

**SAMARITAN HOSPITAL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

August 31, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Keith Maloney (via phone), Patricia Knowles, Jim Simon, Rusty Neill, Dan Coons

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jill Williams, Carli Taylor, Sarah Middleton, Dr. McDowell, Jane Young

TAX HEARING

The tax hearing was held. The proposed tax rate for 2021 General Fund is \$0.1879 and will generate \$475,034. Dan motioned to accept the tax rate as presented. Rusty seconded and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the Meeting
- B. Accounts Payable
- C. Accounts to the Attorney
- D. Quality Assurance
- E. Patient Satisfaction Results

Rusty motioned to accept the consent agenda. Jim seconded and passed unanimously. Discussion was held regarding a low number of surveys returned in a couple departments.

OLD BUSINESS

A. COVID 19 Update - Jane shared the latest detail from the Macon County Health Department as well as the state of Missouri. Staffing is increasingly tight the past few weeks as we have tried to accommodate vacations and have had increased number of staff members out with Covid infections. We are also down staff positions in several areas. Testing supplies have been harder to get for the in house PCR tests. Kate has tried to communicate when they are in shortage and when they are available to all. Many patients continue to use home testing so since these are not reported the positivity rate for the county is unlikely to be accurate. Samaritan Hospital and Total Family Health Care continue Moderna and Pfizer clinics. The drive-through clinic was hot but successful. We administered 155 total vaccines on that date. Pfizer is fully approved to 16 years of age and remains EUA for 12-15. Moderna is still EUA to 18 yrs. of age. Booster vaccines are available if patients meet the immunocompromised criteria.

B. Other Old Business -

NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report- Carli covered financials for July 31, 2021. July had a net income of \$117,210 for the month, as compared to prior year net income of \$707,083. Year to Date net profit of \$722,298 compared to a net profit prior year of \$206,793. Patricia motioned to accept the financials as presented. Dan seconded. Motion carried.

B. Tiger Institute - The HIDi interface with AllScripts to meet the new CMS conditions of participation rule will cost us \$34,144.00 initially but will be paid back by Tiger Institute. Rusty motioned to approve the purchase of the HIDi interface with AllScripts. Jim seconded and passed unanimously.

C. Lease Renewal - The Arthrex tower (surgical video) equipment in the Operating Room is up for lease renewal. The lease renewal would be for 48 Monthly payments of \$1,467.21. This is an increase of \$14.00 a month more than we currently pay. Dan motioned to renew the lease as presented. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

D. Infection Control Professional- Federal regulations added a new tag stating that the Infection Control Professional should be appointed by the Medical body with the recommendations of the Director of Nursing and the Chief of Medical Staff. Dr. McDowell, Chief of Medical Staff and Jane Young the Director

of Nursing recommended the Board appoint Tiffany Collins as the Infection Control Professional. Patricia motioned to approve Tiffany Collins, Dan seconded and passed unanimously.

E. Physician Recruitment- Jill Williams, CEO and Dr. McDowell shared some background information with the board regarding providers. Administration is looking to add a provider to help in the clinic as well as with hospitalist. Jill stated that she would like approval to start the recruiting process. Dan motioned to allow administration to proceed with recruiting a provider. Patricia seconded and passed unanimously.

F. Public Participation - None

G. Other New Business - Patricia stated that she would like to see more marketing. For example, marketing the drive through clinic as well as how many people were vaccinated after the clinic is complete. The board also stated that they would like to see us partner with Community to host blood drives.

With no further business Dan motioned to adjourn. Jim seconded and passed unanimously.