

SEELEY LAKE-SWAN VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2010

In Attendance

Trustees: Jeff Aresty, Twyla Johnson, Marianne Judge, Mary Ann Morin, Karen Pratt

Board Clerk: Marty Kux

St. Patrick Hospital representative: Jim Gillhouse

Seeley Swan Medical Center representative: Eric Edwards

Absent: None

Call to Order

The regular monthly Seeley-Swan Hospital District Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jeff Aresty at 6:56 P.M. at the Seeley Swan Medical Center clinic.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

- 1) Minutes from the December 8, 2009, regular Board meeting were unanimously approved.
- 2) Property tax update: Board Clerk Marty Kux reported to the Board that, according to the Montana Dept of Revenue, because a for-profit entity operates the clinic real property tax will be levied on the land and building.
- 3) Cindy Gallea reception: St. Patrick Hospital liaison Jim Gillhouse will arrange for a public reception for Cindy at the Medical Center in late January.
- 4) Wilma Nicholson memorial: Aresty reported that he is awaiting a proof for an engraved plaque honoring Wilma.
- 5) Local Students enrolled in Health Care Education Programs: tabled until next meeting.

New Business

- 1) SSHD Financials: A financial statement reflecting the November, 2009, income, expenses, and account balance was unanimously approved, as were checks to Blackfoot Telephone for the January loan payment, to Caron Corporation for the November tax levy payment, to Valley Bookkeeping for December services, and to the Postmaster for one-half the annual P O Box rental fee (shared with the 501(c)(3) entity).
- 2) SPH Report: Gillhouse reported that all seven Internal Medicine physicians have transferred from Western Montana Clinic to SPH. They remain in their office space in the Broadway Building.
- 3) Clinic Financials: Gillhouse provided a statistical "dashboard" report for clinic activities in November and December as well as financial summaries for November and Year-to-Date. Year-end reports will be available at the February meeting.

4) Management Report: Gillhouse reported that patient volume remains at the previous level as Nurse Practitioner Eric Edwards takes over as the clinic's sole provider. Individual patient feedback is good. He also reported that SPH, through Providence Services, will assume responsibility for the billing function beginning July 1, 2010.

5) Quality Improvement: Gillhouse reports that the main effort in this regard is to familiarize Edwards with the computer systems and other procedures peculiar to the SPH operation.

6) Chair Report: None

7) Practitioner Report: Edwards is adjusting well to his new environment. He has requested that SPH provide the Seeley-Swan Medical Center with a spirometer for lung testing.

8) Growth Strategy Committee Report: tabled until next meeting.

9) Communication Committee Report: tabled until next meeting.

10) Trustee Election: Kux announced that the Board will have one trustee position up for election on May 4, 2010. This seat is currently held by Marianne Judge. Judge will let the Board know if she plans to run again. Meanwhile, Kux will place a notice in the Pathfinder concerning this position.

11) Other/Board Forum: Trustee Mary Ann Morin informed the Board that Pyramid Mountain Lumber's insurer is changing its procedures regarding prescriptions in a manner that may negatively affect the functioning of the Seeley-Swan Pharmacy. She was asked to formulate a letter from the Board in regard to this matter.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. at the Seeley Swan Medical Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

Chair	Date	Clerk	Date