. Michael Medine were not present.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Nobie Landry presented the financial report and sales tax report for review and discussion. The reports were approved as presented.

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave findings of the monthly committee reports. No actions were needed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Loretta Larvadain reported that there are still ongoing problems with nurse staffing. Advertising continues and contract nurses are still being utilized to fill shifts. A salary survey was received on the day of this meeting. It will be reviewed and forwarded to the Board as soon as possible.

Dr. Reddy has requested modifications to the electronic medical system. Work is in progress to resolve her requests. An alternate solution for Care South is in progress.

An upgrade to the main electrical distribution panel at the medical office building is in progress.

The fuel storage tank and trailer were delivered to the facility on November 4, 2022.

Mandatory ethics and sexual harassment training is in progress by all board members and hospital employees. Annual Trustee Self-Assessments are in progress by board members.

We will continue to monitor cost and reimbursement with our wound care service (Restorix) until January 1, 2023.

Work is nearing completion on the wall and door of the lab. Painting of inpatient rooms has been completed.

One payment to close out DSH was received. A second payment was the first payment from the Direct Payment Program.

A pre-bid meeting was held to obtain bids for adding a mini-split to the IT room. One bid was received and the engineers will make a recommendation on this bid.

The Joint Commission surveyed the facility on September 13-15, 2022. The findings are being addressed in preparation for a follow up visit.

Board members were given a copy of the related party questionnaire to complete and return as part of the annual independent audit.

6. NEW BUSINESS

CVT vascular ultrasound terminated its contract with Prevost Hospital effective December 31, 2022. The Board and administration are making contacts to secure this service.

The board reviewed the Management of Psychiatric and/or Committed Patients Policy to review and approve. The board voted to accept the policy as presented.

One Neurology, Tele-stroke application was reviewed for provisional privileges. The Board approved this applicant as presented. Two Neurology, Tele-stroke applications were reviewed for reappointment. The Board will review and approve the applicants at the next regular meeting.

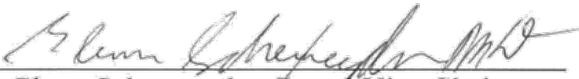
Mr. Vince Cataldo asked and received approval for a one time pay increase for all employees that meet the criteria. Board members received a summary of annual employee evaluations.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A call for executive session to discuss personnel issues was called for by Dr. Glenn Schexnayder. Mr. John Marchand motioned to go into executive session, Mr. A. J. Gomez seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Board went into executive session at 1:15 PM and was ended at 1:46 PM on a motion by Mr. Gomez and a second by Mr. Marchand.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dr. Glenn Schexnayder.


Dr. Glenn Schexnayder, Board Vice Chairman


Mr. Vince Cataldo, Administrator/Secretary