



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 16, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Eagle County Health Service District occurred on February 16, 2023 at 3 p.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:

Janet Bartnik
Dan Smith
Lynn Blake
Jack Eck
Scott McCorvey

Eagle County Health Service District Staff in attendance in-person:

Brandon Daruna, Chief Executive Officer
Jim Bradford, Chief Operating Officer
Will Dunn, Chief Clinical Officer
Dana Query, IT Systems Administrator
Alice Harvey, Community Health Manager
Stephen Vardaman, Operations Manager
Lauren Barcza, Operations Specialist
Doug Krause, Paramedic Supervisor
Scott Harmsen, Paramedic Supervisor
John Farris, Community Paramedic Specialist
Meredith O'Malia, Community Case Coordinator
Steve Zuckerman, Paramedic
Claire Davis, Community Paramedic
Jessica Pettee, Emergency Medical Technician

Eagle County Health Service District Staff in attendance virtually:

Michelle Gennett, Human Resources Manager
Ande Rasmussen, Paramedic

Public in Attendance:

Kathryn Winn of Collins, Cole, Flynn, Winn & Ulmer (virtual)

CALL TO ORDER

**Eagle County Health Service District Regular Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Eagle County Health Service District was called to order by Mr. Smith on February 16, 2023 at 3:02 p.m. noting a quorum was present.

GRATITUDE & POSITIVE PATIENT EXPERIENCE

Ms. Harvey spoke about her son's accident. She and her family are very grateful for the support provided by employees of the District. It has made his transition back home much easier.

Mr. Smith was assisting with a luncheon for the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS). As he was walking through town, he came across a gentleman walking slowly with obvious issues. Turns out he was a NBS Board member. At mid-Vail, the man started having breathing problems. Vail Ski Patrol was called to the scene. Sam Aaronson was one of the attending patrollers. Mr. Smith was extremely impressed with her skills.

Ms. Blake mentioned that it was the 16th anniversary of her cardiac arrest. Ms. Blake wanted to express gratitude to the District employees for saving her life and the services provided to the community as well. Mr. Dunn mentioned that he was grateful for her graciousness and also expressed gratitude to Mr. Kane for his life saving skills that day.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Although Ms. Blake did not have any corrections, she did want to talk briefly about the CARES report from the last meeting. She highlighted that the survival rates from unwitnessed cardiac arrests in Eagle County are significantly higher than those rates across the nation.

A motion was made by Ms. Bartnik to approve the January 19, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Eck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to approve the January 19, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Smith questioned an expenditure for Restaurant for \$159.00. Mr. Daruna is looking into this for him.

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Bartnik seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to approve the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Community Health update-

Ms. Harvey has been with the District for almost a year now. Since her start, she has been configuring a framework for patient management and data analysis. She has been working at creating some dashboards to share this data. The idea behind this is to assist in creating

an informed approach to program development and also help obtain future funding. In recent years, there have been many conversations at both the state and national levels surrounding Mobile Integrated Health (MIH). Of note, Ms. Harvey and Mr. Farris will be presenting at the National Association of Mobile Integrated Healthcare Providers in March 2023.

Since its inception, approximately 15 years ago, the District's Community Paramedicine (CP) program has undergone enormous growth and transformation. COVID was definitely a catalyst that led to many medical providers recognizing the value of the care model. From 2019-2021, the number of calls the CPs responded to doubled. In 2022, the program saw sustained growth of about 10%. The program has developed into providing not only episodic management, but also longitudinal management for those patients in need of extended care. The program's focus is to provide integrative care by working with the providers who refer patients to create a network of communication and services.

Moving forward, Ms. Harvey believes that EMS is the solution to the nation's fragmented healthcare system. The CP program is working towards creating plan-based services with defined goals. She will be looking at alternative care delivery models, such as treatment-in-place and telehealth visits. There is a huge gap in services locally to assist the aging population. The CP program will be working to try and fill in some of these gaps. Ms. Harvey will also continue to work with Vail Health on the population initiative.

From a financial perspective, grant funding for the CP program doubled in 2023 with a minimal increase in expenditures. Ms. Harvey will continue to look for additional grant funding, support the state Medicaid bill and look at other third party reimbursement options for MIH visits as well.

