

LANE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Lane Regional Medical Center (LRMC) met Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in Lane Medical Plaza 3rd floor Conference Room, 6550 Main Street, Zachary, LA.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gaynell Young, Jordan Charlet, Reagan Elkins, Thomas Scott, David Bowman, Donna Kline, Darnell Waites, Nakeisha Cleveland, and Debby Brian.

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Meese, Staci Sullivan, Michael Devall, David Beck, Neil Manuel, Jacquita Amacker, Laura Peel, Todd Walters, Julie McLin, Dr. Charles Thompson, Robert Atkinson, Abby Landreneau, Theresa Payment, Gregory Davis, and Mandi Foretich.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Gaynell Young.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Thomas Scott.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Jordan Charlet.

AGENDA APPROVAL: On a motion by Nakeisha Cleveland, second by David Bowman, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: On a motion by Jordan Charlet, second by Darnell Waites, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: On a motion by Jordan Charlet, second by Reagan Elkins, the Board unanimously approved the March 21, 2021 Finance Committee Minutes. On a motion by Jordan Charlet, second by Darnell Waites, the Board unanimously approved the February 2021 Financial Statements. On a motion by Jordan Charlet, second by Donna Kline the Board unanimously approved the capital expenditure request in the amount of \$721,608 for SAN backup routers.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

Chair's Report – Gaynell Young: On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, the chair would like to commend and express appreciation for those involved in the organization and advertising of the COVID-19 vaccine event.

CEO's Report – Larry Meese:

- Dr. Maria North, FP, accepted offer to work at LFP; starts in September.
- The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) intends to withdraw the “Money Follows the Patient” (MFP) proposal from CMS consideration. CMS does not like Louisiana's current Medicaid payment methodology, and the LDH will work on a different solution.
- Only rural hospitals anticipate funds from the most recent \$1.9T federal government aid package; Lane is not a rural hospital.
- Looking into dates for physicians’ spring social at the zoo.
- Diagnostic center x-ray unit installed and operating.
- IV pumps switched out and operating.
- Completed departmental strategic review meetings.
- Nursing home removed from Meditech agreement (\$6,500 monthly savings).
- Implemented self-scheduling platform for COVID-19 shots.
- Completed telephone system upgrade.

CNO's Report – Staci Sullivan:

- 1S experienced 5 falls for the month of February – Education is ongoing in daily huddles and staff meetings. Bed alarm functionality was identified as a factor in multiple falls. Equipment rounds started to check all communication cords for any malfunction and identify beds without bed alarms.
- 1S Patient Flow Coordinator position filled.
- 1S Implemented decentralized rolling carts for linen and commonly used supply items to eliminate waste, i.e. staff steps and decrease supply cost per patient day.
- LDRP nurses are cross-training to OR circulator role for C-section deliveries.
- Louisiana Surgical Quality Collaborative (LASQC) project work on “Response to Fire in the OR”. Education and response drills planned for all Surgeons, Midlevel providers, RNS, Scrub tech & CRNAs. LRMC has re-enrolled in the LASQC.
- Preadmission Testing (PAT) nurse now performing all lab draws and EKG's as part of Surgical Services lean project to streamline pre-admission process. Next steps include working with anesthesia to develop criteria to trigger a consult for cardiology clearance prior to day of surgery and improve on-time starts.
- Received, built drug library, educated, and put into service 160 new smart IV infusion pumps. This wireless technology will allow for wireless preventative maintenance as well as drug library upgrades.

- To date 5 international nurses have been hired and are in various stages of onboarding and orientation.
- Documents are being finalized to begin telepsychiatry consults for PEC patients and collaborate on physician credentialing. These consults will help with patient placement for difficult transfers as well as offer medication management support to ED and hospital medicine physicians.

