

West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board's regularly scheduled meeting from February 23, 2023 at 12:00 Noon.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Michel Hirsch, Dr. Glenn Schexnayder, Mr. A. J. Gomez, Mr. John Marchand, Mr. Vince Cataldo.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Larry Buquoi, Ms. Loretta Larvadain, Ms. Nobie Landry

ABSENT: Mr. Michael Medine

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michel Hirsch. There were no objections to the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2023 as distributed. The minutes were accepted as individually read.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Michael Medine was not present.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Nobie Landry presented the financial report and sales tax report for review and discussion. The reports were approved as presented.

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave findings of the monthly committee reports. No actions were needed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There are still ongoing problems with nursing service shortages. Most shifts are shorthanded. Recruiting efforts continues through social media, the newspapers and on Indeed. Two contract nurses are helping to fill the schedule. One part-time registered nurse was hired in February.

Interfacing to our electronic medical records system with Dr. Nagaratna Reddy and Care South is still in progress. The hospital continues to work to meet CMS requirements. Information to meet CMS requirements was not being obtained. Athena records indicated that we were at 30% but needed to be at 60% for meeting requirements. After an update, data collection was at 59%.

On February 21, 2023, The Joint Commission informed the hospital that it had received accreditation for all services surveyed effective September 16, 2022.

There was one Tele-Stroke application for review for reappointment.

6. NEW BUSINESS

The following medical staff applications were reviewed.

| SPECIALTY | |
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| Consulting, Virtual Radiology | 2 |
| Consulting, Tele-Stroke | 2 |
| Emergency Medicine/Hospitalist | 2 |

On February 22, 2023, Mr. Cataldo received a request from Mr. Glenn Price with the Sunrise Community Group for information/records from Prevost Hospital. The Board instructed him to work with Attorney Larry Buquoi to satisfy this request in a timely manner.

The hospital purchased a Gallagher Compensations Study to adjust the pay rates for employees. The increases and ranges from the study were highlighted by Mr. Vince Cataldo. Following a discussion, Mr. John Marchand motioned to approve the pay raises. Mr. A. J. Gomez seconded the motion and the motion carried. The pay raises will be effective March 20, 2023.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. John Marchand and a second by Mr. A. J. Gomez.



Dr. Michel Hirsch, Board Chairman



Mr. Vince Cataldo, Administrator/Secretary