

Kimble County Hospital District
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Bill Simon, Bobby Chenault (via zoom), Barbara Conklin, Lewis Allen, Paul Bierschwale. Marshall Heap and Nicholas Lumbley were unable to attend. Preferred Hospital Leasing, Junction, Inc.; Duke Young PHLJ Hospital Administrator.

Visitors: Junction Eagle reporter: Larry Harrison for Sarah.

1. Call to order and establish quorum.

A quorum was established, 5 members present. The meeting was called to order by Board President Simon at 6:01 p.m. in the conference room of the Kimble Hospital. Mr. Bierschwale opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Public comment (limited to 5 minutes/participant or 15 minutes/organization).

No public comment.

3. Approval of prior meeting minutes: November 15, 2021

Board President Simon led the board to review and adopt the regular scheduled monthly KCHD Board meeting minutes presented for November 15, 2021;

Mr. Bierschwale *made a motion to approve the November 15, 2021 KCHD Board meeting minutes as presented and Mr. Allen seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.*

4. Discuss and consider update by Preferred on operation of KCHD's medical facilities and administration.

Mr. Young addressed this report submitted on the activities at the Hospital and Clinic to date:

1. Hospital/ Clinic Reports.

a. Key Statistics

i. Inpatient days	42% ↓
ii. Outpatient Services	
1. Radiology	20% ↑
2. Laboratory	5% ↑
iii. ER Visits were	4% ↑
iv. Clinic Visits	
1. JMC	11% ↓
2. RSMC	3% ↑

Young noted November/December hospital and clinic usage numbers were up but also that high volumes in the ER are creating staffing issues/fatigue. Also reporting on how hospital and clinic staffs were dealing with covid infections among its members.

2. Vaccine Update: Young gave an update on covid rate in the community and vaccinations being done by the clinic. Also mentioned treatments for covid and issues that have developed.
3. Capital Equipment/Building Update; Young declared HVAC work had been completed in December. Also noted (as planned) carpet had been removed and replaced with other flooring.
4. Medical Staff Update: Duke updated the board on status of hiring new Nurse Practitioner.
5. Indigent Services. Mr. Young reported approximately \$1200 dollars in charges had come in due to inmate patient care but did not have a complete report available.

No official action was required and none was taken.

5. Discuss and consider KCHD Treasurer's reports (financial, budget, and bill payments).

Mrs. Conklin presented the current financials (including deposits made) through January 17, 2022 and also reported on bills that had been paid, transfers made. It was reported that signature cards at Junction National Bank needed updated but members should wait until it was set up and ready to do. Simon or Conklin would let members know when.

Board President Simon called for action on the presented financials.

Mr. Bierschwale *made a motion to approve the financials, the motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and the motion passed 5-0.*

No bills were presented for pay.

6. Discuss and consider 2020-2021 Hospital District annual audit.

President Simon and Treasurer Conklin discussed annual audit information and recent work they had performed with the audit firm.

No action needed at this meeting----none taken.

7. Discuss and consider health care issues for KCHD and Kimble County.

No new information was available at this time. However, Conklin had asked Young during agenda item #4 (Preferred update) about any charges that may have occurred due to inmate care at Kimble hospital or clinic that KCHD would be responsible for (per recent developments on the matter). Young estimated approximately \$1200 dollars but did not have a complete report at present time. This will be dealt with at a future meeting.

No action taken.

8. Discuss and consider 2022 Board elections.

Board President Simon walked the board through the process required by the state (and KCHD enabling legislation) in notifying the public of annual KCHD Board member elections and the efforts being made to comply with the requirements (Notice of Deadline to File For Election postings 1/19/22 thru end of business day 2/18/22).

9. Discuss and consider date and agenda items for next meeting(s).

Board President Simon explained the need to have a special meeting (or schedule regular February Board meeting to include this matter) to address possible election for 2022 expiring KCHD board member terms. This information had to be filed at end of business February 18th 2022. It was decided that a special meeting would work best for all.

A motion was made by Mr. Bierschwale to schedule a special KCHD Board Meeting for February 18th 5pm for the purpose of collecting and posting possible candidates for election to the KCHD Board and Mr. Allen seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.

President Simon led the board to set a date for the next regularly scheduled KCHD Board meeting for February 21th 6pm.

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10. Adjourn.

Board President Simon called for adjournment at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Bobby Chenault, Board Secretary