

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2017

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Regular Meeting on March 27, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Sabine County Hospital Board Room.

Present

Phil Yocom, President
Joe McNaughten, Secretary
Earl Willis, Member
Gary Williams, EMS Administrator
Diane Powell, District Administrator

Absent

Mark Pearson, Vice President

Others Present

Emily Taylor Administrative Assistant
Jerry Howell, Sabine County Hospital Administrator
Meagan Strickland, Daily News and More
Cecil Tatum, Sabine County Reporter
Chloe Schafer, Paramedic

- I. Mr. Yocom called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Mr. Gary Williams opened the meeting with prayer.
- III. Public comments.
None
- IV. Mr. Yocom stated that last month's minutes are delayed due staffs work on the Ambulance UPL. Mr. Willis asked if the line of credit for \$300,000 had been established. Ms. Powell stated that the line of credit had not between established yet. Mr. Willis ask if the \$300,000 was the amount that was needed for the Nursing home UPL. Mr. Yocom stated no it is just a contingency but not designated to anything. Ms. Powell stated that it was backup plan if there was a catastrophic event and the district needed the funds quickly. Mr. Willis moved to accept the financials. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passed by raise of hands.

- V. Mr. Howell stated year to date Inpatient days are up 24%, Swing Bed days are down 51%, ER Visits are up 17%, Admits from ER up 53%, Outpatient Visits are down 17%, and Clinic Visits are down 11%. He stated that Brittney Henson and Laura McCroskey did poison control programs at two of the area schools last week. He stated that Laura Simpson participated in the Business Symposium at West Sabine. Mr. Howell stated that Johnny Luman and Mareika Gay attended an educational program on infection control last week. He stated Chris Melcher would be attending an educational program on bedside ultrasound in early April. He stated that Robin Berryhill and Amy Cummings attended a National Rural Health Clinic conference in Austin last week. Mr. Howell stated that two nurses completed the Trauma Nurse Critical Care training this month, one more is scheduled to complete the training in April. He stated that the lab successfully completed the annual CLIA survey during the month of March. The annual risk assessment survey was completed last week; this is a requirement for hospitals and is meant to evaluate the steps and processes of Protected Health Information. Mr. Howell stated with the loss of a provider in January, we have had some issues keeping clinics opened and staffed due to ER responsibilities, preferred had to adjust their schedule and added another person into the ER rotation to minimize any disruption in clinic operations. Mr. Yocom asked who had been added in the ER. Mr. Howells stated Robert Naquin. Mr. Yocom asked if he was a Locum. Mr. Howell stated that he would be hired part time so he could be covered by the liability insurance; but he would preform like a Locum. Mr. Yocom asked it he would be working the clinics. Mr. Howell stated he could but the main concern is to keep preferred providers in the Clinics. Mr. Yocom stated that he had receive complaints for the clinics being closed. Mr. Willis moved to accept the Hospital Administrator's report. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passes by raise of hands.
- VI. He stated that in the month of February Sabine County EMS ran 145 calls in 9 minutes and 34 seconds. Mr. Williams stated that last year they has ran 136 calls in 10 minutes and 52 seconds. He stated that the disposition for February is 97 911's, 7 Emergency Transfers, 10 non-Emergency Transfers, and 28 Facility Medical Transfers. Mr. Williams stated that transfer destination consist of CHI Lufkin 19, Woodland Heights 12, Texas Children's in Dallas 1, Jasper Christus 8, Sabine County Hospital 41, Hemphill Care 10, Sabine Medical Many1, Life flights 8, VA Shreveport 1, Patients Residents 2, Nacogdoches Medical 6, Nacogdoches Memorial 3, Direct Ortho Lufkin 1, St. Elizabeth 1, CHI San Augustine 3, ETMC Tyler 2, Shady Shores 3 and Texas Children's Houston 1. He stated that the Zone break down consist of Bronson 7, Brookeland 1, Fairmount 7, Hemphill 24, Hospital 36, Lufkin 1, Nursing Home 26, Pendleton 15, Pineland 13, Rosevine 1, San Augustine 4, Shamrock1, and Six mile 8. Mr. Willis asked when the EMS takes someone from a facility to Lufkin for test does the EMS stay and wait in the patient to finish test and bring him or her back. Mr. Williams stated on if it is a pre-scheduled wait and return transfer. Mr. Willis moved to accept the Sabine County EMS Administrator's report. Mr. McNaughten Seconded. Motion passed by raise of hands.
- VII. Ms. Powell stated that she and Ms. Chloe Schafer had the opportunity last week to visit Montgomery County EMS. She stated that Chloe Schafer would be visiting Fort Worth EMS to look at their Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) program. Ms. Powell stated that Montgomery County has a MIH program that is funded from the 1115 Waiver program

