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**Committee:** Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting - Public Session

**Meeting Date:** May 26, 2020

**Minutes Prepared By:** Morgan Gurney, Executive Assistant

**Members Present: (all phone)**      **Members Absent:**      **Others Present: (all phone)**

Cynthia Hogan, Chair  
Mike Tennican,  
Joe Albright  
Scott Gibson, Treasurer  
Sue Critzer

Bruce Hayse, MD

Paul Beaupre, CEO      Marsha Sensat  
John Kren, COO/CFO      Tom Lubnau  
Richelle Heldwein      Jim Johnston  
Thom Kinney      Phillip Fox  
John Goettler      Alisa Lane  
Morgan Gurney      Karen Connelly  
Sherry Simpson      Lance Spranger  
Jonathan Schechter      Blair Christy  
D Kennedy      Nick Healey  
Joan Goldfarb  
Laurie Fukawa

**Board Advisors Present:**

Bill Best  
Dave Robertson  
Debby Hopkins  
Marc Domskey, DO

**Call to Order**

The public board meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Cynthia Hogan.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Hogan asked those present to review the minutes of April 23, 2020 meeting and asked if for any recommendations for change prior to approval.

**Scott Gibson recommended one edit on April minutes which was made. Motion made by Sue Critzer to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2020 Board of Trustees regular meeting as modified, motion was seconded by Bill Best. Motion passed unanimously with no objections noted.**

**Comments from the Chair (presented by Ms. Cynthia Hogan)**

Ms. Hogan noted a healthy community depends on a healthy hospital and COVID-19 has shown how crucial SJH is to keeping the community physically healthy and safe by working with Public Health and local businesses to buying masks, developing sound antibody guidelines, encouraging social distancing, etc.

Ms. Hogan thanked the SJH Foundation for quickly creating a fund for employees and their partners facing financial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Hogan noted this type of support is made available at a large healthcare facilities where remote staff are not personally known to management.

Ms. Hogan mentioned over 150 rural hospitals have closed since 2000 and more have been sold to large hospital corporations, the most recently example being Wyoming Medical Center sell to Banner

Health. It was noted many hospital closures were in states without Medicaid expansion, including Wyoming.

### **CEO Report (presented by Dr. Paul Beaupre)**

#### **Recognition**

- HealthGrades Patient Experience Award is awarded to SJH as a highly ranked amongst Hopkins & Mayo Hospitals.
- SJH was the first in the Nation to have COVID-19 education through via HealthStream.

#### **COVID-19 Updates**

- Decrease in cases in the last 12 days, two patients at EIRMC are on the road to recovery.
- Testing – three testing platforms (PCR testing, Bio-fire, Abbott), with diagnosis results within hours/days depending on the test. Five hundred tests a week are expected to be delivered through September.
- Working closely with the Department of Health and Medical Staff to continue to patient testing.
- SJH is now testing all surgery, diagnostic imaging procedure, and cardiopulmonary testing patients.
- Random staff testing staff continues with 1 COVID-19 positive result, staff will continue to mask and follow CDC Guidelines.
- Telehealth will continue to be important to continue during and post COVID-19.

#### **Sage Living**

- Construction is going well and proceeding with concrete work during the coming weeks.
- A neighborhood nursing system to be set up at Sage Living.
- Next Board meeting will include an in depth report on the Sage Living construction status.

#### **Community**

- Carefully working with our community to re-open, while information regarding re-opening across the county continues to be inconsistent, it is likely even with careful planning additional COVID-19 cases will noted in Teton County.
- Masking has been proven to be effective and SJH will continue to model this behavior. It was noted if 80% of our population wore masks, it would be as effective as herd immunity.
- Bed Utilization is key to re-opening, if effective bed utilization management continues SJH will remain open and continue to support re-opening the community.

Dr. Beaupré asked for any questions, with none noted for additional discussion.

