

Brookings Health System
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
August 26, 2024

The Brookings Health System Board of Trustees held a meeting on August 26, 2024, at the Brookings Hospital in the Board Room with the following members present: Sheila Anderson, David Meyer, Dick Peterson, Andrew Ellsworth, Tracy Greene, Don Greiner, Mary Anne Krogh and Jim Morgan; Ex-officio: Andrew Rasmussen and Ryan Krogman
Absent: Lynn Darnall

Management Present: Jason Merkley, CEO; Tammy Hillestad, CNO; Melissa Wagner, CFO and Sheri Wiig, recorder

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVITED GUEST

Julia Yoder, Marketing and PR Director at Brookings Health System presented information on the new strategic marketing plan and campaign that supports Brookings Health’s strategic goals. The “Every Person Matters” campaign launched this month and focuses on community, quality + service and workforce. Campaign development included aspects of what healthcare consumers are looking for as well as Brookings Health strengths.

Yoder was thanked for her good work and informative presentation. Yoder exited at 5:40 p.m.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Greene to approve the agenda. All present voted in favor; motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Krogh, seconded by Peterson to approve the following consent agenda items: June 24, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting minutes, August 21, 2024, Medical Executive Committee meeting minutes, June and July 2024 financials, adjustments, and payables; total payables for June were \$2,319,795.36 and \$2,197,708.63 for July, BHS Board Bylaws Annual Review and Quality Assessment Performance Improvement Program Annual Review. All present voted in favor; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding an amendment to the BHS Board of Trustees bylaws. Morgan suggested updating Article 3, Section 3.3.2 Criteria for Appointment. A redlined draft will be shared next month for discussion and/or approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Articles of interest included: “The biggest issue for CFOs in 2024”, “Hospital margins dip”, *Becker's Hospital Review*; “The Leap to Self-Insurance”, *Managed Healthcare Executive*, and “The doctor will see you now, but AI may be listening in”, *Managed Healthcare Executive*. Merkley commented AI use within exams rooms is becoming more prevalent for some providers as a valuable tool for documentation. AI should also be positive for patients as it will allow increased face to face time with their provider.

REPORTS

Executive Reports

CEO Report

Merkley noted BHS Foundation's Aiming to Inspire Health sporting clays fundraiser held earlier this month and was a great success with good community participation and net proceeds reaching approximately \$31k. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new advanced life support ambulance for Brookings Health System.

CFO Report

Wagner noted, in September, Brookings Health System will roll out new patient statements and an enhanced online payment portal utilizing vendor RevSpring/PersonaPay. The new user-friendly platform will improve the overall patient payment experience. Wagner also shared Brookings Health will, once again, be hosting Senior Health Information & Insurance Education (SHIINE) sessions in September for those interested in learning more about Medicare prior to open enrollment.

CNO Report

Hillestad shared, earlier this month three (3) South Dakota Department of Health surveyors arrived unannounced to conduct a thorough review of BHS's Home Health Agency. Surveyors were onsite for two (2) days and found the department to be in complete compliance with no deficiencies or technical requests.

Board Committee Reports

Administrative Committee Meeting

Committee member Meyer provided a report; the Administrative Committee met on August 20th. Topics of discussion included the Yorkshire Medical Building Floor and Site Plan, Physician Recruitment/Retention, Meditech Expanse/Avera/Workday/Epic, Board Recruitment, Board of Trustees Bylaws and Community Sponsorships.

Finance Committee

Committee Chair Greiner provided a report; the Finance Committee met on August 20th. The committee reviewed and approved payables, adjustments, and financials for June and July. Total salaries and wages were \$2,878,052 for June and \$3,004,170 for July. Other topics of discussion included information on the new user-friendly platform for patient statements and online payment portal.

Quality Committee

Committee Chair Krogh provided a report; the Quality Committee met on August 20th. Topics of discussion included Rural Health Clinics Quality Review, Pay for Performance Program Update, Hospital Readmission Reduction Program, Hospital Acquired Condition Pay for Performance and Early Detection Sepsis Protection.

NEW BUSINESS

Medical Staff Credentialing

A motion was made by Ellsworth, seconded by Morgan to approve all August 2024 credentialing as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee. All present voted in favor; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Yorkshire Medical Building

Merkley presented updated site and floor plans to all members. Groundbreaking is targeted to begin in November for phase I which will include therapy and optical services.

Upon motion by Ellsworth, second by Peterson, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David Meyer