

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Robert Sharp, District Board Chair.

PRESENT

Robert Sharp, Chair
Jody Veenker, Vice Chair
Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Secretary
Topah Spoonhunter, Treasurer
Kelli Davis MBA, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer
Joy Engblade MD, Chief Medical Officer
Allison Partridge RN, MSN, Chief Nursing Officer
Sierra Bourne MD, Chief of Staff
Keith Collins, General Legal Counsel (Jones & Mayer)

ABSENT

Jean Turner, Member-at-Large

OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sharp announced that the purpose of public comment is to allow members of the public to address the Board of Directors. Public comments shall be received at the beginning of the meeting and are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, with a total time limit of thirty (30) minutes being allowed for all public comment unless otherwise modified by the Chair. Speaking time may not be granted and/or loaned to another individual for purposes of extending available speaking time unless arrangements have been made in advance for a large group of speakers to have a spokesperson speak on their behalf. Comments must be kept brief and non-repetitive. The general Public Comment portion of the meeting allows the public to address any item within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors on matters not appearing on the agenda. Public comments on agenda items should be made at the time each item is considered. Comments were heard from previous NIHD Physical Therapist, Laura Molnar.

NEW BUSINESS
COVID 19 UPDATE

Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer Kelli Davis, MBA, provided a monthly Covid 19 update which included the following:

- Inyo County shows a decrease in Covid-19 positive cases
- NIHD continues to adhere to all mandates that have been released for health care facilities, including masking and social distancing. More information is expected in June, 2021.
- Incident Command continues to meet on Wednesday mornings
- NIHD will be updating signage for people on campus

In addition, Mr. Sharp reported that masks continue to be required when indoors as California guidelines are stricter than Federal guidelines. New guidelines are expected on June 15, 2021, but health care facilities are likely to have different regulations.

Allison Partridge, CNO, commented on the county's great vaccination

rate. NIHD will be offering the Pfizer vaccine on campus next week for those aged 12-18 years.

MOMENT OF
APPRECIATION FOR
DISTRICT STAFF AND
PROVIDERS

The District Board took a moment to appreciate NIHD staff and providers for their continued dedication during the Covid 19 pandemic. In addition, Mr. Sharp recognized the retirement of Sandy Blumberg and thanked her for her years of service to the Board of Directors.

Ms. Veenker thanked all NIHD staff for the work they have put into the Cerner project. In addition, Ms. Veenker thanked the 40 members of Cerner for being onsite to help staff, and gave a shout out to Vinay Behl, Financial Consultant, for being onsite as well.

Ms. Davis thanked the NIHD team as well.

Ms. Kilpatrick commented that she is sorry to see Laura Molnar go as she was an outstanding Physical Therapist. She wishes Laura the best in her endeavors.

NIHD STRATEGIC
PLAN UPDATE

David Sandberg reviewed the 5 areas of the Strategic Plan which utilizes the Action Strategy platform. Work began on April 10, 2021. More information will be presented as the project moves forward.

CERNER
IMPLEMENTATION
UPDATE

Daryl Duenkel of Wipfli provided an update on the Cerner Go Live Project which kicked off on May 17 at 12:01am. Mr. Duenkel thanked the Board of Directors for their warm expressions of appreciation to the Cerner team. Overall, the transition from Athena to Cerner has gone very well.

CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT UPDATES

Louis Varga, Colombo Construction, provided updates on the Building Separation Project, Pharmacy Project, Omnicell Project and Condenser Replacement Project. More updates will be provided in June, 2021.

BILLING SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH
OUTSOURCE, INC

Kelli Davis and Vinay Behl presented the OutSource, Inc. agreement along with a historical perspective pertaining to the need. It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to approve the OutSource Billing Services agreement as presented.

POLICY & PROCEDURE
APPROVAL

Sanctions for Breach of Patient Privacy Policies was presented by Compliance Office Patty Dickson. It was moved by Mr. Spoonhunter, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, and unanimously passed to approve this policy.

Funding Requests of NIH Foundation and Grant Program Activities was presented by Greg Bissonette, Executive Director of the NIH Foundation. It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Ms. Veenker, and

unanimously passed to approve these 2 policies.

