

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
Jean Turner, Member-at-Large
Kelli Davis MBA, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer
William Timbers MD, Interim Chief Medical Officer
Allison Partridge RN, MSN, Chief Nursing Officer
Charlotte Helvie MD, Chief of Staff
Keith Collins, General Legal Counsel (Jones & Mayer)

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 Kelli Davis, who acknowledged Charlotte Helvie MD's years of service to this community as well as her many contributions toward improving healthcare services in this area.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID 19 UPDATE

Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer Kelli Davis, MBA provided a Covid 19 update which included the following:

- Covid 19 Incident Command meetings continue. Key healthcare partners and community stakeholders participate in meetings with NIHD on a weekly basis.
- Covid hospitalizations remain stable. NIHD staff and providers have fine-tuned Covid-specific patient care procedures, and they should be commended for their continued commitment and on the high level of quality care they are providing.
- NIHD continues to partner with the County of Inyo on community vaccination efforts. The vaccination program for area residents has been extremely well organized and highly successful thus far.

- Then District anticipates new CDPH guidance soon on opening up and/or loosening of protocols as our Covid numbers continue to improve.

MOMENT OF
APPRECIATION FOR
DISTRICT STAFF AND
PROVIDERS

The District Board took a moment to appreciate District staff and providers for the exemplary job they continue to do during the Covid 19 pandemic. Mr. Sharp specifically commented on a letter of appreciation received for Oscar Lopez and the NIHD Care Shuttle staff, and additionally acknowledged the service of Charlotte Helvie MD who will move out of the area soon leaving patient care in the community better than it was when she arrived. The Board additionally thanked William Timbers MD for stepping up to serve as Interim Chief Medical Officer for the District during extremely difficult times and during the Covid 19 pandemic.

DISTRICT BOARD
RESOLUTION 21-02

Mr. Sharp called attention to proposed District Board Resolution 21-02, which authorizes the District's purchase of the Pioneer Medical Associates (PMA) partnership interest owned by Nickoline Hathaway MD and Asao Kamei MD, for a price of \$1,017,488. It was moved by Mary Mae Kilpatrick, seconded by Jody Veenker, and unanimously passed to approve District Board Resolution 21-02 as presented, formally acknowledging the District's purchase of the PMA partnership interest previously owned by Nickoline Hathaway MD and Asao Kamei MD.

POLICY AND
PROCEDURE
APPROVAL,
STABILATION OF THE
NEWBORN

Mr. Sharp also called attention to a proposed District-wide Policy and Procedure titled *Stabilization and Resuscitation of the Newborn*, noting that the Policy will first go to the Medical Executive Committee for approval prior to being approved by the District Board. The Policy will be placed on a future Board agenda once it has been approved by the NIHD Medical Executive Committee.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER SEARCH FIRM
SELECTION

Director Jean Turner called attention to four proposals received from prospective Chief Executive Officer Search firms, and to the minutes of a Board of Directors Ad Hoc Committee meeting where those proposals were reviewed and considered. She stated that it is the recommendation of the NIHD Board Ad Hoc Committee to select AMN Healthcare to be the firm used to conduct the search for the District's next Chief Executive Officer. Following review of the materials provided it was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, and unanimously passed to approve entering into an agreement with AMN Healthcare to conduct the search for NIHD's next Chief Executive Officer.

APPOINTMENT OF
BOARD MEMBERS TO
NIHD/SMHD JOINT
RELATIONS
COMMITTEE

Mr. Sharp reported he recently met with two Southern Mono Healthcare District (SMHD) Board members to discuss the possibility of establishing a Joint Relations/Problem Resolution and Regional Cooperation Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of improving communication and collaboration between the two Healthcare Districts. Following brief discussion it was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Ms. Turner and

CHIEF OF STAFF
REPORT

unanimously passed to appoint Directors Sharp and Veenker to serve on a Joint Relations Committee with SMHD (Mammoth Hospital). Chief Nursing Officer Allison Partridge also indicated that she would be happy to participate in those collaborative meetings.

POLICY AND
PROCEDURE
APPROVALS

Chief of Staff Charlotte Helvie MD reported following careful review, consideration, and approval by the appropriate Committees, the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following annual approvals:

ANNUAL APPROVALS

1. *Anesthesia Critical Indicators*
2. *Surgery Critical Indicators*
3. *Perinatal Critical Indicators*
4. *Neonatal Critical Indicators*
5. *Pediatrics Critical Indicators*

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Ms. Turner, and unanimously passed to approve all 5 annual approvals as presented.

