

SEELEY LAKE-SWAN VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2008

In Attendance

Trustees: Twyla Johnson, Kathy Maradeo, Mary Ann Morin

Board Clerk: Marty Kux

St. Patrick Hospital representatives: Mark Wakai, Jim Gillhouse

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

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

Absent: Jeff Aresty, Marianne Judge

Call to Order

The regular monthly Seeley-Swan Hospital District Board meeting was called to order by Board Vice-Chair Mary Ann Morin at 5:04 P.M. at the Seeley Swan Medical Center.

Public Comments

Jackie Daniel, Community Communications Program Assistant for the Seeley Lake Community Council, explained the Council's efforts to prepare a timely internet newsletter and asked that the Board provide a summary of each month's meetings prior to the website posting of the approved Board meeting minutes. The Board declined to do so, preferring to post only Board-approved minutes. However, the Board and/or Tamarack Management will provide information on special events (medical talks, flu shots, etc.) as they may occur.

Old Business

- 1) Minutes from the October 7, 2008, Board meeting were unanimously approved.
- 2) Review of Goals from 2007 Board Retreat: Joyce Stevens, TMI Director of Ancillary & Satellite Services, reported that the matter of the patient fee sliding scale should be tabled until St. Patrick Hospital takes over management of the clinic on January 1, 2009. SPH Vice President of Business Development Mark Wakai affirmed this.
- 3) Health Resource Guide: Trustee Kathy Maradeo reported that some local providers who were asked to contribute to this Guide have provided their brochures. Maradeo also volunteered to develop a mock-up of the Guide.
- 4) Alpine Artisans: The artwork hanging system has been installed and is in use with a new artwork display. AAI will be asked to patch the remaining holes in the walls.
- 5) Swan Valley AARP meeting: Morin attended the October 16, 2008, meeting of the AARP Board to present the members with a summary of clinic activities. Those attending are interested in helping in any way they can to promote health care in the Swan. They were appreciative of the effort made to bring flu shots to Condon.
- 6) Transition from TMI to SPH management: Wakai introduced Jim Gillhouse as the SPH Practice Manager for the Seeley clinic commencing January 1, 2009. Gillhouse and SPH Human Resources Director Jan VanFossen have already met with clinic staff and Board Chair Jeff Aresty regarding the changeover, new benefit package, and other personnel details.

New Business

1) SSHD Financials: Board Clerk Marty Kux presented a financial statement reflecting the September, 2008, income, expenses, and account balance. This was unanimously approved, as were checks to Blackfoot Telephone for the November loan payment, to Caron Corporation for the September tax levy payment, and to Valley Bookkeeping for October services.

2) SPH Report: Wakai reported that many SPH capital projects are on hold at the present time due to the national financial crisis. At present, the only personnel reductions will be through normal attrition.

3) TMI Financials: Stevens reported that these will not be available until the December meeting.

4) TMI Report: None.

5) Quality Improvement: Johnston reported that the abnormal pap log system is in place and working well. There was a general discussion regarding the INR procedure followed by Tamarack managed clinics that use the protime machines only for patients whose regular health care is provided by that clinic.

6) Draft Evaluation of Management: Tabled until the January meeting.

7) Physician Report: Dr. Fyfe reported on his October talk on Wilderness Medicine. Board members reiterated their desire that arrangements be made for Dr. Fyfe to give presentations to various community groups.

7) Chair Report: Morin will contact Bill Bogardus regarding the repair of the rock work on the building's exterior. She also stated the need for improved groundskeeping of the facility.

8) Other/Board Forum: None.

Next regular Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5:00 P.M., December 2, 2008, at the Seeley Swan Medical Center.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

ATTEST:

Chair Date Clerk Date