

Jackson Parish Hospital
Governing Board Minutes
October 28, 2020

The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at noon, in the Jackson Parish Hospital Board Room, 165 Beech Springs Road, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Board Members present were: Dr. Rebecca Crouch, Shontae Mims, Angela Curtis and Chris Bowman. Hospital Staff present were: John Morgan, Dr. Jason Thomas, Bill Stansbury, Sunni Bougues, Amber Brazzel, Shelley Malsam and Mauri McBride. Hospital Staff absent was Dr. Paula Parkerson.

Crouch called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., and Morgan gave the Invocation. There were 4 of the 5 members by Act 171 present; therefore, there was a quorum present.

Following a motion by Mims and second by Bowman, the October 28, 2020 meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Following a motion by Curtis and second, by Mims, the minutes from the September 30, 2020 meeting were approved as presented. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

There were no public comments.

The Medical Staff meeting for the month of September was educational, therefore, there was no Chief of Staff Report.

During the Chief Executive Officer's Report, Morgan provided the Board with an update on the FEMA Drainage Project, noting that the Police Jury met on Monday, October 12th to consider and act on purchasing the 9.9 acres at the appraised value of \$44,500 plus the costs and authorize a new survey and legal description. He then noted the Jury considered and acted on authorizing the President to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Jackson Parish Hospital to split the cost of the 9.9 acres of land. He informed the Board that the Police Jury will make the purchase of Mr. Simmons' land and own the land, and the hospital will reimburse the Police Jury for ½ the cost. Bowman raised question as to the extent of the drainage project. There was discussion on this topic. Morgan noted that the Jury is currently awaiting Mr. Simmons' final approval of the proposed documents. Morgan then informed the Board of Directors of the upcoming open enrollment dates, while also noting, the increase in premiums and reduction in the prescription plan.

Dr. Thomas began the Chief Operating Officer's Report by providing the Board with a printout of the marketing efforts which are Jackson Parish Hospital advertisement billboards that are being placed in the area. Dr. Thomas then presented the Hazard Pay Policy for renewal. There was a motion by Mims, and second, by Bowman, to approve the renewal of the Hazard Pay Policy and re-evaluate 90-days from October 28, 2020. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried. Dr. Thomas then requested Board approval for the Ancillary Budget in the amount of \$400k while noting that these are items such as bed side tables, tv's, sleeper sofas, etc., that will go in the newly renovated patient rooms. Bowman raised question as to if the prices were state contract prices. There was a discussion on this topic. There was a motion by Curtis and second by Mims to approve a \$400k ancillary budget for ancillary equipment related to the patient room renovation project. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried.

Stansbury began by requesting ratification to payables for October 07, 2020, and October 21, 2020, while noting that he has also provided the ACH debits as well as the special checks cut. There was a motion by Bowman and second by Mims to ratify payables as presented. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Crouch raised questions related to the lawn and landscaping services and the UVC lights. There was much discussion on these topics.

He then informed the Board that the bank balance as of as of today, October 28th is \$13.2 million. He informed the Board that the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 financials would be presented at the December 10th Board meeting as well as the Proposed Budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. Bowman raised question related to process and timeline for the Louisiana Local Governmental Budget Act. There was discussion on this topic.

Brazzel presented the ED Patient Arrival to First Documentation to Physician report. She then presented the Board with the Monthly Statistics for the Rural Health Clinics and the 2019- 2020 Telemedicine Visits. There was a discussion related to the Rural Health Clinics reimbursement rates. There was much discussion related to the number of school telemedicine visits and percentage of payers.

Malsam then presented the Board with the Hospital Statistics.

Bowman raised question as to the percentage of direct admits. There was much discussion regarding direct admits and Jackson Parish Hospital Providers following their patients should one be admitted in house. Bowman noted that he feels as though this should be part of the Providers continuity of care and this should be revisited in the near future.

At 12:50 p.m., there was a motion by Bowman and second by Mims to enter an Executive Session to discuss Strategic Planning. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. At 1:21 p.m., There was a motion by Mims and second by Curtis to return to regular session. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. There was no action taken during the closed session.

Crouch noted that no further real-estate options to discuss at this time.

There was a discussion related to the November and December Board meetings.

Bowman made a recommendation to consider having the annual Medical Staff and Governing Board meeting at the Dr. Charles Garrett Community Center. There was much discussion on this topic.

The annual meeting of the Medical Staff and Governing Board of Directors is to be determined.

Upon motion by Mims and second, by Curtis, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

John Morgan, MBA, RN
Chief Executive Officer
Secretary, Treasurer

Rebecca Crouch, MD
Governing Board, Chairman