

**TELLURIDE HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**August 23, 2007**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*Board Members in attendance: Bill Grun/President, Alexandra Dujardin/Secretary, and Allen Solomon, MD Mark O'Dell arrived at 9:40am. Albert Roer/Treasurer was excused.*  
*TMC Management Present: Gordon Reichard/Administrator, Julie Wesseling/Financial Manager, Sharon Grundy, MD/Director Primary Care, Dan Hehir, MD/Chief of Medical Staff, Eric Johnson, CFNP/Manager Primary Care and Nan Dudek/HR Manager & Recorder*

**I. CALL TO ORDER & PUBLIC MEETING WELCOME**

Bill Grun called the meeting to order at 8:35am

**II. MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 6 Annual Meeting were presented and discussed.

Motion: Allen Solomon, MD, moved that the board approve the minutes of the July 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting with correction of the typographical error in the Finance Report. Alexandra Dujardin seconded the motion. The motion passed with the three members present voting in favor.

**III. ADMINITRATOR'S REPORT**

Gordon Reichard presented the report and items included were discussed. (See attached) Reva Saunders was hired as the Patient Relations Supervisor replacing Pam McCreedy. Pam McCreedy was hired as Billing Manager and has been responsible for implementing athena. A meeting with the Capital Equipment Committee will be scheduled to evaluate the purchase of the ultrasound. The staffing plan for the ultrasound tech was discussed. TMC will move forward with the purchase regardless of the decision of the Medical Capital Fund.

Motion: Bill Grun moved that the Board approve the purchase of the ultrasound providing that the Capital Equipment Committee approves the purchase. Allen Solomon, MD, seconded the motion. The motion passed with the three members present voted in favor.

The affiliation agreement with St Mary's Hospital Grand Junction was discussed.

Motion: Bill Grun moved that the Board approve the Affiliation Agreement with St Mary's Hospital Grand Junction with the understanding that the affiliation will be reviewed in six months to ensure it is working to the benefit of Telluride Medical Center and its patients and St Mary's Hospital.

Allen Solomon, MD, seconded the motion. The motion passed with the three members present voted in favor.

When the lab interface and agreement for blood products is complete, an addendum to the affiliation will be written.

The progress on the new facility site and design was summarized. The board commended TMC Staff for moving forward with a unified voice.

Remodeling a portion of the emergency room to accommodate a nurse's station was deferred to the Capital Equipment Committee.

A report of the revenues to date of the Institute For Altitude Medicine was requested from Finance Manger at the September Regular Meeting.

The board discussed the position of Chairman of Medical Staff and its importance.

Motion: Bill Grun moved that the Board recognize and appoint Dan Hehir, MD, as Chairman of Medical Staff for 2007-2008. Alexandra Dujardin seconded the motion. The motion passed with the four members present voting in favor.

Motion: Bill Grun moved that in recognition of the work involved in the position of the Chairman of Medical Staff and to motivate providers to take the position a stipend of \$500 per month is allocated to the position. In Dr Hehir's case this is retroactive to July 1, 2007. Allen Solomon, MD seconded the motion. The motion passed with the four members present voting in favor.

The rent charged Specialists was discussed and a proposal for charges based upon patient visit will be brought to the board at the September Regular Meeting.

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A recommendation was presented to the board to reject the Trauma & Emergency Services contract with BCBS because of insufficient reimbursement rates. It was suggested to draft a letter to the large employers in the area to explain the decision and emphasize that Primary Care holds a contract with BCBS. A similar explanation will be included in a press release.

### **IV. FINANCE REPORT**

Julie Wesseling presented the report. (See attached.)

Finances and the transition from GO Partners to athena were discussed.

In preparation for the 2008 budget a budget officer was designated.

**Motion:** Bill Grun moved that the head financial employee at Telluride Medical Center be the Designated Budget Officer annually. Alexandra Dujardin seconded the motion. The motion passed with the four members present voting in favor.

### **V. MEDICAL STAFF UPDATE**

The bylaws were revised to incorporate changes that will enhance the functions of the Medical Staff.

**Motion:** Allen Solomon, MD, moved to approve the Medical Staff Bylaws as revised. Alexandra seconded the motion. The motion passed with the four members present voting in favor.

