

**LAKE HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 2, 2021**

Board Attendance	Don Liddycoat, Chair	John Shine, Treasurer
	Jerald Steward, Secretary	Ken Kestner, Member
	Shirin Sabin, Member	

LHD Staff Attendance:	Charlie Tveit, CEO	Ed Keough, CFO
	Teresa Squires, CNO	Jen Antle, Executive Asst to the CEO
	See attached list	

Other Attendance: Danielle Jester, Lake County Examiner

Don Liddycoat, Chair, called the meeting to order in open session at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Tonia Albertson read a statement on behalf of a number of employees regarding the recently announced mandate for health care workers to get vaccinated against Covid-19 and stated that they feel that Lake County should be able to make the choice themselves; and not be required to vaccinate and continue to take precautions. Jerald Steward noted that it seems like this is a one size fits all and that hopefully we can convince the Governor that the one size fits all is not feasible. Marty Provost provided a statement that the employees work here because they want to; that they enjoy their jobs and know the risks associated with the job. Don Liddycoat stated that the Oregon Administrative Rule is the law and until that law changes, we are obligated to follow the law. The way to change the law is to go to the top and get it changed and the Board is happy to help with that process; but this Board can't do anything but to follow the laws. Mr. Liddycoat noted that there are medical and religious exemptions available as well. Deborah Marcus reported that they were hoping the Board would make a plan; and assist the employees. Mr. Liddycoat reported that Charlie Tveit as CEO is the point person on the process. Charlie Tveit reported that there are a lot of things driving the vaccine mandate, one issue is that while we are not currently seeing a huge influx of Covid patients in the hospital; the hospitals that we refer our more critical patients to are full. We had two calls in the last week from Idaho to see if we could take their patients. Bend is at capacity and it's not just due to lack of staffing. Mr. Tveit reported that while we try to convince the Governor and OHA to revise these rules, it falls on deaf ears, we will need to have a really good argument. Mr. Tveit noted that his responsibility is to ensure all employees have a safe work environment, we can try to change the rules but until then we have to follow rules in place. The Governor has allowed for exemptions and they will be maintained by our HR Department, not sent or reviewed by the State. Mr. Tveit stated that he hopes that people wear their masks and socially distance, especially this weekend at Round-Up. Don Liddycoat thanked the staff members for their comments.

Consent Agenda Item Approval: John Shine made a motion to acknowledge and approve the consent agenda items which include: Minutes of August 5, 2021 meeting, thank you letters and the October 2021 check signing calendar. Jerald Steward seconded the motion. The motion was presented, and Don Liddycoat, Jerald Steward, John Shine, Shirin Sabin and Ken Kestner voted to pass the motion unanimously.

Calendar for Check Signing:

October 6, 2021

Don Liddycoat

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October 13, 2021

John Shine

October 20, 2021

Jerald Steward

October 27, 2021

Ken Kestner

Financial Reports: Ed Keough, CFO reported that the Acute patient count for July was 325, Clinics were 2,206 and other outpatient services were 4,985. Gross charges for the month were \$3.7m, average for the year is \$3.7m. Collections on A/R were \$2.5m. Days cash on hand is 100 which includes COVID Grant monies. Net revenue for the month was \$2.5m. Year to date net revenue is \$2.5m, budget is \$3.2m, so we are \$728k behind while expenses year to date are \$31k under budget. Year to date net loss to \$517k. No fixed assets were purchased so the balance sheet is static month to month.

Unbudgeted item: Mr. Tveit reported that in June we received approximately \$700k, \$100k for each clinic; and \$250k from the Office of Rural Health, Public Health received \$150k for Covid mitigation or Covid care; Mr. Tveit reported that we'd like to purchase the Genex System to test in clinic rather than send the tests down to the lab. This tests for a lot of things, not just Covid and we'd like to have one in each clinic for a total cost of \$54k; not budgeted but it would be Covid money that we'd use for it. **Jerald Steward made a motion to approve the purchase as recommended. Shirin Sabin seconded the motion. The motion was presented, and Don Liddycoat, Jerald Steward, John Shine, Shirin Sabin and Ken Kestner voted to pass the motion unanimously.**

Goose Lake Medical/Lakeview Gardens: Lakeview Gardens had reduced their deficit in July by 76k over June. Gross charges in long term care were \$236k. Gross charges for assisted living were \$43k. Net revenue for the month was \$279k, Net loss for July was \$139k and YTD is a loss \$139k. Lake Health Medical Supply had gross charges of \$42k in July with revenue deductions of \$6,591. Expenses were \$26k; with a net surplus of \$9,115 YTD LHMS was positive by \$9,115.

Medical Staff Update: Nothing to report.

Nursing Report: Teresa Squires, CNO reported that we've been very busy, with several Covid patients. The new cardiopulmonary manager starts in two weeks. The CNA students are finished with their class and have applied for positions; just waiting for their licenses to be issued. Ms. Squires reported that we have one nursing student back this fall and several international nurses coming soon as well.

CEO Report:

- Mr. Tveit reported he has spent an enormous time on Covid, which is effecting everyone state-wide. Very challenging when hospitals can't accept our patients and have been approached by St. Charles and Sky Lakes to take swingbed or long term care patients from them to ease the volume of patients.

- Mr. Tveit reported he sent out a grant update, we have received some new and impressive grants. We received a \$200k grant from SAMSHA, and were one of ten that received the maximum amount, to provide EMS/EMT classes in Lake County. We received a grant for new extrication equipment and mental health first aid training. Oregon Community Foundation gave us a grant for \$150k to support the "sources of strength" program which will have peer leader and starting a pilot program for children to help them learn to cope with anxiety and other behavioral health challenges through music, podcasts, photography, etc.

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- Mr. Tveit reported that we have made several changes in our medical supply and had hired a consultant to help us improve the medical supply, and had promoted our tech to manager when Brian Lucas left. Due to the move, we were surveyed last week and did extraordinarily well, the survey usually takes several hours to complete, and it was done in a few minutes. Alan Cromwell and Quentin Wilson have done a great job.
- Mr. Tveit reported that by meeting several areas on the Special Districts Best Practices checklist, we are receiving the maximum 10% discount on our property insurance.
- Mr. Tveit reported that we have been discussing the EMS equipment lease with Lakeview Disaster Unit, and recommends that we continue that lease another year to allow us to work on a replacement timeline for future equipment needs.

There were questions and discussion regarding current Covid cases in the county.

At 7:37pm, Don Liddycoat called for an executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(a), Personnel, ORS 192.660(2)(c), Medical Staff, ORS 192.660(2)(h), Legal after a 7-minute recess. Present were Don Liddycoat, Chair, John Shine, Treasurer, Jerald Steward, Secretary, Shirin Sabin, Member; Ken Kestner, Member, and Charlie Tveit, CEO.

At 8:23 p.m. the meeting reopened in open session and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/JeraldSteward

Jerald Steward, Secretary

/s/JenniferAntle

Jennifer Antle, Recording Secretary

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