



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 15, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Eagle County Health Service District occurred on September 15, 2022 at 3:00pm 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
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
Alice Harvey, Community Health Manager
Ryan Bush, Operations Specialist
Veronica Ross, Finance Manager
Dana Query, IT Administrator
Michelle Gennett, Human Resources Manager
Katie Coakley, Communications Specialist
Sarah Braucht, Office Coordinator
Sam Aaronson, Paramedic
Chris Marsh, Paramedic

Eagle County Health Service District Staff in attendance virtually:

Jenn Cooley-Follett, Accounting Clerk
Graham Kane, Clinical Specialist
Hank Bevington, Paramedic Supervisor
Dawn Vogeler, Paramedic Supervisor
Brenda Hazard, Community Paramedic
Grant Middlebrook, Paramedic

Public in Attendance:

Kathryn Winn of Collins, Cole, Flynn, Winn & Ulmer (virtual)
John "Chip" Woodland

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Eagle County Health Service District was called to order by Ms. Bartnik on September 15, 2022 at 3:01pm noting a quorum was present with Mr. Smith out on an excused absence.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mr. McCorvey made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

GRATITUDE & POSITIVE PATIENT EXPERIENCE

Ms. Ross read a thank you note from a patient whose bill was a charitable write-off and she thanked the Board for their consideration and compassion. Mr. Daruna noted that Paramedic Aaron Zinser will be receiving the Medal of Valor at the Eagle County First Responder Night of Excellence for his participation in a difficult mountain rescue operation. Mr. Daruna recently met with Vail Health regarding the community paramedic program and everyone had glowing praise for Community Health Manager, Alice Harvey. Mr. Bradford commented that a paramedic crew helped a patient a few weeks ago who needed oxygen and the patient turned out to be an EMS bike ride volunteer as well. Ms. Ross told of a lady she met who had huge thanks for Paramedic Kelly Lombardi who took great care of her husband before he passed away.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Ms. Blake to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. McCorvey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to approve the August 18, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and August Monthly Expenditures.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Vail Ambulance Bay Floor Project Update

The project of adding floor drains to the Vail ambulance bay floor to mitigate water pooling issues has been put on hold until at least the spring. It was a significant financial commitment for the District without the full support of Vail Health. Staff will look into finding a low-tech long-term solution to work through the water pooling issues through the winter and the District is collaborating with Vail Health on an interim solution. Vail Health is concerned about the long-term structural integrity of installing the floor drains.

2023 Budget First Draft

Ms. Ross presented the first draft of the 2023 budget in which the managers will go through more thoroughly to work out fine details before the second draft is presented to the Board at the October meeting. The District has budgeted a 7% pay increase for employees. Budget items that are still uncertain are a possible increase in benefits costs and financial decisions made by the housing committee. Ms. Ross needs direction from the Board on whether to budget for an in-person or mail ballot Board election next May and if the Board wants to

move forward on the impact fee study. The Board discussed costs and staff time for the election, but they ultimately want to engage as many voters as possible. Ms. Ross explained that the deficit spending is accounted for in capital expenditures for ambulances on backorder that should be arriving in 2023. Other budget items to be discussed are a potential Eagle station remodel, replacing the Edwards station electronic door locks that are at end of life, and installing a new drug storage lock system.

ECPS 501c3 Discussion

Mr. Daruna is interested in setting up the District as a 501c3 which is a financial structure that allows donations to be made to a non-profit organization. A budget line item has been submitted to explore the options. Ms. Blake commented that taxpayers may think that they are funding the District enough through taxes and may not be willing to donate. Mr. McCorvey thought it might be an avenue to help fund the community paramedic program.

Board Topic Discussion Template/Process

Mr. Daruna presented a sample Board packet template to be used to present discussion and action items to better communicate and prepare the Board for meetings. Ms. Bartnik said the template would be helpful to understand staff thinking and reasoning. Mr. McCorvey thinks using the template will provide clarity and transparency.

UPDATES:

Executive Report -

Mr. Daruna has had recent conversations about the community paramedic program with community partners and how to fill home health care voids, however the District needs to work on funding options and long-term solutions. The community paramedics are looking at how to better serve home health care needs with a significant increase in complex patient care. Mr. McCorvey noted that a high priority of the community paramedics is to try to prevent patient readmission to the hospital. Ms. Harvey is starting to track patient outcomes and the amount of money the patient is saving to keep them out of the hospital.

Financial Report –

Ms. Ross is in the process of receiving RFPs for a new billing company and she is anticipating receiving about five bids. The District just received a \$737,000 windfall supplemental Medicaid payment that was not budgeted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. Bartnik made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §24-6-402(4)(c), C.R.S., Matters required to be kept confidential by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:56pm.

The Board reconvened at 4:18pm

Ms. Bartnik made a motion to approve charitable write offs as recommended by staff in the amount of \$1912.85. Mr. McCorvey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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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 September 15, 2022 at 4:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary for the Meeting
Sarah Braucht

Approved: Board of Directors









