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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 18, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Eagle County Health Service District occurred on June 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.; at 1055 Edwards Village Blvd., Edwards, Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

The following Directors were present and acting:

Attendance:

Jeff Babb
Mark Bergman
Dan Smith
Dr. John Woodland
Janet Bartnik

Also in attendance:

ECHSD Staff:
Chris Montera, CEO
Jim Bradford, COO
Veronica Ross, Finance Specialist
Jennifer Cooley Follett, Administrative Assistant

Attending remotely:

ECHSD Staff:
Marc Burdick, Quality & Compliance Manager
Will Dunn, Clinical Manager
Kim Blackford, Human Resource Specialist
Kevin Creek, Community Paramedic Supervisor
Kim Nelson, Operations Specialist
Katie Coakley, PIO & Communications

Public:

None

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Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Eagle County Health Service District was called to order by Director Babb on June 18, 2020 at 08:01 a.m. noting a quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Bergman to accept the consent agenda as presented. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to approve the May 21, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes and Monthly Expenditures for April and May 2020 as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

COVID Update:

Mr. Montera stated that the number of COVID patients in the County remains flat. Although the call volume has increased slightly, there has been no increase in COVID related calls.

The deadline to make a decision about Camp 911 is fast approaching. Many agencies throughout the County are in support of this event happening. Mr. Smith mentioned that the Salvation Army would be happy to provide lunch for the kids if the camp were to happen.

Mr. Montera noted that the District has received some grant money from the Federal Government. Mr. Montera and Ms. Ross have a call scheduled with FEMA this afternoon to discuss our grant request with them. Ms. Ross also submitted a request to the State of Colorado for \$500,000 to help offset the lost revenue due to COVID. Mr. Montera expects that the District will only receive a small portion of the amount requested. Ms. Nelson and Mr. Bradford are submitting reimbursement requests regionally for PPE expenses. Ms. Ross also submitted a request to be reimbursed for several uninsured COVID possible patients.

The District has spent approximately \$155,000 to date on COVID related supplies and labor. This number has the potential to double if there are spikes between now and the end of the year. Mr. Bergman inquired as to the expected reimbursement amount from the CARES Act. Mr. Montera is hoping to be reimbursed an amount approximately equal to the District's total expenditures to date.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Bonds:

The District reinvested one bond of \$250,000 at 0.4 which is higher than average. There is an \$800,000 bond coming due in October which can be cashed out if needed. Also, there are still \$3-4 million in bonds at 3-4 %, laddering over the next 5 years. Ms. Gnojek did a great job setting the District up for success in this arena.

UPDATES:

Chief Executive Officer Report –

Mr. Montera spent a great deal of time lobbying when the State legislature was in session.

The District was awarded the Avon Police Chief's Community Partnership Award for the second year in a row.

Mr. Montera does not believe it is a wise move to have a ballot initiative in this year's election. The District was de-Gallaghered last year. There will be a State-wide ballot initiative to repeal the Gallagher Amendment this fall.

There is a contract from Anthem. Most of the reimbursement rates are still being determined, but Anthem is willing to pay \$520 per patient that is not transported to the hospital.

Ms. Blackford has been working on the Emergency Retirement Package with HUB. The plan will roll out this week and will be valid until the end of 2020. It will be offered to employees with 20 or more years of service. The District will pay for the employee's and any qualifying family members health insurance for 18 months after retirement. This is in addition to the retirement package already offered by the District. There will be a pro-rated option for employees with 15 or more years of service.

Chief Financial Officer Report -

Ms. Ross stated that the District is holding the line on non-essential spending. The exception is the ambulance that was recently paid for, but ordered well before the COVID crisis occurred.

Grant monies in the amount of \$154,489.90 from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and Health & Human Services have been received. The call with FEMA today should clarify what items and labor hours the District can submit for reimbursement from them.

The Net Surplus is at \$424,080.00, with Cash on hand at approximately \$9.9 million.

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Days in A/R is as high as it has ever been. This is due to collection efforts being put on hold during the COVID crisis. At the moment there are over 500 past due accounts. Efforts to collect on those accounts have begun.

Salaries are over budget due to the last payroll of the month being accounted for in June. It will be offset in July. Supplies and Materials is also over budget due to an increase in PPE expenditures because of COVID.

Chief Operations Officer Report-

Mr. Bradford stated that business is slow due to the lack of tourism. He has been offsetting this with time off requests and tightening up the schedule. Currently the call numbers are even with last June on transfers, although 911 calls are down about 25%. The CP's are very busy. Already numbers are up over last month.

Mr. Bradford received a thank you letter from Mr. Judd Miller. Mr. Miller has worked with Samaritan's Purse in the past and had the opportunity to serve in Italy during the COVID crisis. He is back home, safe and healthy. He will do a presentation of his service in Italy in the near future.

Chairman Babb inquired how things were going for Mr. Bradford in his new position. Mr. Bradford commented that it has been overwhelming, but he feels prepared because of Mr. Brandes' mentorship. Trying to figure out how to get the necessary statistics from the new EMR software has been particularly challenging.

Outreach - The Outreach report was included in the packet for review.

Chairman Babb inquired about the role of the Community Behavioral Health Navigators. Mr. Creek responded that Ms. Coakley sent out a press release about the Navigators a couple of weeks ago. She has also made a hand out for clinics to dispense to patients who might be able to utilize their services. To date they are helping 10 patients. They are also helping the CP's, mainly with interpretive services. EVBH earmarked more money for two more Navigator positions. One will be housed at CMM and the other one will be housed at the District's Avon station.

Dr. Woodland inquired as to why CP's were only called out on an extremely small portion of the 911 mental health calls. Mr. Creek is trying to figure that out, as the actual number of calls the CP's responded to was higher. The data from the new EMR software is not feeding into that report. Ms. Lambertus had 5 crisis calls over last weekend.

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Clinical - The Clinical report was included in the packet for review.

Quality and Compliance –

The Quality and Compliance report was included in the packet for review.

Communications Update- The Communications report was included in the packet for review.

Vail Mountain Rescue-The Vail Mountain Rescue Report was included in the packet for review.

A few words from Director Babb:

Director Babb gave a huge thanks to the team at Eagle County Paramedic Services. He thinks everyone did an amazing job during the COVID crisis. He also feels it is to the District's credit that not one staff member acquired COVID.

He also wanted to recognize Mr. Smith's retirement from, and long-standing service with, Vail Mountain Rescue Group.

Vail Resorts will be sending out a press release today concerning summer activities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

The Board adjourned for Executive Session to discuss 24-6-402 (4)(g), C.R.S., Consideration of any documents protected by the mandatory nondisclosure provisions of the Open Records Act.

The Board reconvened at 8:56 a.m.

In the executive session, two accounts were presented to the Board for consideration. The total amount of approved write-offs was \$4,126.38. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to accept the staff recommendations as presented.

Adjournment –

There being no further business to come before the Board, by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED to adjourn the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2020.

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Respectfully submitted,

Secretary for the Meeting

Jennifer Cooley Follett

Approved: Board of Directors










