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Acadia St. Landry Hospital
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of the Acadia St. Landry Hospital Service Districts No. 6 and 7 met on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Acadia St. Landry Hospital Board Room at 810 South Broadway Street, Church Point, Louisiana.

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman L. Bellard July 28, 2022 at 6:00p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- The prayer was led by Errol Comeaux followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman L. Bellard.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEMBERS:

- Board Members Present: Benji Bellard, Jeff Richard, Lee Ward Bellard, Dr. Mike Williams, Tony Cook, Rachel Broussard and Michael J. LeJeune CEO/Administrator
- Board Members Absent: None

REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGENDA:

- Dr. Williams requests of Chairman L. Bellard to amend the agenda to introduce the CEO at the beginning of the meeting rather than at the end.
- Board members in agreement with no objection and Dr. Williams gave a brief introduction of new CEO Michael LeJeune. LeJeune briefly introduced himself stating he was excited to be here and is looking forward to working with the staff and community. He further stated he would give additional information later in the meeting during the CEO report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Garret Higginbotham – Higginbotham by stating that he was an LPN in this facility for 7 years and is a life-long resident of this community. He continued, stating how heavily involved both of his parents have been in the town of Church Point. Higginbotham said that this hospital and the community are very close to his heart, followed by a quote from John F. Kennedy, *“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.”* The future of this hospital depends on us. With the newly appointed board, administrator and himself Higginbotham stated that he hopes to move forward in a positive way by increasing employee morale, increasing the hospital census and most of all he wants to get the community back to this hospital. Higginbotham ended by saying that with some changes, the future of this hospital is unlimited. His comments were met with applause from the crowd in attendance.
- With no further public comments, the public comment section was closed.

- **REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGENDA:**

- Chairman L. Bellard requests to amend the agenda stating that the election of officers should come after old and new business. Board members in agreement with no objection. Election of officers was moved to follow the Business Office Report.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

- Motion by Cook, second by Broussard to approve minutes of the special meeting held June 29, 2022. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Expanding Fleur-De-Lis RHC - Dr. Williams stated that there had been discussion of plans to expand the Fleur-De-Lis rural health clinic to include additional physicians' offices in order to recruit specialty group physicians such as cardiology, pulmonary and orthopedics. Dr. Williams also mentioned that LAFP would be meeting in August and stated this has the potential to be a huge recruiting event to expand the medical staff.
- Chairman L. Bellard recognized Dr. Williams and thanked him for serving as chairman of the board.

RECRUITMENT OF MEDICAL STAFF:

- Dr. Williams stated he mentioned this under old business when discussing the expansion of Fleur-De-Lis.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT:

- Brenda Pourciau reported that there were no reappointments or credentialing for the month.
- Motion by Cook, second by Broussard to approve minutes of the medical staff report held July 27, 2022. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

QA REPORT:

- Motion by Broussard, second by Cook to approve minutes of the QA report from meeting held July 19, 2022. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2022:

- Jason LeBlanc, CPA with Lester, Miller & Wells, CPAs presented the financial report. LeBlanc stated that the June financials are still in progress and they would be sent to the Board of Commissioners upon completion.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT:

- After contacting the business office, the accelerated payments are nearly paid off, due to receiving an interim rate adjustment of \$850,000 with Medicare taking half of that money and applying it to the payment. LeBlanc reports that swing-bed days were down to 74 for the month of June and inpatient days were 16. He stated that for the year, we are at half of where we normally are. Dr. Williams stated that since we still had patients, we will be receiving money from the government to which LeBlanc responded you don't get it if you don't have the patients. Dr. Williams asked the breakdown of current payments. LeBlanc provided a breakdown of reimbursement of each payor for the month of June as well as a report of days in AR. He also

stated that the per day rate for swing bed has increased from \$2200 to \$2800. LeBlanc ended by stating “in anticipation of the financials, its probably not going to look great, so just a heads up.”

- Motion by Cook, second by Broussard to approve minutes of the business office report. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- Dr. Williams resigned as board chairman at the June meeting, leaving vice chairman L. Bellard as interim board chairman. L. Bellard called for nominations for chairman. Richard nominated L. Bellard to which he responded “I decline”. Broussard then nominated B. Bellard who also responded “I decline”. After calling for additional nominations, there were none.
- Motion by Cook, second by Broussard to table the election of chairman until a further date. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

CEO REPORT AND WELCOME:

- LeJeune introduced himself saying that he is originally from Roberts Cove, but currently resides in Lafayette. In addition to business, he has 18 plus years of healthcare experience as a paramedic and registered nurse. LeJeune stated that is familiar with Church Point and has walked the halls of this hospital due to serving as a night shift paramedic stationed in Church Point for a couple of years. As a registered nurse he keeps his licensure active and has a background in ER and hospice. He told the crowd that he was very excited to be here and that he has been asked 2 questions several times; one being, “Do you know what you’re walking into” and secondly, why would you choose to do such a thing.” LeJeune said “First, yes, I am aware that we have a significant amount of work to do. There has been no lack of transparency on that. Secondly this hospital has something that not many organizations have anymore, much less healthcare facilities, you have long term dedicated employees with over 20, 30, 40 and even 50 years of employment at this hospital. These individuals, some of which are in this room tonight have stuck it out. The good, the bad, all of it. I have no doubt with this team, we can do great things for this community. Change takes time, but it is certainly possible. We can do it fast or we can do it right. Today makes day four that I have been on staff. Areas of focus, at a high level, are increasing staff morale throughout the facility, improving the finances of the hospital by looking at increasing services, credentialing with more insurance providers, and recruiting physicians and finally, rebuilding trust to bring the community back to this community-based hospital.” LeJeune’s comments were met with applause.

PRESENTATION BY HANCOCK WHITNEY:

- A presentation by Steve Cangelosi, and investment portfolio manager with Hancock Whitney gave a presentation of the hospital’s portfolio.

DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT WITH HOUSEKEEPING AND DIETARY:

- Stacey Allen, Vice President of Hospital Housekeeping Systems (HHS) discussed the company's job within the facility. Allen said waste control, inventory management, batch cooking and employee education are saving the facility money. Introduced were HHS employees Barret Broussard who oversees food services and Waymon Hesser who oversees environmental services for ASLH.

UPDATE ON CONTINGENCY LETTERS FOR AUDITORS:

- Jason LeBlanc, CPA stated that he reached out to the current auditing firm, Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC and their prices are reasonable. He did reach out to 2 other firms saying that one replied informing him that they would cost more than our current firm and the other company did not respond.
- Motion by Cook, second by Broussard to continue using Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC as our auditing firm. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

- Chairman L. Bellard asked if there was any further discussion. Being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.
- Motion by Cook, second by B. Bellard to adjourn the meeting. A vote was called, motion passed unanimously to adjourn.
- Meeting was adjourned

/S/ Lee Ward Bellard

Lee Ward Bellard
Board of Commissioners Chairman
Acadia St. Landry Parish Hospital

/S/ Michael J. LeJeune

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