

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY MEETING
15 OCTOBER 2012

Called to order: 6:30 PM

Adjourned: 8:01 PM

PRESENT:

JT Gregory, Chairman
David Malm, Vice Chairman
Glenda Ridley, Secretary/Treasurer
Judy Fain
George Jordan
Barry Sanders
Tony Franklin
Dr. Eddie Richardson, Chief of Staff

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Darrell Oglesby, Administrator	Brenda Jarrett, Chief Financial Officer
Anita Culberson, Compliance Officer	Pam Douglas, Chief Nursing Officer
Billy Webster, County Commissioner	Joe Simmons, Human Resources Director

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT:

Dr. Richardson stated that there is an agreed upon standard of compliance from the staff doctors.

Dr. Richardson agreed to hold office as Chief of Staff for one year to ensure continuity and stability for the hospital.

Dr. Richardson reported that admission protocols are now available on the intranet.

Dr. Richardson reported that he had a meeting with the medical and ER staff to discuss interqual criteria to ensure compliance to standards.

Dr. Richardson stated that Dr. Ross is now on full-time status as a hospitalist and that Dr. Steyer, of MCG Health Systems, is being pursued as a part-time hospitalist/Locums Tenens as needed.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Ms. Culberson reported on illegal/indigent aliens admittance. Ms. Connelly and Ms. Sellers, attorneys for GHA stated that the hospital should continue indigent and illegal alien care without status checks.

Ms. Culberson reported on the Medicaid audit for 72 hour readmissions for PGH. PGH had none.

Ms. Culberson provided a monthly breakdown of physician office visits to explain lower visitation numbers. The absence of Dr. Abernathy was reported as an area of reason.

Ms. Culberson gave a report of the current insurance balance. She explained our networking circumstance and that we should start receiving payments for outstanding claims starting at the end of November. Ms. Jarrett explained our circumstance with United Healthcare. Ms. Culberson reported on the patients with United Healthcare that have been sent letters stating that we cannot accept United Healthcare coverage as the rates are not feasible for commercial payers.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the 17 September 2012 meeting were presented with a motion made for approval by Mr. Franklin and seconded by Ms. Fain. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chest Pain Accreditation

Ms. Douglas reported that the application for accreditation has been submitted and received for approval. She stated that the Chest Pain committee has been assembled and is meeting. Ms. Douglas also reported that Piedmont Heart has provided a letter of support and is our number one receiving hospital for heart related care.

Dr. Ross

Dr. Ross is under contract as a full-time hospitalist working seven days on, seven days off.

Business Office Update

Ms. Jarrett reported that bad debts have been written off as approved at the 17 September 2012 meeting and that bad debt are now being processed and written off properly.

Ms. Jarrett reported that Medicare patients were not dropping properly to bad debt and were investigated. They will be dropping properly on next month's reports.

Ms. Jarrett reported that the billing and collections staff was progressing well as the business office staff as a whole. She reported that the staff will be receiving training to better understand their respective responsibilities. They will be trained in person beginning October 22nd and that training will continue twice a week for two months. Support will be offered by phone following this training period.

Ms Jarrett reported that Sheriff Howard Sills and Det. Christopher Harper have been contacted to run an investigation on the case of improper bad debt write off's. Ms. Jarrett is awaiting completion of the investigation for a formal report.

Repair of Wall

Mr. Oglesby reported that the proposal for the wall repair has been made. In reporting this, he also stated that the foundation needs to be repaired as well as ideas for the front entrance and landscaping to be updated. Quotes are being received for each of the repairs and updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drs. Manto, Baehler and Abernathy

Mr. Oglesby updated the Authority regarding the physician office.

Ms Jarrett reported on her investigation of the lowered number of visits at the physician office. A discussion ensued regarding the physician office.

The Authority expressed wishes to not purchase another practice or bring on another salaried physician at this time.

Strategic Plan

Nothing to report. Enjoyed by all.

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Ms. Jarrett reported on finances at the close of the fiscal year.

Ms. Jarrett gave the financial report for the month.

WRITE OFFS:

Ms. Jarrett presented the total bad debt write-off with a motion made for approval by Ms. Fain and seconded by Mr. Jordan. Motion approved.

ADJOURNED

Without any further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Ridley and seconded by Mr. Franklin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Ridley, Secretary-Treasurer