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Delta Health Foundation Board of Directors Minutes of the meeting 20 April 2022

Attending: Darnell Place-Wise, executive director; Barbara Wolfe, vice-president; Bruce Mixter, secretary; Thelma Starner; Mark Condon; Carol Wicburg; Vanessa Hoff; Kirsten Kimbriel; Doug Atchley

Absent: Bill Hellman, treasurer

Ex-Officio: Matt Heyn, Delta Health CEO

Meeting called to order at 1202 on 20 April 2022 in Crag Crest classroom

Minutes of the meeting on 16 March 2022 were approved

Financial report: reviewed, noting especially a negative balance in the unrestricted fund of \$20,8095, due to the donation of \$40K for the tax initiative. The report was approved (Motion by Thelma, 2nd by Carol).

Executive report:

1. Darnell has been meeting with the leadership team at Delta Health to determine needs that the foundation could work to meet. Among these include lifts for morbidly obese patients on the ward or ICU (costing about \$7500 each). Doug mentioned that El Pomar could donate \$5000 toward this. Other items include paying for speakers for nursing education, to avoid nurses having to travel, and helping with automatic doors for the lobby bathrooms. There was some discussion about possibly converting these to family bathrooms.

2. Darnell has been made aware that many staff are not informed about the Foundation, and proposes having bi-monthly or quarterly breakfasts or lunches with staff. Also need more info put out by marketing.

3. Darnell met with ladies at the Red Hat Society for a Foundation presentation, and invited us to attend the volunteer annual banquet this Saturday. Regarding volunteers, Region 10 is helping to recruit volunteers, and pays \$0.50 per mile door-to-door for volunteers services.

4. Using Quickbooks for accounting has taken a lot of time, and required assistance from the accounting office of the hospital. Mark suggested discussing with Caitlyn to see how the book-keeping has been done, Kirsten suggested working to try to simplify the reporting to decrease time spent and costs.

5. Needing to apply again for Enterprise Zone status. They need us to have a specific project in mind. It was suggested helping with a ER remodel. Darnell will discuss with Matt Heyn.

6. Discussed the upcoming vote on the tax initiative. Matt mentions a recent poll suggesting 56% positive voter response.



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Committee Updates:

1. Gala. Darnell enlisted Mortgage Solutions Financial as a presenting sponsor (they did this for Hospice). Will inquire about sponsorship levels. The Grove will decrease the costs from \$4500 to \$2000 if we move the event to Nov. Still could only hold 150 people. Heritage Hall in Hotchkiss charges only \$150, and seats 300. Would need to look into caterers and decorators. Mesa Rentals and White Dahlia were suggested. The date will still be 30 Dec.

2. Golf Classic. This has been moved to 16 July because of conflicts. Still at Devil's Thumb.

3. Pea Green Pedal. Scheduled for 10 Sep, still in conjunction with the City of Delta car show. Considering moving the Color Run to this date also so the weather is warmer.

4. Oncology, Nurses Fund, and Scholarships had been considered only quarterly. Would like to move these to monthly consideration, to make them more available. Again no unrestricted funds are available at this time.

Election of board president: Kirsten was nominated to be president (motion by Barbara, 2nd by Vanessa). She was willing and was approved by acclamation.

Delta Health Board report:

1. Two board meetings have been held since the last Foundation meeting.

2. Becky Ela gave a presentation about the mental health clinics. They have been very busy (about 1000 visits in 2019, and up to about 3300 visits in 2021). They have hired a 4th mental health counselor.

3. Rhonda Katzdorn, head of HR, gave results of the most recent staff surveys, again noting about 80-85% favorability for Delta Health as a good place to receive care and to work.

4. Had recent annual audit from Eide-Bailey with good results and a good DNV survey (our accreditors).

5. Approved for Sole Community Hospital status, but unfortunately didn't qualify for the 340B program, which we fully expected to do. The Medicaid admit percentage to qualify was 11%, down to 8% with SCH status, but our % was 7.3% due to high Medicare covid numbers.

6. There will be a virtual town hall meeting 21 April discuss the hospital finances and the tax initiative.

Meeting adjourned 1318. Next meeting 18 May 2022.

Respectfully submitted by B. Mixer