CHIEF OF STAFF
REPORT

Chief of Staff Sierra Bourne, MD reported following careful review and consideration the Medical Executive Committee recommends Medical Staff re-appointment for Calendar Years 2021-2022 for the following

MEDICAL STAFF
REAPPOINTMENT

1. John Daniel Cowan, MD (*anesthesiology*) – Active Staff
It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter and unanimously passed to approve the Medical Staff re-appointment of John Daniel Cowan, MD as requested.

POLICY AND
PROCEDURE
APPROVALS

Doctor Bourne also reported after careful review, consideration, and approval by the appropriate Committees, the Medical Executive Committee's recommendation to approve the following District-Wide Policies and Procedures:

1. *DI-Radiation Protection for the Patient*
2. *Nursing Bedside Swallow Screen*
3. *District-Wide Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Plan FY 2021*
4. *MERP: Plan to Eliminate or Substantially Reduce Medication-Related Errors*
5. *Infection Control Risk Assessments (ICRA) for Demolition, Renovation, Remediation, or New Construction Projects*
6. *Cleaning and Care of Surgical Instruments*
7. *Packaging, Wrapping, and Dating Trays and Instruments*
8. *Precleaning and Returning Instruments to Sterile Processing*
9. *Medical Staff Department Policy – Outpatient Medicine*

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to approve all nine District-Wide Policies and Procedures as presented.

OUTPATIENT
MEDICINE CRITICAL
INDICATORS

Doctor Bourne additionally reported the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of:

- Outpatient Medicine Critical Indicators

It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to approve the Outpatient Medicine Critical Indicators as presented.

EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENT
PRIVILEGE FORM

Doctor Bourne also reported the Medical Executive Committee recommend approval of:

- Emergency Department Privilege Form

It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to approve the Emergency Department Privilege Form as presented.

MEDICAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE REPORT

Doctor Bourne also provided a review of the report on the Medical Executive Committee meeting for the month of May.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Sharp called attention to the Consent Agenda for this meeting which contained the following items:

1. Approval of minutes of the April 21 2021 regular meeting
2. Approval of minutes of the April 28 2021 special meeting
3. Interim Chief Executive Officer report
4. Chief Medical Officer report
5. Chief Nursing Officer report
6. Financial and Statistical reports as of March 31 2021
7. Policy and Procedure annual approvals

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 7 as presented.

Ms. Kilpatrick mentioned that Dr. Will Timbers did a great job recruiting physicians, and believes the new Finder's Fee Program could be a great incentive for acquiring physicians.

BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS ON
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS

Mr. Sharp also asked if any members of the Board of Directors wished to report on their attendance at any NIHD Committee meetings.

Ms. Kilpatrick reported on her attendance at the Medical Executive Committee meeting, NIH Foundation Board meeting and the Pioneer Home Health Board meeting.

Mr. Spoonhunter reported on his attendance at the Physician Compensation Sub-Committee meeting

BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS ON ITEMS OF
INTEREST

Mr. Sharp additionally asked if any members of the Board of Directors wished to report on any items of interest. Nothing was reported.

ADJOURNMENT TO
CLOSED SESSION

At 6:45pm Mr. Sharp reported the meeting would adjourn to Closed Session to allow the District Board of Directors to:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel, existing litigation (*pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9*). Name of case: Inyo County LAFO and NIHD v. SMHD, Case No. 3-2015-8002247-CY-WM-GDS-Sacramento County.
- B. Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation. Significant exposure to litigation (*pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9*) two cases.
- C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (*pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)*) title: Interim Chief Executive Officer.

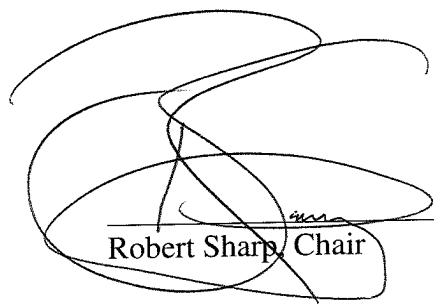
Mr. Sharp additionally noted that it was not anticipated that any action would be reported out following the conclusion of Closed Session.

RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION AND REPORT
OF ACTION TAKEN

At 8:06pm the meeting returned to Open Session. Mr. Sharp reported that the Board took no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.



Robert Sharp, Chair

Attest: 
Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Secretary