

**BAY AREA HOSPITAL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 22, 2024, MINUTES
Myrtle Conference Room / Microsoft Teams**

CALL TO ORDER

Appointed Chair Mr. Tom McAndrew, MD. called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm; requests administrative assistant to take roll call. Administrative assistant did so and established there was a quorum in attendance at this time. Ms. Barb Taylor, attending by Teams, has asked Mr. Tom McAndrew, MD. To Chair the meeting as she was unable to via Teams.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Finance Chair Barbara Taylor; Tom McAndrew, MD; Jim Hough; Linet Samson; and Eric Farm

ABSENT (*excused*)

Fred Messerle; and Taylor Cribbins

BAHD BOARD OF DIRECTORS ATTENDANCE

Troy Cribbins; Renee Nelson; and Patrice Parrott

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Mary Lou Tate, CFO; Brian Moore, CEO; Jenn Collins, CNO; Kelli Dion, CQO; Lee Saltzgaber, CMO; and Shanna Sheaffer, Executive Assistant

LEGAL COUNSEL

Megan Kronsteiner, Esq.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Public was in Attendance

APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – Mr. Tom McAndrew, Chairperson

Mr. Jim Hough moved to approve the Finance Committee minutes for September 24, 2024, as presented in the packet Ms. Barb Taylor seconded. The motion carried on call of vote.

Old Business – Ms. Mary Lou Tate, CFO

Ms. Mary Lou Tate, CFO provided an overview of the retirement plan, detailing the participation rates and contributions for the various plans, including the 401A, 403B, and 457 plans. Ms. Tate highlighted that 90% of eligible employees are participating in some form of retirement plan and match offered at Bay Area Hospital.

Ms. Mary Lou Tate, CFO discussed the potential closure of the Defined Benefit Plan, noting that most employees have reached their maximum benefit level.

Ms. Mary Lou Tate, CFO discussed House Bill 3320 which mandates presumptive financial assistance for certain patients. She described how the screening process works and the challenges by the hospitals in implementing this bill.

Questions were asked and answered.

New Business – Mr. Brian Moore, CEO

Mr. Brian Moore, CEO provided an update on Bay Area Hospital's exploration of potential health system affiliation. He shared insights from recent site visits and the competitive process, emphasizing the importance of finding the right fit for Bay Area Hospital's mission and the community.

Mr. Brian Moore, CEO and Ms. Mary Lou Tate, CFO discussed Bay Area Hospital's financial performance, noting a significant loss in net operating income. They identified key areas of focus, including managing labor costs and improving revenue cycle processes.

Mr. Brian Moore, CEO and Ms. Jenn Collins, CNO discussed the increase in patient discharges and emergency room visits, attributing it to Bay Area Hospital's efforts to say "yes" to care and improve patient flow. It was also noted the impact of physician departures have on the budget. While the number of unique patient encounters has decreased the volume of services provided has increased. This is attributed to the efforts to be more efficient with patient visits.

Questions were asked and answered.

FINANCIAL PRESENTATION – Ms. Mary Lou Tate, CFO

Ms. Mary Lou Tate updated the committee on End of Month Financial results and discussed the hospital is very close to not making bank ratios and we forecast that we will not make the Debt Service Covenant Ratio after we close October. Ms. Mary Lou Tate than updated the committee on the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and a Capital Update as presented in the packet.

Questions were asked and answered.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Next meeting will be December 17, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Finance Committee was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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Barbara Taylor, Finance Committee Chair

Date: November 26, 2024