MEDICAL STAFF AND
APP[STAFF
APPOINTMENTS

Doctor Helvie additionally reported following careful review, consideration, and approval by the appropriate Committees the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Provider (APP) appointments:

1. Jeffrey La Rochelle, MD (*urology*) – Provisional Consulting Staff
2. Ali Kasraeian, MD (*urology*) – Provisional Consulting Staff
3. Arin Stephens, PA-C (*urology*) – Advanced Practice Provider Staff
4. Vanessa Blasic, PA-C (*urology*) – Advanced Practice Provider Staff
5. Joceyln Moll, FNP-C (*urology*) – Advanced Practice Provider Staff

It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Topah Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to approve all 5 NIHD Medical Staff and APP Staff appointments as requested.

MEDICAL STAFF
REAPPOINTMENT

Doctor Helvie also reported that the NIHD Medical Executive Committee recommends the following Medical Staff re-appointment for Calendar years 2021 and 2022:

1. Arrash Fard, MD (*cardiology*) – Adventist Health Telemedicine.
Category: Telemedicine

It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Ms. Veenker, and unanimously passed to approve the Medical Staff re-appointment of Arrash Fard MD for calendar years 2021 and 2022 as requested.

REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL
PRIVILEGES

Doctor Helvie additionally reported that the Medical Executive Committee recommends the granting of additional privileges for the following NIHD Medical Staff members:

1. Anne Wakamiya, MD (*internal medicine*) – request for privileges

in Stress Test interpretation

2. Daniel Firer, MD (*family medicine/emergency medicine*) – request for privileges in Bedside Ultrasound following completion of required coursework

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Ms. Turner, and unanimously passed to approve both requests for additional privileges as presented.

MEDICAL STAFF RESIGNATIONS

Doctor Helvie also reported the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following Medical Staff resignations:

1. Michael Rhodes, MD (*internal medicine*) – effective 11/24/20
2. Sheila Cai, MD (*psychiatry, Adventist Health*) – effective 1/15/21
3. Armand Rostamian, MD (*cardiology, Adventist Health*) – effective 11/9/20

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Veenker, and unanimously passed to approve all 3 Medical Staff resignations as requested.

MEDICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Doctor Helvie additionally reported that Medical Staff Committees continue to meet on a regular basis to help ensure the quality of patient care, including the Medical Staff Bylaws Committee; the Inpatient Medicine Committee; the Antibiotic Stewardship Committee; the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, and the Medical Executive Committee. She also reported that the Medical Staff recently selected Stacey Brown MD; Monika Mehrens DO; and Casey Solomon RT to be honored as the Covid 19 heroes for the month of March 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. *Approval of minutes of the February 17 2021 regular meeting*
2. *Approval of minutes of the February 20 2021 special meeting*
3. *Approval of minutes of the February 27 2021 special meeting*
4. *Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer report*
5. *Interim Chief Medical Officer report*
6. *Chief Nursing Officer report*
7. *Financial and Statistical reports as of January 31, 2021*
8. *Compliance Department quarterly report*
9. *Policy and Procedure annual approvals*
10. *Cerner Implementation update*

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, and passed by a 4 to 0 vote to approve the minutes for the February 17 2021 regular meeting, with Director Turner abstaining from the vote due to the fact that she was absent from that meeting. It was then moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to approve all 9 remaining Consent Agenda items as presented.

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE UPDATES

Mr. Sharp asked if any members of the Board of Directors wished to report on their attendance at any District meetings. Director Turner

reported that she participated in Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) meetings in the month of January, and that the ACHD annual meeting will be scheduled in September 2021. Director Kilpatrick reported that she recently attended the NIHD Medical Surgical Committee meeting, as well as the Chief Executive Officer Leadership Committee meeting. No other reports were heard.

BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Mr. Sharp asked if any members of the Board of Directors wished to comment on any additional items of interest. No comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT TO
CLOSED SESSION

At 6:17 pm Mr. Sharp announced the meeting would adjourn to Closed Session to allow the District Board of Directors to:

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators, Agency Designated Representative: Irma Moisa; Employee Organization: AFSCME Council 57 (*pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6*).
- B. Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation (*pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)*). Name of case: Robin Cassidy v. Northern Inyo Healthcare District.
- C. Discuss significant exposure to litigation (*pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9*), one case.

Mr. Sharp noted that no action was expected to be reported out following the conclusion of Closed Session.

RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION AND REPORT
OF ACTION TAKEN

At 6:54 pm the meeting returned to Open Session. Mr. Sharp reported that the Board took no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.



Robert Sharp, Chair

Attest:



Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Secretary