

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Jody Veenker, District Board Chair.

PRESENT

Jody Veenker, Chair
Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Vice Chair
Topah Spoonhunter, Secretary
Jean Turner, Treasurer
Robert Sharp, Member-at-Large (via Zoom)
Kelli Davis MBA, 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 (via Zoom)
Keith Collins, General Legal Counsel (Jones & Mayer)
Sierra Bourne MD, Chief of Staff

OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Veenker 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. No public comments were heard.

NEW BUSINESS

NORTHERN INYO
HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE UPDATE
AND REQUEST FOR NEW
BOARD MEMBER
ONBOARDING AD HOC
COMMITTEE
DEVELOPMENT

Chief Executive Officer, Kelli Davis, provided an update on the recent Board of Directors Governance Committee meetings with Director Veenker and Director Turner. Ms. Davis called attention to the need to appoint two members of the District Board to serve as members of the Board Member Onboarding Ad Hoc Committee Development. It was moved by Mary Mae Kilpatrick, seconded by Topah Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to appoint Jean Turner and Robert Sharp to serve as members of the NIHD Board Member Onboarding Ad Hoc Committee Development as requested.

NORTHERN INYO
HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
2022 COMMUNITY
HEALTH NEEDS
ASSESSMENT (CHNA)

Ms. Davis called attention to the need to appoint two members of the District Board to serve as members of the Ad Hoc Committee Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Planning Taskforce. It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Sharp, and unanimously passed to appoint

REQUEST FOR BOARD
MEMBER APPOINTMENT
OF AD HOC CHNA
PLANNING TASKFORCE

Mr. Spoonhunter and Ms. Kilpatrick to serve as members of the Ad Hoc Committee Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Planning Taskforce as requested.

NORTHERN INYO
HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
REQUEST TO APPOINT A
BOARD MEMBER TO THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Davis additionally called attention to the need to appoint a member of the District Board to serve as members of the Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Finance Committee. It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Ms. Turner, and unanimously passed to appoint Mr. Sharp to serve as a member of the Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Finance Committee as requested.

NORTHERN INYO
HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
RECERTIFICATION WITH
ASSOCIATION OF
CALIFORNIA
HEALTHCARE DISTRICTS

Ms. Veenker explained that in July 2018, Northern Inyo Healthcare District received an initial certification with Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD). District hospitals are required to seek re-certification every 3 years. The re-certification process was initiated during the summer of 2021 by Erika Hernandez, Administrative Assistant – Board Clerk. The District has officially received re-certification with ACHD and the next re-certification is December 2024.

RECOMMENDATION TO
PURCHASE THE ABBOTT
CHEMISTRY ANALYZER

Interim Chief Financial Officer, Vinay Behl called attention to a proposed recommendation to purchase the Abbot Chemistry Analyzer and clarified questions for the Board. It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, and unanimously passed to approve the purchase of the Abbot Chemistry Analyzer as requested.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

ANNUAL REVIEW OF
CRITICAL INDICATORS

Chief of Staff Sierra Bourne, MD, reported following review and consideration the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following Annual Review of Critical Indicators:

1. Radiology 2022

It was moved by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Ms. Turner, and unanimously passed to approve the one (1) Annual Review of Critical Indicator as requested.

MEDICAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE REPORT

Doctor Bourne provided a report on the Medical Executive Committee meeting and clarified questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Veenker called attention to the Consent Agenda for this meeting which contained the following items:

1. *Approval of District Board Resolution 22-04, to continue to allow Board meetings to be held virtually.*
2. *Approval of minutes of the February 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting*

3. *Approval of minutes of the February 28, 2022 Special Board Meeting*
4. *Operating Room Flooring Replacement Update*
5. *Eastern Sierra Emergency Physician Quarterly Report*
6. *Compliance Annual Board Report 2021*
7. *Chief Executive Officer Report*
8. *Chief Medical Officer Report*
9. *Chief Nursing Officer Report*
10. *Financials and Statistical reports as of January 31, 2022*
11. *Approval of Policies and Procedures*
 - A. *Patient Visitation Rights*
 - B. *District Issued Cell Phones/ Electronic Communication Device Use by Employees*
 - C. *Consent for Medical Treatment*
 - D. *Compliant or Grievance Process for Reporting, Tracking, Investigating and Resolution*
 - E. *Regulatory Survey Security*
 - F. *District Furnished Uniforms*
 - G. *Disclosures of Protected Health Information Over the Telephone*
 - H. *Appointment to the NIHD Board of Directors*
 - I. *Election Procedures and Related Conduct*
 - J. *Northern Inyo Healthcare District Board of Directors Conflict of Interest*
 - K. *Suggested Guidance to Fill a Board Vacancy by Appointment*
 - L. *Work Flow for Appointments to Fill Board Vacancy*

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Sharp, and passed with 4 in favor 1 abstention vote to approve all eleven (11) Consent Agenda items as presented. Mr. Spoonhunter abstained from the February 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes due to the fact that he was absent from that meeting.

BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS ON ITEMS OF
INTEREST

Ms. Veenker additionally asked if any members of the Board of Directors wished to report on any items of interest. No reports were provided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Ms. Veenker announced that at this time, persons in the audience may speak only on items listed on the Closed Session portion of this meeting. No public comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT TO
CLOSED SESSION

At 6:23 pm Ms. Veenker announced the meeting would adjourn to Closed Session to allow the District Board of Directors to:

- A. Report involving Report involving trade secret – Health & Safety Code Section 1462 Discussion will concern proposed new service, program, or facility.
- B. Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation.
Significant exposure to litigation (pursuant to paragraph (2) of

subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (thirteen cases)

- C. Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: (one case)
- D. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)) title: Chief Executive Officer.

Ms. Veenker additionally noted that it was not anticipated that an action would be reported out following the conclusion of Closed Session.

RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION AND REPORT OF
ANY ACTION TAKEN

At 8:02 pm, the meeting returned to Open Session. Ms. Veenker reported that the Board took no reportable action.

OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Veenker announced that at this time, persons in the audience may speak only on the item listed on the open session portion of this meeting. No public comments were heard.

APPROVAL OF THE
STRYKER ORTHOPEDIC
SURGERY EQUIPEMENT
PURCHASE AGREEMENT
AND RELATED
AGREEMENT

Mr. Behl called attention to the proposed Stryker Orthopedic Surgery Equipment Purchase Agreement and related agreement. It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Sharp, and unanimously passed to approve the Stryker Orthopedic Surgery Equipment Purchase Agreement and related agreement as requested.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.



Jody Veenker, Chair

Attest:



Topah Spoonhunter, Secretary