

SEELEY LAKE-SWAN VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2008

In Attendance

Trustees: Tim Love, Jeff Aresty, Twyla Johnson, Marianne Judge, Kathy Maradeo

Board Clerk: Marty Kux

St. Patrick Hospital representative: Mark Wakai

Tamarack Mangement, Inc. representatives: Joyce Stevens, Sharon Johnston

Seeley Swan Medical Center representative: Alistair Fyfe, M.D.

Guests: Betty Vanderwielen; Mary Ann Morin; Tanya Fyfe, D.V.M.

Call to Order

The regular monthly Seeley-Swan Hospital District Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair Tim Love at 5:05 P.M. at the Seeley Swan Medical Center.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

- 1) Minutes from the March 11, 2008, Board meeting were unanimously approved with a noted correction in the anticipated number of health care providers participating in the Health Fair.
- 2) Health Resource Guide: Trustee Marianne Judge introduced local resident Betty Vanderwielen, owner of Forest GAPS, a graphic design and printing service business. Vanderwielen had prepared questions for the Board to help her better understand the need for her services in the preparation of this Guide. Following a general discussion, the Board determined to continue planning exactly what is desired in this publication and Vanderwielen agreed to work with the Board in developing it. It is understood that this is a long-term project.
- 3) Review of Goals from Board Retreat: In the interest of time, this was tabled until next meeting. Board member-elect Mary Ann Morin requested a copy of the goals.
- 4) Health Fair: Judge reported that HCP Pharmacy has offered the use of their sandwich board for roadside advertising on the day of the Health Fair (Saturday, May 17, 2008, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM). The local scouting group will assist in set up and dismantling of chairs and tables at the Community Hall. Tamarack Management, Inc. will provide lunches for the participating providers and is also offering blood testing for a lipid panel and glucose at the Seeley Swan clinic from 8:30-11:00 AM beginning Monday, April 28, 2008. Results will be available at the Health Fair. TMI has also printed posters for display in the communities.

5) Practice Growth Strategies/Practitioner Seminars: TMI Practice Manager Sharon Johnston reported that NP Cindy Gallea presented a talk on her Iditarod experience on April 16. Dr. Fyfe will discuss Common Ailments on May 13, 2008, and psychologist Dr. Jeff Schroeder will present a talk on June 17.

6) Board Clerk Marty Kux reported that the County Commissioners have declared Jeff Aresty and Mary Ann Morin elected by acclamation because they were the only candidates for the two available Hospital District Trustee positions.

7) Chair Love reported that the HCP Pharmacy recently held an open house for the newly-hired pharmacist, Bill Lewellyn. He, Judge, and the Drs. Fyfe attended on behalf of the clinic. He also reported that the County Attorney's office has advised that an executive session can be held whenever proprietary information needs to be discussed during a public meeting. This is in response to the discussion of Tamarack Management/Seeley Swan clinic financial statements. Love also announced that the defibrillator donated by the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens and Fire Department is now in place at the clinic.

New Business

1) SSHD Financials: Kux presented a financial statement reflecting the February and March, 2007, and year-to-date income, expenses, and account balance. This was unanimously approved, as were checks to Blackfoot Telephone for the April loan payment and to Caron Corporation for the February and March tax levy payments.

2) SPH Report: Mark Wakai, St. Patrick Hospital Vice President of Business Development, reported that Providence Services is currently recruiting a regional CFO for the Physician Services Division (which Wakai also heads) and also a for a regional revenue cycle management position. There are plans for an expansion of the SPH Emergency Department and the search for a Chief Operating Officer for SPH continues.

3) TMI Financials: Joyce Stevens, TMI Director of Ancillary & Satellite Services, presented the March Statistical Summary and the March 2008 and year-to-date Profit and Loss Statement/Budget Comparison for the Seeley-Swan Medical Center/Caron Corporation entity. Future versions of the latter report will lump salaries and benefits together as one line item, thereby relieving the concern of disclosing specific individual salary information.

4) TMI Report: Stevens and Johnston distributed copies of the new Seeley Swan Medical Center brochure. A psychologist, Dr. Ted Schroeder, will be present at the clinic every other Tuesday commencing May 6, 2008, for appointments with patients.

5) Quality Improvement: Johnston reported that the connectivity of the clinic's computer system with the Missoula offices is much better since the installation of a dedicated T-1 line by Blackfoot Telephone. She led a general discussion of the habitual lateness of some SSMC patients for their appointments, and how best to handle this matter. Staff will continue their on-going attempts to educate about the importance of being on time or early.

6) Chair Report: Love reported on a contact from a Lincoln Hospital District Trustee regarding a budgeting question. He also stated that a goal for the new Community Council staff person is to provide community members with minutes from all community boards.

7) Physician Report: Dr. Fyfe described his forthcoming Practitioner Seminar topic as “Mind over Medicine”, a discussion of common ailments such as allergies, flu, colds, etc.

8) Other/Board Forum: Maradeo presented a citizen complaint letter regarding the cost of health care in general and specifically with the Seeley-Swan Medical Center. The writer had requested Board attention to this matter. After some discussion, Love referred it to Stevens. Maradeo will let the writer know that the concerns have been recognized by the Board and will be addressed by the proper staff.

Next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5:00 P.M., May 12, 2008, at the Seeley Swan Medical Center.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49P.M.

ATTEST:

Chair

Date

Clerk

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