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WCHC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2024

5:00pm - 6:59pm

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Present: Bobbie Rhodd, Brigette Robidoux, Chasity Davis, David Weaver, Paul Austin, Missty Slater

Excused Absence: Tony Fee

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm.

1) Weekly invoice review [standing agenda item]

The Clinic has launched the digital PO system, and these were the only invoices above the \$25,00 Board approval threshold as outlined in our new policies.

Missty moved to approve invoices for payment. Brigette seconded. Motion passed 2-0

2) Meeting minutes review [standing agenda item]

Brigette moved to approve the minutes. Missty seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

3) Board vacancy next steps

Brigette moves to accept Glenda's resignation. Missty seconded. Motion passed 2-0

Brigette moves to post the Board position. Missty seconded. Motion passed 2-0

It can be posted on WCHC, ITKN, and Sac and Fox avenues. This doesn't need to be a tribal member for this position.

4) Long term care facility management

We will continue with Brooke's contract and then make the determination on the next move. We would consider making her a contract employee but with this being a fluctuating project landscape we will need a shorter term cancellation clause and language for scope of work amendments.

a. Joint Venture with IHS

The JV opportunity will open later this year. IHS will pay for staffing for 20 years. We don't know how far along we have to be to be eligible for the JV. Paul will share a link to the website.

5) Strategic Planning check-in

In reviewing the notes for a mid year check in we have determined:

We don't have space or time to create a plan for non-beneficiary services for medical. Our doctors are currently at capacity with limited space for expansion in the current facility. The clinic may want to stay out of development of a sweat lodge because it's ceremony and getting governance involved in driving capacity for ceremony isn't the right approach as it should be community member driven. We may be able to react to specific requests of community members interested in this type of medicine. The Board would like to recognize to our clinic staff for making so much progress on our strategic planning goals.

6) Small Ambulatory Grant planning discussion

In the past we have not been eligible because we are too small due to patient thresholds, but HIS reported they are lowering the threshold. They are offering 3.5 million if we want to pursue. We do need to consider a long-term plan for expansion of the clinic. This may include determining if we want to build a new clinic, do a health annex, do separate buildings for dental, behavioral health, put services in the Multi-use building. A health annex could be all other services- dental, behavioral health, eyeglasses, Chiropractic, PT, OT are all in the same building. Our dentists are also very busy and need additional space. The Board and staff have set a goal to develop a plan over the next 1-2 years. This may start with determining what physical space capacity we need- how many exam rooms, how many dental chairs, how many PT/OT rooms, etc. so we can determine square footage expansion needs. We could then combine New Market Tax Credits with Small Ambulatory grant. We can reach out to Adam Rose at Trivios to get more information.

7) Food as medicine [standing agenda item]

Twenty two sets of vouchers have been issued. Missty will share the sales manager's contact information with Paul. Salmon may be a possibility in a month or so. Brigitte can look into donating buffalo to the program if we can get the processing paid for. Tammy provided recipes for the produce to include in the food boxes.

a. Incorporation of language

The proposal could be “Waruje Manka” meaning food medicine.

8) Compliance Updates [standing agenda item]

none

9) Construction update [standing agenda item]

none

10) Eye Glass Updates [standing agenda item]

We are ordering equipment and shifted the location of the eyeglass. We should be ready to launch in a month.

11) Wellness Center Updates [standing agenda item]

We are at 7 enrollees in the Apex app.

12) COVID House use planning [standing agenda item]

We are writing the policy, and getting the final two appliances. There is still a basement leak but we can't address it unless we see if actively leaking. It will be open to everyone with priority to Ioway and Sac and Fox. We are going to get an agreement between ITKN and WCHC on how building ownership will work. Brigitte made a motion that anytime the clinic has to meet with the EC or Council for either Tribe that Board members need to be consulted and approve in advance of the meeting and invited to the meeting. Missty seconded. Motion passed 2-0

13) Long term care facility [standing agenda item]

See above.

14) Other business

There were 9 COVID cases in the last 30 days.

Missty moved to adjourn. Brigitte seconded. Motion passed 2-0 Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.