

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2015

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Regular Meeting on February 23, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the Sabine County Hospital Board Room 167.

**Present**

**Phil Yocom, President**  
**Earl Willis, VP & Treasurer**  
**Joe McNaughten, Secretary**  
**Mark Pearson, Member at Large**  
**Dr. Lana Comeaux, Member**  
**Diane Powell, District Administrator**  
**Gary Williams, EMS Administrator**  
**Emily Taylor, Administrative Assistant**

**Others Present**

**Diana Taylor, Sabine County Hospital Administrator**  
**Penny Ferguson, Sabine County Reporter**  
**Larry Stephens, CFO Preferred Management**  
**Kasey Pearson, Sabine County Citizen**

- I. Mr. Yocom called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Mr. McNaughten opened the meeting with prayer.
- III. No Public Comments.  
  
Dr. Comeaux arrived at 5:37p.m.
- IV. Mr. Willis stated that the amount the District would pay Preferred is \$780,000 in the 2015 Contract year. He asked if Preferred would still be sending \$212,000 back to the District in lease payments. Mr. Stephens stated that Preferred would still be sending the lease payments based on the fair market lease value of the hospital. Mr. Willis asked if the next 1115 Waiver call is in June. Mr. Stephens stated that there will be a funding request in April for Uncompensated Care. Mr. Stephens stated that the next call would be December for DSRIP. Mr. Stephens stated that DSRIP is funded annually, and Uncompensated Care is funded twice per year. Mr. Willis stated that the call in April would be funded for two months. Mr. Willis asked what the collection rate is for EMS. Ms. Powell stated currently it is 62%. Mr. Willis asked what the operating cost per month is for EMS. Ms. Powell stated it is approximately \$80,000 per month. Mr. Willis stated that EMS would have to bring in approximately 1.5 times that amount to break

even. Mr. Yocom stated that the District will be subsidizing EMS, but the amount is unknown at this time. Mr. Willis asked how much the District would be subsidizing EMS. Mr. Yocom stated that would be known at the end of 2015. Mr. Yocom moved to accept the consent items. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed.

V. Item tabled due to inclement weather.

VI. No Action Taken.

VII. Ms. Powell stated that Sabine County EMS has the opportunity to participate in an Ambulance UPL program. Ms. Powell stated it is her understanding after talking with three attorneys that Sabine County EMS will be eligible to receive money from the UPL program. She stated that the money received would be the difference in what Sabine County EMS collects in Medicaid Revenue and what is billed. The money that would come back to Sabine County EMS would be at the Medicare rate, so for every dollar of Medicaid that is billed, Sabine County EMS would receive approximately \$2.20 back. She stated that every quarter a cost report would be done and sent to the state. She stated that the District would not send any money up just the cost report. Mr. Yocom stated that Ms. Powell is eligible to receive training to learn how to do the cost report so the District would not have to pay an audit firm to do this quarterly. Mr. Yocom stated that in the Nursing Home UPL works the same way the Ambulance UPL works. He stated that the only way to get involved with this is the District would have to manage a Nursing Home. Mr. Yocom stated that the difference on average between the Medicaid and Medicare rate is approximately \$250 per day. Mr. Pearson asked what the liability is. Ms. Powell stated that the state is the one with the liability because the state picks the nursing home that best suits us. Ms. Powell stated the Nursing Homes have to qualify with the state to participate. Mr. Yocom moved to participate in the Ambulance and Nursing Home UPL. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed

VIII. Item tabled due to inclement weather.

IX. Ms. Taylor stated that Sabine County Hospital would like to participate in the 2015 Community Improvement Grant. She stated that Preferred would put the 25% match up. She stated that normally this is something that is awarded every other year however this year there was not much interest and there is a chance that it would be awarded to Sabine County Hospital again this year. Mr. Yocom moved to participate in the Community Improvement Grant. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed.

X. Larry Stephens, CFO Preferred Management presented the 2013 Sabine County Hospital Audit. Mr. Stephens stated the auditor's opinion is fairly stated which means it is a clean audit. He stated that the balance sheet shows the total assets increased by \$400,000 due to an increase in accounts payable. He stated that the biggest increase in liabilities was due to the amount owed to the District. He stated on the income statement it shows the net patient revenue was up \$580,000. He stated the other revenue dropped due to Electronic Health Records payment in 2012. He stated that the operating expenses were up due to Salaries and Benefits as well as the hiring of an additional doctor in 2013. He

stated the net income for 2013 was \$642,000. Mr. Stephens presented the unaudited 2014 financials. He stated the assets increased by \$200,000. He stated the liabilities increased by approximately \$200,000. He stated that both Revenues and Expenses for Sabine County hospital were over budget by \$500,000. Dr. Comeaux asked if the net patient service revenue included the clinics as well. Mr. Stephens stated it does include both clinics as well as the hospital. Mr. McNaughten moved to accept the 2013 Sabine County Hospital Audit and 2014 Financials. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed.

- XI. Item tabled due to inclement weather
- XII. Mr. Yocom stated that the agreement is straight forward. He stated that Alex Fuller, Hospital District Attorney has reviewed this agreement with Sabine County. Mr. Yocom moved to enter into the Interlocal Agreement with Sabine County. Dr. Comeaux seconded. Motion passed.
- XIII. Mr. Yocom stated that Dr. Gulbis has agreed to \$500 per month in EMS Medical Director Salary. Mr. McNaughten moved to pay Dr. Gulbis \$500 per month. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed.
- XIV. Mr. Yocom moved to allow the distribution of First Responder Funds for the second half of 2014 as follows: Fairmount: \$2953.80, Pendleton Harbor: \$5203.80, Pineland \$6678.00, Shamrock Shores: \$844.20, and Six Mile: \$2320.20. Mr. Willis seconded. Motion passed.
- XV. Mr. Willis moved to remove the X-Ray equipment from the Sabine County Hospital District capital equipment list. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passed.
- XVI. Item tabled due to inclement weather.
- XVII. Mr. Yocom moved to allow the Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors and the District Administrator to attend the Torch Annual Conference. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed.
- XVIII. Closed Session at 6:09p.m.
- XIX. Return to Open Session at 6:14p.m.
- XX. No Action Taken.
- XXI. Board Member Comments:
  - Mr. Pearson: No Comment.
  - Mr. Yocom: No Comment.
  - Mr. Willis: No Comment.
  - Mr. McNaughten: No Comment.
  - Dr. Comeaux: No Comment.

XXII. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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