

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Robert Sharp, District Board Chair.

PRESENT Robert Sharp, Chair
Jody Veenker, Vice Chair
Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Secretary
Jean Turner, Member-at-Large
Kelli Davis MBA, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer
Vinay Behl, Interim Chief Financial 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 Topah Spoonhunter, Treasurer

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 the following:

- Kaylyn Rickford
- Bobbie Scott
- Zoe Kothman
- Jennifer Sandstrom
- Samantha Bumgarner
- Brittany Burton
- Rachel Todd

NEW BUSINESS

NORTHERN INYO
HEALTHCARE
DISTRICT AND
PIONEER HOME
HEALTH CARE
PARTNERSHIP Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer Kelli Davis, explained after a discussion with Ruby Allen, Administrator of Pioneer Home Health Care she would like to request that the Board of Directors consider having Noel Caughman with BBK Law Firm attend the Pioneer Home Health Board of Directors meeting on Nov 10th. Jody Veenker asked if Board Members of Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD)

OVERVIEW
PRESENTATION

would be allowed to attend this meeting as well. Ms. Davis explained she would relay the NIHD Board Members interest to attend this meeting with Pioneer Home Health. No action taken.

EASTERN SIERRA
EMERGENCY
PHYSICIAN GROUP
PRESENTATION

Ms. Davis introduced Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Emergency Physician, Adam Hawkins, MD. Doctor Hawkins provide a presentation to re-introduce The Eastern Sierra Emergency Physician Group (ESEP) and provided an update on the changes that have taken place since his last presentation to the Board of Directors. Doctor Hawkins thanked all NIHD employees for their hard work during these challenging times.

Mary Mae Kilpatrick mentioned about her positive experience with a hospitalist at NIHD. Jean Turner expressed appreciation for this report.

POLICY AND
PROCEDURE
APPROVAL,
EMPLOYEE HEALTH
ACCESS OF PATIENT
PERSONAL MEDICAL
RECORD

Ms. Davis, presented this policy titled *Employee Health Access of Patient Personal Medical Records*, asked if any members of the Board of Directors had questions on the policy and procedure. No questions were asked.

It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Jody Veenker, and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the Employee Health Access of Patient Medical Records as presented.

AYES: Jean Turner, Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Jody Veenker, Robert Sharp
NOES:
ABSENT: Topah Spoonhunter
ABSTAIN:

HG WILSON
FINANCIAL ADVISOR
CONTRACT

Interim Chief Financial Officer, Vinay Behl called attention to the proposed HG Wilson Financial Advisor Contract he explained that the District is need of an advisor who is specialized in General Obligation Bonds.

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Veenker, and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the HG Wilson Financial Advisor Contract as presented.

AYES: Jean Turner, Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Jody Veenker, Robert Sharp
NOES:
ABSENT: Topah Spoonhunter
ABSTAIN:

COMPLIANCE AND
ETHICS COMMITTEE

Patty Dickson, Compliance Officer called attention to the need to select a Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Board Member to serve on the Compliance and Ethics Committee. A discussion took place, the Board then proposed to appoint Jody Veenker to serve as member of this committee until the Election of Board Officers 2022 in the month of December 2021.

It was moved by Ms. Turner, and seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, and passed by a 4 to 0 vote to appoint Ms. Veenker as requested by the Board of Directors. No objections were heard.

AYES: Jean Turner, Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Jody Veenker, Robert Sharp
NOES:
ABSENT: Topah Spoonhunter
ABSTAIN:

CONTRACT FOR CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Sharp called attention to the proposed Contract for Chief Executive Officer with Kelli Davis, and asked if any members of the public wish to comment on this item. Public comments in favor were heard from the following:

- Patty Dickson
- Bryan Harper
- Mary Mae Kilpatrick
- Robert Sharp
- Jean Turner

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the Contract of Chief Executive Officer as presented.

AYES: Jean Turner, Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Jody Veenker, Robert Sharp
NOES:
ABSENT: Topah Spoonhunter
ABSTAIN:

DISCUSSION TO
CREATE AN AD HOC
COMMITTEE TO
ATTEND WEEKLY
CONFERENCE CALLS
WITH THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE
OFFICER AND APPOINT
OF BOARD
REPRESENTATIVES

A discussion took place, to propose for an Ad Hoc Committee or an amendment to the District Bylaws to allow Board members to meet with NIHD Chief Executive Officer on a regular basis. NIHD Legal Counsel Keith Collins recommended additional language to the duties of Chair and Vice-Chair which would allow meetings with the Chief Executive Officer. A resolution to amend the bylaws will be presented at the next Regular Board Meeting. No action taken.

