

# West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board regularly scheduled meeting was held on October 27, 2022 at 12:00 Noon.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Michel Hirsch, 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. Glenn Schexnayder, Mr. Michael Medine

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michel Hirsch. There were no objections to the minutes of the October 6, 2022 meeting (rescheduled from September 29, 2022) as distributed. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Dr. Glenn Schexnayder was 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 and quarterly committee reports. No actions were needed.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Loretta Larvadain reported that there are ongoing problems with nursing staffing. Advertising continues on Facebook, the hospital website, newspapers and Indeed. She is continuing to utilize contract nurses to fill shifts. A salary survey is also being conducted at this time

Interfacing with our electronic medical records system for Dr. Reddy is complete. An alternate solution for CareSouth is in progress.

Work is continuing on plans for the improvements and renovations to the hospital.

Mr. Vince Cataldo reported that there are plans to have an early childhood center in the newly renovated Lemann's building. This interim location will be utilized until a permanent site is constructed on St. Patrick Street.

An upgrade to the main electrical distribution panel at the medical office building is needed. The upgrade will include a quick connection for a portable generator. Following the bidding process, the board accepted a bid for the work on August 25, 2022.

A fuel storage tank and trailer have been acquired for fuel storage on the property during disasters.

Board members were given instructions on acquiring mandatory ethics and sexual harassment training. All hospital employees are also required to have this training annually. Board members were instructed also to complete their trustee self-assessment documents.

A copy of a contract requesting Medicaid recalls was received. It included an unexecuted amendment. Mr. Mike Medine motioned to off our wound care provider (Restorix) a 90% deal on reimbursement for wound care services. Mr. John Marchand seconded the motion. This counter offer was rejected by Restorix. Costs and reimbursements on this program will be monitored until January 1, 2023.

#### **EDWARD JONES INVESTMENT**

Painting will be done in some of the inpatient rooms in the west wing of the hospital. This is the area of the first phase of renovations.

The board reviewed a copy of the LHA Member Alert regarding the Direct Payment Program reconciliation information.

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.


#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

The new chemistry analyzer was installed in the lab on October 11, 2022. The renovation in the lab was needed in order to move the fully assembled new analyzer into the lab.

As a result of The Joint Commission findings, several hospital policies were in need of revisions. These policies were presented to the Board for review and approval.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dr. Michel Hirsch.



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Dr. Michel Hirsch, Board Chairman



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Mr. Vince Cataldo, Administrator/Secretary