



DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER/COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 18, 2022

Douglas County Health Center/Community Mental Health Center
4102 Woolworth Avenue

I. Call to Order

Chair Borgeson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and stated that the meeting was being conducted in compliance with Nebraska's Open Meetings law, a copy of which is located on the back wall.

Chair Borgeson called the roll at 9:18 a.m. Chair Borgeson, Trustees Cavanaugh, Garcia and Rodgers were present for the meeting. Vice Chair Boyle, Trustees Friend and Morgan were not present.

II. Consent Agenda

Chair Borgeson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda at 9:19 a.m. Trustee Morgan moved and Trustee Rodgers seconded. Yeas: Borgeson, Cavanaugh, Garcia and Rodgers voted. Motion passed.

III. Citizen Comments

Chair Borgeson called for members of the audience to be heard regarding any item not on the agenda.

IV. Action

No items on the agenda.

V. Discussion

No items on the agenda.

VI. DCHC/CMHC Routine Reports & Updates

a. Admin Update

Erin Nelson is speaking.

Ms Nelson provided a COVID update. Per CMS guidelines, testing has resumed for employees who have not received a booster. In the past 30 days, three (3) employees have tested positive but none of the residents have tested positive.

She also reviewed President Biden's proposed plan for Nursing Home Reform and the LTC Legislative Update. This is a CMS Five Part Plan focused on ensuring taxpayer dollars support nursing homes that provide safe, adequate and dignified care; enhances accountability and oversight; increased transparency, provide a pathway to good paying jobs and ensuring pandemic and emergency preparedness.

Ms Nelson also reviewed LB1041 (LB1089) which provides \$47.5 million in ARPA funding which will be distributed over a three (3) year period. This was signed by the Governor on April 13, 2022. It will be distribute based on certified beds and Medicaid certified days over 3 years. It also provides funding to help recruit and retain staffing and offer in-house training to certified nursing aides on staff to become certified medication aides.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in The Daily Record, a legal newspaper. The notice advised that an agenda kept current was available for public inspection in the Office of the Administrator of Douglas County Health Center.



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She also reviewed LB 1011 (LB989), Medicaid Rates Increases for Nursing Facility 50% rate increase. This was originally vetoed by the Governor but was overrode by the Legislature on April 7, 2022. This requests a 15% rate increase which could increase revenue by potentially \$1-\$1.5 million.

Ms Nelson provided some graphs for occupancies, FTE's by department and turnover rates. She reported that occupancy has stayed about the same and FTE'S are growing month by month. There has been a decrease in mandating over the past quarter. She provided a history of turnover rates from July 1, 2016 through March 31, 2022. Staff has enhanced the onboarding process and orientation sessions, and developed a monthly Meet & Greet session to provide interaction between new staff and staff celebrating an anniversary in that month. Continue to track.

b. CMHC Routine Reports including COVID-19 Update

Jan Hankey is speaking.

Ms Hankey provided an overview of the benefits of the new system to both DCHC residents and CMHC clients. Staff has made changes to the warehouse inventory system in anticipation of the new system. A new software system, new equipment and a new kitchen layout will be implemented as the conversion continues. Staff will have new job descriptions and those have been finalized by Human Resources. Manuals and training are in process. The Dietary unit will in the future be renamed "Food Services". The Go Live date is set for September 26-30.

c. CMHC Routine Reports including COVID-19 Update

Sherry Driver is speaking.

Ms Driver did not have any COVID cases to report.

Ms Driver reviewed her reports. Discussion was held on the opening of the PICU. Ms Driver reported that a staffing shortage of RN's is the reason why this unit has remained closed since October, 2021. Staff are developing a 90 day to get the unit open. She did note that the beds available in 5East have been increased due to the closure of PICU.

Items not on the Agenda

Trustee Cavanaugh would like to continue Zoom meetings. Ms Nelson reported that staff is working on making that available.

VII. Executive Session

There was no need for an executive session.

VIII. Adjourn

Chair Borgeson called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Boyle made a motion; Trustee Rodgers seconded. Yeas: Borgeson, Boyle, Morgan and Rodgers voted. Motion passed.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Douglas County Health Center.