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution Appointing A Designated Election Official for 2023 -

As it stands today, there are two applications for the upcoming vacancies on the Board. Ms. Braucht has resigned and is moving out of state. Currently, there is no one who could fill Ms. Braucht's role in-house in coordinating a mail ballot election. The District would need to hire an outside firm to help and that would increase the cost to approximately \$110,000.00. Having an in person election with polling places would cost about \$20,000.00. The deadline for self-nomination applications is Friday, February 24, 2023 at 5 p.m. and a write-in can be submitted up until February 27, 2023. Ms. Winn believes that a decision on polling place versus mail in ballots needs to be made by March 2, 2023 or March 3, 2023. If the District chooses an in-person election, you still have to hire judges, but can collaborate with other Special Districts on polling places. Either way, there is a necessity to provide absentee ballots. Ms. Winn can assist with the election, but it may not be the most judicious use of District funds. Marchetti and Weaver are not available to assist.

Mr. McCorvey thinks the cost for a mail ballot election has become astronomical and not financially viable. Ms. Bartnik stated that Ms. Braucht's departure changes the scenario and

**Eagle County Health Service District Regular Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023**

she is leaning towards an in-person election now. She would like to see the District use social media to encourage the community to get out and vote. Ms. Blake agrees with Ms. Bartnik. Dr. Eck feels like it needs to be legitimate and transparent.

The resolution only has one polling place listed. Mountain Recreation is going to have polling places in Edwards, Eagle and Gypsum. Ms. Bartnik stated that the District can utilize these too. The resolution will have to be amended with addresses for polling places once those are in place.

Mr. Smith made a motion to have an in-person election with polling places. Ms. Blake seconded the motion.

RESOLVED to have an in-person election with polling places.

Ms. Bartnik made a motion to amend Resolution 2 of 2023 item 2 to read there shall be two polling places located at 450 Miller Ranch Rd, Edwards, CO 81632 and 52 Lundgren Blvd. Gypsum, CO 81637. Mr. McCorvey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to amend Resolution 2 of 2023 item 2 to read there shall be two polling places located at 450 Miller Ranch Rd, Edwards, CO 81632 and 52 Lundgren Blvd. Gypsum, CO 81637.

Ms. Bartnik moved to approve Resolution 2 of 2023 as amended. Mr. McCorvey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to approve Resolution 2 of 2023 as amended.

UPDATES:

Executive Report -

Ms. Blake asked about District policies in place that would protect EMS providers if they were being sued for their actions. Staff are protected by the District's insurance up to criminality. Ms. Winn believe's the District has an Indemnification Resolution which sets assurances to the Board and staff that if they are acting within the scope of their role, the District and the insurance carrier will defend them. If there is not one in place, the District should adopt such a resolution. Staff are also protected by Government Immunity as long as they are not acting willfully and wantonly. Governmental immunity applies mostly to civil circumstances, but is also a powerful shield for our staff. Ms. Bartnik believes continuing the high level of training is one of the best things the District can do to protect our employees. Staff should also be the patient advocate in every situation. Ms. Winn thinks the three prong protection of insurance, Government Immunity and an Indemnification Resolution, plus training and policies, is about the best protection you can provide. Ms. Winn also stated that the Board can approve to assist employees with legal fees in a criminal matter, but each situation would be a specific scenario.

Eagle County Health Service District Regular Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023

Ms. Winn will check if the District has an indemnification resolution and make recommendations to the Board next month.

Finance Report -

Ms. Ross was unable to attend the Board meeting. Ms. Cooley Follett stated that Ms. Ross was unable to supply complete financial statements this month due to a communication issue between the two billing companies. She will be working to rectify this situation and get accounts receivable sorted before the next Board meeting.

Operations Report -

Ms. Blake inquired about the floor in the Vail station. Mr. Bradford replied that there is a contractor cleaning the floors, but ultimately it is a drainage issue. Due to water not draining properly, the District has had to hire someone to do mold mitigation work. Vail Health and the District are working together to solve the issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Bartnik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to adjourn the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2023 at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary for the Meeting
Jennifer Cooley Follett

Approved: Board of Directors









