

RIVER'S EDGE HOSPITAL & CLINIC COMMISSION WORKSHOP

River's Edge Hospital & Clinic Conference Room

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

Present: Gil Carlson, Chairperson; Michelle Chalin, Vice-Chairperson; Kay Moline, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees: H. Stuart Johnson, Margie Nelsen and Jerry Pfeifer; Colleen Spike, CEO; Kristin Schultz, Director of Quality, Infection Control and Clinic Services; Patty Roessler, Director of Ancillary Services; Jackie Kimmet, Director of Human Resources; Ann Lauer, Director of Finance; and Paulette Redman, Recorder.

Absent: Sandy Gundlach, Trustee.

The Workshop session of the Hospital Commission was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Chairperson Gil Carlson.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORKSHOP SESSION

Mr. Carlson opened the workshop with a discussion of the purpose and scope of workshop meetings, asking the commission members to establish priorities for the topics to be addressed at future workshops. Colleen Spike presented a list of possible topics, including, but not limited to, long term planning, organizational structure, marketing plan, hospital vs. clinic operations, financials, zip code use, independence means what?, financial position compared to other critical access hospitals, replication of LSI project. Additional suggestions from commission members included a "finance 101" presentation, establishing a one-year strategic plan, as well as long-term planning.

ACTION: Establishment of priorities tabled until arrival of new CEO. Colleen Spike to provide Stu Johnson with a copy of the Hospital Commissioner job description.

ORIENTATION FOR NEW CEO

Commission members discussed the transition process for the new CEO. Mr. George Rohrich will begin work as the CEO on October 14, 2013. There will be a two-week overlap with Colleen Spike, during which time Ms. Spike will be reviewing an orientation checklist with him, to include discussions of the current state of healthcare in Minnesota, introducing him to healthcare professionals and organizations within the State, introducing him to River's Edge healthcare partners and participating in some of the standing meetings and committees within the facility.

ACTION:

- 1) Colleen Spike to provide the Commission with a schedule for the two-week time period when she and Mr. Rohrich will be transitioning, including bulleted items to be accomplished during this period.
- 2) Informal welcome and introductory meeting with the Commission members and Mr. Rohrich to be set up for Monday, October 14, 2013, at 4 p.m.

REHC SERVICES

- Dr. Gary Goldberg, Urologist with the Mankato Clinic, will be starting to perform prostate surgeries and lithotripsy surgery at River's Edge. Lithotripsy equipment will be leased on a per-case basis.
- Orthopedic cases have slowed during the summer months, but anticipate increased numbers beginning in September.

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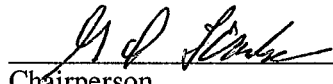
- The number of eye surgeries is increasing, with additional ophthalmologists from the Mankato Clinic and Ophthalmology Associates scheduling procedures at River's Edge.
- Administration has been in discussions with the David Martin Agency and another area employer to look at the potential of replicating the occupational health program established with River's Edge Clinic and LSI. Occupational Health may be a niche market for River's Edge to look into for expansion of services.
- Administration looking at issues identified of ED patients being sent to Mankato who could be cared for at River's Edge.

CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL PROGRAM

Ms. Spike presented letters addressed to legislative officials regarding a report put out by the Office of the Inspector General at the Department of Health and Human Services that, if implemented, could result in the closure of hundreds of critical access hospitals across the nation. The President's Fiscal Year 2014 budget also includes cuts aimed at Critical Access Hospitals. Minnesota Senators Klobuchar and Franken have both signed a letter to the Senate Finance Committee which outlines their support of the Critical Access Hospital program.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: The workshop was adjourned by general consensus at 11:56 a.m. Schedule for future workshop meetings to be determined by the Commission in conjunction with the new CEO.



Chairperson



Secretary