

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2017

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Regular Meeting on April 24, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Sabine County Hospital Board Room.

Present

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

Others Present

Jerry Howell, Sabine County Hospital Administrator
Penny Ferguson, Daily News and More
Cecil Tatum, Sabine County Reporter
Randy Birdwell, Sabine County EMS

- I. Mr. Yocom called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Mr. Mark Pearson opened the meeting with prayer.
- III. Public comments.
None
- IV. Mr. Yocom stated there would be no minutes for approval. Mr. Willis moved to accept the financials. Mr. Person seconded. Motion passed by raise of hands.
- V. Mr. Howell stated year to date Inpatient days are down 3%, Swing Bed days are down 53%, ER Visits are up 7%, Admits from ER up 17%, Outpatient Visits are down 17%, and Clinic Visits are down 13% due to the loss of a provider. He stated Preferred was currently working to recruit another provider. He stated that it was National Hospital Week May 7-14 so Preferred would be doing several activities during that week to thank the staff. He stated Preferred would also be using that week for emphasis on Service Excellence. Mr. Howell stated that National Lab week was this week and National Nurses Week would be May 6-12. He stated that Preferred was in the process of purchasing a new Ultra Sound machine. Mr. Howell stated that Boni Chavez is the new

clinic manager at the Toledo Bend Clinic he would be replacing Amy Cummings. He stated that Michelle Butler and Hillary Fiscus attended a meeting in Houston. Mr. Pearson asked what Mr. Howell meant by the loss of a Provider. Mr. Howell stated Dr. Luragiuz is no longer with Preferred. Mr. Pearson stated in the middle of flu season he got sick and went to Toledo Bend Family Clinic where they had no provider and were not seeing patients. He stated he was referred to Dr. Luther's clinic but they would not see him. Mr. Howell stated that they now have a contract provider to help reduce the number of days and times the clinics are closed. He stated that he believes one clinic was closed once in the current month and the other has not been closed at all. Mr. Willis moved to accept the Hospital Administrator's report. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed by raise of hands.

VI. Mr. Williams stated in the month of March, Sabine County EMS ran 114 calls with an average response time of 10 minutes and 1 second. Mr. Williams stated that last year Sabine County EMS ran 127 calls with an average response time of 9 minutes and 52 seconds. He stated that the disposition for March is 61 9-1-1 calls, 3 emergency transfers, 7 non-emergency transfers, and 18 facility medical transfers. Mr. Williams stated that transfer destinations were: CHI Lufkin 17, Woodland Heights 14, Texas Children's in Dallas 1, Jasper Christus 4, Sabine County Hospital 30, Hemphill Care Center 8, Sabine Medical Many, LA 1, life flights 6, VA Shreveport 1, patients residents 2, Nacogdoches Medical 4, Nacogdoches Memorial 4, Direct Ortho Lufkin 1, Christus Southeast Texas-St. Elizabeth 1, CHI San Augustine 8, ETMC Tyler 1, Shady Shores 2, Texas Children's Houston 1 and LSU 1 Shreveport, LA. He stated that the Zone break down consists of Bronson 9, Brookeland 1, Fairmount 8, Hemphill 20, Hospital 23, Nursing Home 15, Pendleton Harbor 18, Pineland 6, Rosevine 1, San Augustine 1, Shamrock 5, and Six Mile 3. Mr. Yocom asked what was going on in Pendleton to get 18 calls. Mr. Williams stated that was a big coverage area. Mr. Pearson stated that it says total calls 114 but the refusal total is 21 and inquired if that for March. Mr. Williams stated that if you take the 21 out of 114 then you would get the total calls billed. Mr. Pearson stated that he sees a slight decrease on the call side but an increase on the labor side. Mr. Willis moved to accept the Sabine County EMS Administrator report. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed by raise of hands.

VII. Ms. Powell asked for this to be tabled until Chloe Schafer returns from maternity leave.

VIII. Mr. Birdwell stated that it is getting about time to remount the Ambulances. Mr. Birdwell stated many of the neighboring EMS provider that have Frazer boxes use diesel engines. Mr. Pearson asked if that was due to weight. Mr. Birdwell stated the Frazer boxes were heavier; Med 1 weighed 13,080 lbs. where San Augustine type 3 ambulance weighs 9,485. He stated that Nacogdoches, back in 2005, tried to go with gas engines and had to remount the med unit at 60,000 miles and that the drive unit worn out due to the weight of the box. Mr. Birdwell stated Frazer boxes can only be remount a total of three times. He stated with a gas engine you would be on your last remount at 180,000 miles. He stated with a diesel engine you would get approximately 364,000 miles before having to purchase a new drive unit. Mr. Pearson asked what DEF was costing for the med units. Mr. Birdwell stated that DEF was costing approximately \$120 for a 55-gallon drum,

which will last up to 4 months. Mr. Willis asked why Frazer's boxes only have three remounts. Mr. Birdwell stated that it was Frazer recommendation to limit remounts to three times due to the wear and tear of the boxes. Ms. Powell stated that we could not get insurance if it was to be remounted for the fourth time due to the instability of the box. Mr. Williams discussed a new business in Jasper that was building mobile integrated clinics that he would like to possibly use to remount the ambulances. Mr. Yocom asked how far out Frazer was on remounts. Ms. Powell stated that Frazer was 5 or 6 months out at this time. She stated the reason this is being talked about is because one if not two of the units will need to be remounted. Mr. Pearson stated that it would be his recommendation that the administrative office look into pricing of a diesel engine drive unit. No action.

IX. Executive session at 5:50 P.M.

A. Discussion concerning potential legal issues with Sabine County EMS.

X. Return to open session 6:01 P.M.

XI. Mr. Yocom moved to allow Diane Powell District Administrator to contact the Attorney when she deems necessary in regards to the issue discussed in closed session. Mr. Pearson seconded. Mr. Willis asked Ms. Powell to notify the Board Members if she has to contact the attorney. Ms. Powell stated she would do this prior to contacting the Boards attorney. Motion passed by raise of hands.

XII. Board member comments

Mr. Willis no comment

Mr. Pearson stated that he loves the EMS and many people have bragged on them to. He also commended Mr. Birdwell on a presentation well given.

Mr. McNaughten no comment

Mr. Yocom no comment.

XIII. Adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

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