CHIEF OF STAFF
REPORT

Chief of Staff Sierra Bourne, MD reported following careful review and consideration the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following District-Wide Policy and Procedure:

POLICY AND
PROCEDURE
APPROVALS

1. *Evaluation and Assessment of Patients' Nutritional Needs*

It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Ms. Turner, and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the one (1) Policy and Procedure as presented.

AYES: Jean Turner, Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Jody Veenker, Robert Sharp
NOES:
ABSENT: Topah Spoonhunter
ABSTAIN:

BIENNIAL REVIEW OF
MEDICAL STAFF
POLICIES

Doctor Bourne also reported following careful review, consideration and approval by the appropriate Committees the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following Biennial Review of Medical Staff Policies:

1. *End of Life Option Act*
2. *Standardized Procedure – Management of Chronic Illness Policy for the Nurse Practitioner or Certified Nurse Midwife*
3. *Standardized Procedure – Management of Minor Trauma Policy for the Nurse Practitioner or Certified Nurse Midwife*
4. *Standardized Protocol – Management of Chronic Illness for the Physician Assistant*
5. *Standardized Protocol – Management of Minor Trauma for the Physician Assistant*
6. *Standardized Protocol – Management of Acute Illness for the Physician Assistant*

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Ms. Turner, and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the all six (6) Biennial Review of Medical Staff Policies as presented.

AYES: Jean Turner, Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Jody Veenker, Robert Sharp
NOES:
ABSENT: Topah Spoonhunter
ABSTAIN:

MEDICAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE REPORT

Doctor Bourne also provided a report on the Medical Executive Committee meeting noting that Inyo County has the highest rate in COVID cases in the entire state. Doctor Bourne would like to recognize Dr. Engblade in her efforts to recruit physician for various departments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. *Approval of District Board Resolution 21-07 to continue to allow Board meetings to be held virtually.*
2. *Approval of minutes of the August 18, 2021 regular meeting*
3. *Approval of minutes of the September 15, 2021 regular meeting*
4. *Approval of minutes of the September 30, 2021 special meeting*
5. *Financial and Statistical reports for July 31, 2021 and August 31, 2021*

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Veenker, and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve all five (5) Consent Agenda items as presented.

AYES: Jean Turner, Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Jody Veenker, Robert Sharp

NOES:

ABSENT: Topah Spoonhunter

ABSTAIN:

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.

Ms. Veenker reported on her attendance at the ACHD Annual Conference.

ADJOURNMENT TO
CLOSED SESSION

At 7:25 pm Mr. Sharp reported the meeting would adjourn to Closed Session to allow the District Board of Directors to:

- A. 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.
- B. Conference with Labor Negotiators, Agency Designated Representative: Kevin R. Dale; Employee Organization: AFSCME Council 57 (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

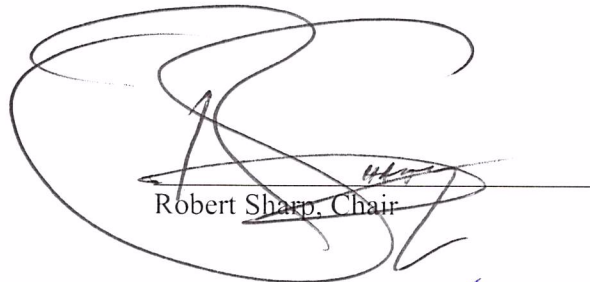
Mr. Sharp additionally noted that it was not anticipated that any action would be reported out following the conclusion of Closed Session.

RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION AND REPORT
OF ACTION TAKEN

At 8:48 pm the meeting returned to Open Session. Mr. Sharp reported that the Board took no reportable action.

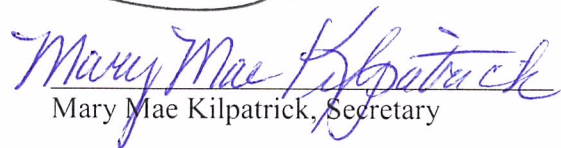
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.



Robert Sharp, Chair

Attest:



Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Secretary