

SEELEY LAKE-SWAN VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Retreat Minutes

September 12, 2011

In Attendance

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

Board Clerk: Marty Kux

St. Patrick Hospital representatives: Jim Gillhouse, Apryle Pickering

Seeley Swan Medical Center representative: Eric Edwards, FNP

Absent: None

The annual Seeley-Swan Hospital District Board Retreat commenced at 6:34 P.M. at Littlebird's School House restaurant. The main topic of discussion was Scope of Practice.

Board Chair Mary Ann Morin initiated the discussion by asking the Board to evaluate what has worked and what hasn't worked in the past. Programs not currently being pursued which have been popular in past years include outreach to the Condon community in the form of blood pressure and flu shot clinics, providing a limited nursing presence in the schools, and making emergency services available. The latter was more necessary prior to the formation of the local Quick Response Unit. Weekend hours were scheduled on a trial basis several years ago, and the response did not justify making that a permanent change.

Current programs that could benefit from additional emphasis and publicity include pediatric care, chronic disease management, pulmonary function testing (utilizing the recently acquired spirometer), and better coordination between clinic staff and local EMTs/ORU personnel.

Morin then asked the retreat attendees to brainstorm ideas of possible future services that could be offered by the clinic. Following are the suggestions put forth, in order of importance as voted by the attendees:

- Dental services
- Mental health services
- Outreach services (e.g., blood pressure and flu shot clinics at outlying locations)
- Medical presence in local schools (e.g., through nurse screenings, sports physicals)
- Medicaid services with staff assistance in applying for benefits
- Pediatric care and better publicity for it
- Women's care
- Home Health Care/Hospice referrals
- Mammogram services
- Chronic health care
- Extended hours (possibly evening hours)
- Coordination with emergency responders

This prioritized list of ideas was given to Jim Gillhouse, Practice Manager 2 for the SSMC, with the request that he discuss it with his bosses to plan what would be considered feasible for implementation during the next year.

Board Chair Morin adjourned the retreat at 8:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Chair Date

Clerk Date