



Delta Health Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

Crag Crest Classroom
July 21, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Present: President: Darnell Place-Wise, Vice President: Barbara Wolfe, Thelma Starner, Carol Wicburg, Doug Atchley, Dr. Bruce Mixer, Kerstin Kimbriel,

Ex-officio attendants: Executive Director Kaitlyn Jones, Delta Health Chief Clinical Officer Jody Roeber

Absent: Mark Condon, Vanessa Hoff, Treasurer: Bill Hellman

CALL TO ORDER: The Delta Health Foundation board meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

SECRETARY REPORT: Thelma made a motion to approve the June 16, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor.

EXECUTIVE REPORT & FINANCIALS: Kaitlyn thanked the Board for signing cards for the time Heather Cannell spent on the Foundation Board and for Naomi's Hope Project for the fundraiser they had earlier this year for Oncology/Infusion. **Delta Health Golf Classic** raised about \$8,700 for the first year, which was shy of the ten thousand dollar goal. Everyone agreed it was a good event. Mark Condon has spoken to Devil's Thumb about hosting next year's tournament. There was discussion about moving it out of Cedaredge, since this fundraiser pulled new businesses into the sponsor mix. It was decided that the event would rotate annually in June. **Western Colorado Community Foundation** approved support for a newborn simulator manikin for Stork's Landing to better train new and existing staff instead of returning to them the \$25,000 that was originally donated for the Health Education Center that is no longer moving forward. The **apparel store for employees** and raised \$1,200. During Hospital Week, the Foundation paid for the Delta Health T-shirts given away to staff as a prize totaling about \$300. Employees requested to see items in person when the store opens again in the fall or early winter.

Financials: Second Quarter and Year to Date Budget Review. The Q2 budget was distributed before the meeting and reviewed. Year to date restricted funds donated are down 41% however, Breast Cancer Awareness month in October historically provides the bulk of this funding. Unrestricted donations to the Foundation are up exceeding our annual budget by 17%. However, we are down 65% of quarterly Foundation unrestricted giving. A question was asked about 2020 direct public grants line item and Kaitlyn explained the \$7,500 dollars was from El Pomar San Juan Regional Council for COVID-19 relief. There was discussion about how the budget is presented with a preference that each quarter be viewable. **Monthly & Year to Date Financials.** The Better Together Fund, set up to assist Delta Health employees with emergencies has been utilized for the first time. It was a quick process for the employee to access these emergency funds. A \$500 donation was received to support the DAISY Awards. The funds will be used to continue the ceremony rituals of daisies and cinnamon rolls. Jody explained the meaning behind the rituals and DAISY Award. Carol made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Thelma seconded. All in favor.

PEA GREEN PEDAL & FUN RUN: There are ten registrations and \$4,900 in sponsorships. T-shirts will be ordered soon so sponsors have been encouraged to get their information soon. The special event permit has been submitted to the City of Delta so adult beverages can be consumed and sold on site to participants and those at Confluence for the City of Delta's car show. If any Board members are unable to make the September 11 event, please notify Kaitlyn asap so she can schedule and recruit volunteers.

Scholarships: The scholarship committee recommended Shauna Meilner an Registered Nurse that has worked at Delta Health for a number of years, receive a second scholarship for \$1,000. \$750 from the Unrestricted Scholarship/Award Fund and \$250 from the John Paul Groome Memorial Fund. Darnell asked about commitments from scholarship recipients and Kaitlyn explained the reasoning for using the current scholarship form is so that if the Hospital awards education support, they can draw up an agreement, but the Foundation as an outside entity doesn't ask for that commitment and that employees that may leave Delta Health often stay in the area at another facility. Carol made a motion to accept the scholarship committee's recommendation. Darnell seconded the motion. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: With Heather's resignation, the Foundation needs a new Secretary. Nominations will be taken at August's meeting. After the meeting, the Board was given a tour of the new Oncology Unit. Over the last year or so the Foundation has provided funding for much of the artwork, supplies, and equipment in the area. Darnell invited the Foundation Board to community night to kick off the Delta County Fair and celebrate everyone that put forth so much effort in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DELTA HEALTH BOARD REPORT: Dr. Bruce Mixer gave the Hospital Board Report from the board of director's meeting. The Board of Directors met July 19, 2021. The Quality Department reported that they are ready to submit data to "Leap Frog" and anticipate a better score than previous. Computerized physician ordering has met their goal of 85%. Bar code scanning is near the 95% goal. BKD, the consultant group, presented their progress in efforts to identify areas for margin improvement including co-pays and insurance payment collections and coding and documentation. As of July 19, there was 1 ICU patient and 2 in the ward. 41% of Delta Health staff are vaccinated and about 40% of county residents. Of 183 total COVID admissions since the start of the pandemic, only 4 were vaccinated prior to admission. Jody communicated that the 80+ population vaccination rate is not very high close to 35% which is worrisome moving into the colder months and the high transmission rate of the Delta variant. June financials resulted in a net loss even with highest revenue in a long time. Dr. Mixer reviewed some of the initiatives, changes, and disappointments Delta Health experienced recently trying to improve finances while keeping the same goal to ensure a viable and effective local hospital including Sole Community Hospital Status and the 340B Drug Pricing Program. With the recent clinic closures and national nursing shortages, a discussion around employee morale ensued that Jody Roeber addressed saying, transparency and communication has been important through the transitions. The new schedule at primary care clinics was reviewed as Delta Family and the West Elk Clinic will be absorbing the walk-in services with extended hours.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m. and the group toured the oncology clinic.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. in Crag Crest Classroom.

Darnell Place-Wise, Board President

Date