### **VI. GRANT REPORT**

Barbara Newby, TMC Grants Coordinator and Community Liaison, presented the report. (See attached.)

Barbara, Mark O'Dell and Allen will inquire about available funds for indigent care with Telluride Foundation Board members, Mountain Village Owner's Association and Telski.

The board requested the inclusion of the yearly grant funds goal and simplified documentation of funds received to date in the grant summary report.

### **VII. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Medical Quality Assurance** - Allen Solomon, MD, gave the report. Medical Complaints directed to Board Members will be forwarded to the TMC Administrator who will forward them to Medical Staff. Patient concerns that are directed to TMC Administrator are forwarded to Medical Staff.

- **Personnel** - The recommendation made by the Personnel Committee to the Board was presented by Nan Dudek, HR Manager. (See attached)

**Motion:** Alexandra Dujardin moved that the Board approve matching funds of \$10,000 in 2008 for a retention grant for Dr. Dan Hehir, TMC Chief of Staff, submitted to Colorado Medical Society Foundation. Bill Grun seconded the motion. The motion passed with the four members present voting in favor.

In order to broaden TMC's healthcare resources and provide services to that portion of the community which prefers complimentary medicine solutions when possible and medically sound Sharon Grundy, MD, Director of TMC-Primary Care has applied to and been accepted into the Integrative Medicine Program through University of Arizona.

**Motion:** Bill Grun moved that the Board approve \$10,000 in 2008 requested by Sharon Grundy, MD, TMC Director of Primary Care, to pay a portion of the tuition for the Integrative Medicine Program through University of Arizona. The program will be evaluated after the first year before additional funds will be approved. Allen Solomon, MD seconded the motion. The motion passed with the four members present voting in favor.

**Motion:** Alexandra Dujardin moved that the Board provide \$2,000 in 2008 for funds to match a Colorado Rural Health CROP grant for retention of para-professionals, for Beth Kuperman (Director of Bilingual Medical Programs and Patient Relations) to be applied to outstanding school loans relating directly to Beth Kuperman's work for TMC. Allen Solomon, MD seconded the motion. The motion passed with the four members present voting in favor.

(VII. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS continued)

- Finance - No additional report was given.
- Capital Equipment - The committee will meet within seven days to discuss funding of the ultrasound and the remodel to provide a nurse's station.
- Site - No additional report was given.
- Strategic Planning - The committee requested that staff review the existing strategic plan and identify changes and provide the Board with necessary redirection. The revisions will be discussed at a future board Strategic Planning Workshop. The public will be involved if there are substantive changes.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

TMC will be established as a 501(c)(3) Public Charity and IFAM will be a supporting 501(c)(3). The Memorandum of Understanding with University of Colorado School of Medicine was discussed.

Motion: Bill Grun moved that the Board approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Telluride Hospital District and University of Colorado School of Medicine dated April 6, 2007 with the understanding that amendments will be required when the TMC and IFAM articles of incorporation are complete. Alexandra Dujardin seconded the motion. The motion passed with the four members present voting in favor.

The relationship between Telluride Foundation, Telluride Medical Capital Fund and Telluride Hospital District was discussed. Conversations are scheduled.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming meetings were scheduled as follows at the Telluride Fire Station: Special Board Meeting, September 12, 2007, 12:30 to 5:00pm for presentations regarding processes for building a new facility; Regular Board Meeting September 26, 2007, 8:30 to 12:30; Special Board Meeting September 26, 2007, 2:00 to 5:00pm for annual Board education; and Regular Board Meeting, October 18, 2007, 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Alexandra expressed the desire to serve as a board member for the Special District Association.

Motion: Allen Solomon moved to nominate Alexandra Dujardin to the Special District Association Board. Mark O'Dell seconded the motion. The motion passed with three members voting in favor. Alexandra abstained.

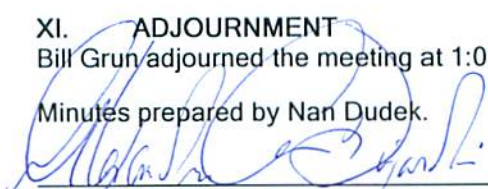
X. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Bill Grun adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Nan Dudek.

  
Alexandra Corson Dujardin, Secretary  
Telluride Hospital District