but Fort Worth is done by contracts through Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Home Health. She stated that the patients who meet the need assessment based on certain criteria such as frequent 911 callers would be prime candidates for this service. Ms. Powell stated that in Montgomery County one of the patients they visited was a lady whom had call 911, 16 times in 21 days. When the EMT arrives at their house the EMT will interview the patient about their needs and work to resolve those issues. The EMT then scheduled a follow up appointment with the patient's primary care physician to ensure continuity of care. Ms. Powell stated that this is being looked into to see if this would be something that could be brought to Sabine County. She stated that the EMT's from Montgomery County run into things such as patients not having a primary care physician or home health, the patients then turn to 911 for all their needs, when in reality they need to make an appointment with a doctor and get back on track. She stated that how it works is after discharged home from surgery the Mobile Integrated Health personal would go out and check on them to make sure they are taking their medication, call the PCP to let them know what is going on with the patient and even make a doctors appointment for them if they need to see their PCP. Mr. Howell stated that this may fit in well with the Chronic Care Nursing Program that Preferred is doing may even be some partnership in it. He stated that it is done under the same concept but instead of ambulance frequent fliers, it is for ER frequent fliers. Ms. Powell stated that if we receive a call on a patient we know we have been out on several times in the last couple of weeks that amounted to the same thing each time like needing medication, or low blood sugar, things that could be fixed in the field or with a phone call to the patients PCP, it would save the patient, PCP and EMS time and money. Ms. Powell stated if we get out there and they need to go to the ER or their PCP wants them to go to the ER that is what will happen. Ms. Schafer stated that this is a good service for the people that do not have a way of getting to the clinic, or they cannot get to the pharmacy to pick up their medication because we can arrange transportation for them and that it's good for the patients that don't feel like going to the doctor to follow up after surgery. She stated that Mobile Integrated Health will play an intermediary role where the paramedics will have the medical releases' signed in order for the MIH to talk directly with the patient's doctors or pharmacists. Ms. Powell stated on average the patient is in the program for 60 days and generally at that point the MIH and the doctors have helped the patient with the right tools and instructions to better care for themselves. Ms. Powell stated that they would like to further their education before asking the Board to make a decision on anything. Mr. Yocom stated that Ms. Powell addressed the service side of the program what about the financial side. Ms. Powell stated that there are some grants out there for it like for the start up, vehicle, and payroll. She stated that one thing that Ms. Schafer will be looking at when she goes to Fort Worth is the contract that they are in with the different facilities. Ms. Powell stated that the patient would not be charged for this service, any monies received would come from PCP's, Hospitals, and Home Health Agencies. Mr. Yocom asked what the anticipated start up cost was. Ms. Powell stated that the cost would be approximately \$40,000-\$45,000 to start but there are grants. Mr. Yocom asked if a 911 comes in and when the ambulance gets out there its something that really doesn't need to go to the ER but does need attention from a PCP can we ask them if they would like to participate in this program. Ms. Powell stated yes. Mr. Yocom asked about the supplies that would be required. Ms. Powell stated that she would start with par

but we will have to wait to see what our Medical Director, Dr. Gulbis will allow to be carried. Mr. Willis asked about the liability. Ms. Powell stated that it falls under our stated EMS license. No Action

VIII. Board member comments

Mr. Willis no comment

Mr. McNaughten no comment

Mr. Yocom no comment.

IX. Adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

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