### **JCQC Meeting (presented by Ms. Sue Critzer)**

- SJH continues to track CMS regulations and is working daily to identify and adjust for any CMS changes.
- Dr. Marc Domsy noted there are no issues with any initial or reappointments to be discussed at this time.
- Mrs. Hogan thanked those involved in the tracking and releasing of CMS scorecard information.

**Motion made to approve the Medical Staff initial appointments and reappointment applications, as provided in the confidential meeting packet, by Cynthia Hogan and seconded by Scott Gibson. Motion approved by those present with no objections noted.**

**Finance, IT and Facilities Committee** (presented by Mr. Scott Gibson and COO, Mr. John Kren)

Mr. John Kren reviewed the facility projects in progress:

- Sage Living
- POB- Suite 220 (Orthopedic or Internal Medicine offices)
- Foundation Office
- Daycare Office- possibly opening July 2020
- Radiology, CT, Scanning Room
- Pediatric Room- upgrades
- Roofing project (3<sup>rd</sup> year overall Hospital)
- WY Landscape updating the campus
- DNV Preparation
- Pricing on Cardiopulmonary Department
- Finalizing our parking lot edits
- COVID-19 Testing Tent in front of ER
- Insulation- energy saving project
- Annual fire-extinguisher tests are all completed

Mr. Gibson reported on the finances for April and May. April financials show \$5mil gross revenue discrepancy, \$2.5mil net revenue loss, and a \$4.3mil operating loss due to CDC guidelines during the initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic including cancelling all elective surgeries. Elective surgeries resumed in the beginning of May and May financials show approximately 80% of the hospital finances and scheduling are back on track to budget.

Mr. Gibson reports SJH is in discussion with First Republic Bank regarding guard-banded projections, this would secure a new credit line for the hospital. The next interim Finance Meeting will be held on June 16, 2020 and the regular Finance meeting on June 26, 2020. While SJH is behind on the budget and goals for 2020, the financial progress will continue to be addressed each month in the Board Meeting.

Dr. Paul Beaupre added the ability to test in Teton County should allow us to remain open even if there is another National shut down. SJH has an appropriate amount of PPE material for use in the case we do have a new or future surge. Paul added the tent in front of ER has been a great source for testing and noted the tent will remain in place and will allow for additional testing in the Fall, if needed. It was noted five companies are working on COVID-19 vaccinations with trials in progress and vaccine availability as soon as Fall/Winter this year.

Mr. Gibson asked for any questions, with none noted for additional discussion.

**Strategy** (presented by Ms. Cynthia Hogan)

- Two Strategy meetings in May
- Committee discussed HR benefit costs have increased for the third year in a row.
- Seeking guidance on future structure of benefits
- No additional PTO asks to employees will continue
- Jen Simon updated us on approved Federal Legislation:

Care 3.0: 10 Billion to rural hospitals nationwide, \$5.6m from HHS in May out of a total of \$99m.

Care 4.0: Wyoming hospitals might get additional financial support in June, 40% of WY hospitals have less than 30 days of cash on hand right now.

Ms. Hogan thanked Dr. Marc Domsy for his help in creating guidelines for re-opening elective surgeries.

Ms. Hogan asked if anyone has any questions, with none noted for additional discussion.

**Foundation** *(presented by Mr. John Goettler)*

Foundation Executive session reviewed the COVID-19 relief fund and reports masks from Yellowberry has been shipped to the foundation. It was noted employees will be allowed to request COVID-19 relief support a second, or third, time after 30 days. Those present thanked the Foundation for the support they have provided to SJH employees during this pandemic. The next Foundation Board Meeting will take place on June 15, 2020.

**Old Business** – No old business at this time.

**New Business** – Mr. Joe Albright asked about testing at SJH outside tent. While SJH is working with the Department of Health to continue to test more in the community, a provider is required for all COVID-19 testing.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 29, 2020 via WebEx only. Executive Session will be held at 3:00p.m. and the Public session at 4:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

With nothing additional to discuss, Ms. Hogan adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Morgan Gurney, Executive Assistant