Renovation Project Report – David Beck, COO:

- Additional initial reports completed including the survey.
- Construction manager (CM) re-proposal meeting was conducted with 8 firms represented.
- The CM Selection Committee received and reviewed 5 proposals from construction companies and interviewed 2 construction companies who were identified as the final 2 candidates.
- Revised layout confirmation conducted with hospital staff and physicians.
- Initial review of proposed medical equipment needs with leaders and staff completed.
- Schematic Design Documents scheduled to be complete April 7.
- The CM Selection Committee will present the CM recommendation to the Board for final approval.
- Initial studies are ongoing including the traffic study and life safety.
- Several variables in financing and agency approval timelines. Groundbreaking and construction estimated to begin early summer 2022.
- Tower construction estimated completion in spring 2024. Additional renovation construction completion estimated in summer 2025.
- Construction estimates will be updated once the CM is selected.
- Detailed staff reviews with physical mock-ups of spaces, like operating rooms and patient rooms, planned for May 2021.

Medical Staff Report: Physician Spring Social at BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo scheduled on Friday, April 30 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Commissioners are invited to attend.

Quarterly Report – Compliance: Jacquita Amacker, Compliance Officer presented Accountable Care Organization (ACO) education.

CHC Report: A presentation titled The Current Healthcare Landscape included in the meeting packet.

Legal Report: None.

BOARD EDUCATION – Emergency Management / Life Safety: Gregory Davis, Plant Operations Director, presented the 2020 Emergency Operations Evaluation Overview and the 2021 Emergency Operations Plan. On a motion by Donna Kline, second by David Bowman, the Board unanimously approved the 2021 Emergency Operations Plan.

DEPARTMENTAL EDUCATION – Plant Operations: Gregory Davis presented the roles, responsibilities, and accomplishments of the plant operations department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL AND STRATEGIC PLANNING: On a motion by David Bowman, second by Reagan Elkins, the Board unanimously agreed to enter into executive session for personnel and strategic planning.

REGULAR SESSION: On a motion by Nakeisha Cleveland, second by David Bowman, the Board unanimously agreed to enter into regular session.

MEDICAL STAFF CREDENTIALING: On a motion by Reagan Elkins, second by Debby Brian, the Board unanimously approved these credentialing recommendations:

INITIAL APPLICATIONS

Crifasi, Katherine DO – Provisional Staff / OLOLPG Surgical Hospitalist

REAPPOINTMENT APPLICATIONS

Acosta, Joseph MD – Neurology / OLOLPG Neurology (*waiver of board certification*)
Basireddy, Mahesh MD – Nephrology / Renal Associates
Canella, Ashton RN – Cardiology / CIS
David, Amy CRNA – Anesthesiology / Diversified Professionals
Ellipeddi, Pavani MD – Hematology Oncology / AONcology
Fail, Peter MD – Cardiology / CIS
Giarrusso, Brad MD – Internal Medicine & Pediatrics / OLOLPG Baker
Griffin, Joseph MD – Vascular Surgery / Vascular Specialty Center
Haygood, Bolling MD – Critical Care Medicine / OLOLPG CCMS
Heffernan, Dennis CRNA – Anesthesiology / Diversified Professionals
Longmire, David MD – Family Medicine / OLOLPG Hospitalist (*waiver of board certification*)
McDaniel, Gary MD – Pain Management / BROCC
Mitchell, Nicole MD – Neonatology / Infamedics
Mouton, Mark MD – Internal Medicine / Private Practice
Okotie, Fidelis MD – Internal Medicine / OLOLPG Surgical Hospitalists
O’Laughlin, Heather AuD – Audiology / Lane Audiology
Roppolo, Michael MD – Nephrology / Renal Associates
Samuel, Jones MD – Nephrology / Renal Associates

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Simmons, John MD – Pathology / Pathology Group of Louisiana
Smith, Bradford MD – Internal Medicine & Pediatrics / OLOLPG Baker
Smith, Kenneth MD – Nephrology / Renal Associates
Talbot, Amanda MD – Pediatrics / OLOLPG Pediatric Clinic of Zachary
Thekkoot, Narayanan Deepak MD – Cardiology / CIS
Toups, Kimberly NP – Hospital Medicine / OLOLPG Surgical Hospitalists
Tran, Victor MD – Vascular Surgery / Vascular Specialty Center
Ward, Charisse MD – Cardiology / CIS
Weaver, Martin MD – Vascular Surgery / Vascular Specialty Center
Yegge, James MD – Nephrology / Renal Associates

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, on a motion by Nakeisha Cleveland, second by Reagan Elkins, the Board unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Meese', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Larry Meese
Chief Executive Officer

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