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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 16, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Eagle County Health Service District occurred on July 16, 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
Amy Gnojek, CFO
Veronica Ross, Finance Specialist
Jennifer Cooley Follett, Administrative Assistant

Attending remotely:

ECHSD Staff:
Will Dunn, Clinical Manager
Kim Blackford, Human Resource Specialist
Kevin Creek, Community Paramedic Supervisor
Katie Coakley, PIO & Communications
Scott Lindquist, IT Specialist

Eagle Valley Behavioral Health:
Chris Lindley, Executive Director

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 July 16, 2020 at 08:01 a.m. noting a quorum was present.

Consent Agenda

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

RESOLVED to approve the June 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes and Monthly Expenditures for June 2020 as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

COVID Update:

The positivity rate has risen over 10% which is causing concern. Eagle County is modifying the current Public Health Order. The new order will begin tomorrow, July 17th, 2020.

Although there have been a few more COVID related calls lately, there has not been a severe uptick. PPE supplies are becoming increasingly difficult to order due to nationwide shortages.

The number of people getting tested for COVID is rapidly increasing. The commercial labs are overwhelmed and turnaround times are 10-14 days. Vail Health will be getting a supply of rapid tests for first responders and health care workers. The results are available in approximately 15 minutes.

Mr. Lindley gave a presentation on how Vail Health is equipped to handle a COVID outbreak. They have added 20 negative pressure rooms, bringing the total to 22. They have updated their isolation and quarantine policies. Their PPE supply is robust. At the current time there are no patients at the hospital with COVID. Vail Health is expecting an increase in COVID related patients in the coming weeks. Currently they are testing 100 patients per day. The positivity rates for the patients they have been testing has remained less than 10%, which is significantly less than county wide positivity rates. The extensive wait time for results is causing some concern. Also there has been a marked increase in behavioral health calls with approximately 90 patients being seen each week.

Ms. Ross completed the State funding request. The District is hoping to receive approximately \$495,000 in grant monies from that application. She has been diligently working on completing the FEMA application. She is hoping to have it completed by next Monday. The reimbursement will hopefully cover the approximately \$148,000 in COVID related supplies and labor spent to date. Ms. Nelson applied for the Northwest Region Healthcare Coalition grant. The District was awarded \$6,875.00 out of the \$40,000 in available funds. The District

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has been awarded a few other smaller grant requests and will also see some compensation for uninsured COVID patients.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vail Construction Update:

Mr. Bradford and a few other staff members toured the new station in Vail recently. It is about 90% finished, but there is still a lot of work to be done. There is parking for 3 ambulances and a supervisor vehicle and the station can house 2 crews and a supervisor. There is a Sally port off the garage to drop patients at the emergency room. The furniture has been ordered. The move in date will be mid-October.

EVBH Update:

The District has received grant money from Eagle Valley Behavioral Health to hire a third behavioral health navigator. The new navigator will start mid-August. The grant is for three years. Dr. Wolfington and the staff at Colorado Mountain Medical have been assisting the current navigators in getting acquainted with the community.

UPDATES:

Chief Executive Officer Report –

Mr. Montera will take part in a Town Hall meeting next week. The meeting will discuss the County's crisis response.

He has also been participating in biweekly calls concerning the ET-3 program. The calls have been with the Colorado consortiums, consisting of 16 other participants, and the state Medicaid office. They have been discussing best practices for the ET-3 model.

Mr. Montera is still in negotiations with Anthem on rates for the contract.

Chief Financial Officer Report -

Ms. Ross commented about the allowance of bad debt in the amount of \$569,000, which was actually a double negative. It changed the bottom line and she made a separate financial sheet to amend the numbers.

The District is still holding the line on non-essential spending and keeping a tight schedule to minimize labor costs.

The District's cash on hand has increased to 10 months. Revenue from taxes is starting to come in which is helping that number.

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Collection efforts have increased which will bring in some revenue and help decrease days in A/R. The State of Colorado closed its collections office because they were being overwhelmed. The District will continue to utilize the other collection company and they will take over the Colorado accounts going forward. Ms. Ross is exploring possible contracts with some of the collection companies that the State farmed a few of our accounts to.

The District's audit was postponed due to COVID. Ms. Gnojek is urging the auditors to restart the process, as it needs to be completed by the end of September for the State. She will begin work on the budget next month. She will be meeting with HUB concerning benefits for next year. In the near future she intends to survey the staff concerning benefits and compensation.

Chief Operations Officer Report-

The holiday weekend numbers were on par with last year. July 911 calls are down about 20% in comparison to last year. Last week was the Op retreat with the supervisors. They discussed PPE distribution and staffing for the upcoming winter. Ms. Blackford also did an HR training. Closest Unit Dispatch was rolled out on July 15th.

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

Clinical - The Clinical report was available at the Board Meeting for review.

Quality and Compliance –

Mr. Burdick is on an extended vacation, so there was not a Quality and Compliance report.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

The Board adjourned for Executive Session to discuss 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., Personnel matters, identifying the person or position to be discussed and 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 9:10 a.m.

In the executive session, one account was presented to the Board for consideration. The total amount of approved write-offs was \$398.88. Motion made by Mr. Smith to approve the write-offs as presented. Second by Mr. Bergman. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED to accept the staff recommendations as presented.

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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 July 16, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary for the Meeting

Jennifer Cooley Follett

Approved: Board of Directors










