

West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board's rescheduled meeting from December 21, 2022 at 12:00 Noon.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Larry Buquoi, Mr. Glenn Robert

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 rescheduled November 24, 2022 meeting held on December 1, 2022 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. We are continuing to use contract nurses to fill shifts.

Work continues to resolve requests from Dr. Reddy and to find an alternate solution for Care South for interfacing with our electronic medical records system. Athena and LAHIE continue to work on CMS requirements.

Work continues on plans for improvements and renovations to the hospital. There was no new information to report on plans to revitalize Donaldsonville and the west bank of Ascension Parish.

We are waiting to hear from C J Electric regarding the upgrade of the main electrical box at the medical office building. This project should begin shortly.

Mandatory ethics and sexual harassment training is in progress by all board members and hospital employees. One trustee self-assessment is incomplete at this time.

The work on the lab project is near completion. The contractor is waiting for the new lock for the main lab entrance.

There is nothing new to report on the Medicaid recall relating to our wound care service. Monitoring continues on cost and reimbursement.

Three payments have been received from the Direct Payment Program. This will be reevaluated in three months.

A pre-bid meeting was held to obtain bids for adding a mini-split to the IT room. One bid received for the mini-split addition to the IT room was rejected by the engineers.

The Joint Commission surveyed the facility on September 13-15, 2022. All reports have been electronically submitted to The Joint Commission.

6. NEW BUSINESS

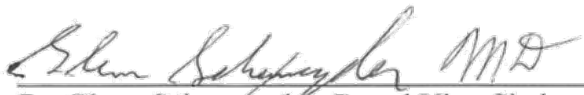
Due to a split up in the group doing pediatric EKG over reads for Prevoost Hospital, a decision had to be made to have Dr. Michael Crapazano's group or Ochsner perform the over reads for us. Following a discussion at the MEC meeting, the medical staff did not have any objections to staying with Dr. Crapazano's group. The board approved with this decision.

Southern Medical has amended their contract to include services furnished by CVT to Prevoost Hospital effective January 1, 2023.

The quarterly budget review will be presented at the January 26, 2023 meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. John Marchand and a second by Mr. A. J. Gomez.



Dr. Glenn Schexnayder, Board Vice Chairman



Mr. Vince Cataldo, Administrator/Secretary