

- 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  
Topah Spoonhunter, Treasurer  
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)
- 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:
- Brooklyn Burley
  - Andrea Daniels
  - Tim Oakes
  - Heather Edwall
  - Summer Gilstrap
  - Eddie Davis
- REQUEST TO ADD TO AGENDA, CLOSED SESSION ITEM                      Mr. Sharp requested that the Board of Directors consider adding two items to the agenda for this meeting, due to the fact that an immediate need to take action exists and because both items came to the attention of the District Board of Directors and District Administration following the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The request is to place these two items on the Closed Session portion of the Agenda for this meeting under item 3A as follows:
- *Emergency District Impact of California Department of Public Health (CDPH) mandate of Health Care Workers Vaccine*

*Requirement*

Conference with legal Counsel- anticipated litigation significant exposure to litigation (*pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (one case)*)

It was moved by Jean Turner, seconded by Jody Veenker, and unanimously passed to approve the addition of this agenda item as requested.

- *Pioneer Home Health Care refusing to provide financial information to the District.*

Conference with legal Counsel- anticipated litigation significant exposure to litigation (*pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (one case)*)

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Mary Mae Kilpatrick, and unanimously passed to approve the addition of this agenda item as requested.

ADJOURNMENT TO  
CLOSED SESSION

At 5:50 pm Mr. Sharp reported the meeting would adjourn to Closed Session to allow the District Board of Directors to discuss:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation (*pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (five cases)*)

B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (*pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)) title: Interim Chief Executive Officer.*)

RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION AND REPORT  
OF ACTION TAKEN

At 9:43 pm the meeting returned to Open Session. At this time Mr. Sharp left the room and Ms. Veenker became Board Chair for the remainder of the meeting during Open Session. Ms. Veenker reported that the District Board of Directors has decided that a letter will be submitted to CDPH regarding the Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement mandate and the impact this will have on the Rural Healthcare District. The letter will be available to the public as soon as it submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

ACHD DIVERSITY,  
EQUITY AND  
INCLUSIVITY PILOT  
PROGRAM

Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer Kelli Davis, MBA, provided information regarding an application that was submitted to ACHD to allow the District to participate in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Pilot Programs. Ms. Davis called to attention the need to select a Board Member to participate in the training of this program. ACHD recommends that participants include executive and trustees. Ms. Davis also

explained that there will be a training session next week that she will be attending, and can provide additional information to the Board on what these trainings will entail. Mrs. Veenker expressed interest in attending the training session with Ms. Davis. Topah Spoonhunter also expressed interest in participating in this program if other members of the Board are not able to participate. A decision to appoint a representative was then tabled, pending an update on the details of the training. No action was taken.

NORTHERN INYO  
HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
ANNUAL REPORT 2019-  
2020

Ms. Davis provided an overview of the Northern Inyo Healthcare District's Annual Report and explained that this is the first Annual Report for the District. Ms. Davis thanked Interim Chief Financial Officer, Vinay Behl and NIHD Strategic Communications Specialist, Barbara Laughon for all of their hard work and the details that went into preparing this report for the District.

Ms. Veenker and Ms. Turner also expressed their appreciation for all the hard work, detail and quality of the photos.

NORTHERN INYO  
HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER JOB  
DESCRIPTION WITH  
PHYSICAL  
REQUIREMENTS

Ms. Turner explained that after speaking with members of the Search Committee a question arose regarding the education and experience requirements for the Chief Executive Officer position. Ms. Turner requested that Board of Directors consider adding "relevant experience" to this job description. No action was taken.

NORTHERN INYO  
HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
INTERIM CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
EMPLOYMENT  
CONTRACT

Compliance Officer, Patty Dickson called attention to approval of the proposed Northern Inyo Healthcare District Interim Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract. Ms. Kilpatrick requested that the contract be updated with the correct grammar corrections from "he" to "she" & "his" to "hers" all throughout the entire contract.

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and passed with 3 in favor and 1 abstention vote to approve the Northern Inyo Healthcare District Interim Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract with the correction in grammar as stated by Ms. Kilpatrick.

AYES: Jean Turner, Topah Spoonhunter, Jody Veenker

NOES:

ABSENT: Robert Sharp

ABSTAIN: Mary Mae Kilpatrick

CHIEF OF STAFF  
REPORT

MEDICAL STAFF  
APPOINTMENTS &  
PRIVILEGES

Chief of Staff, Sierra Bourne, MD reported following careful review, consideration, and approval by the Medical Executive Committee recommends the approval of the following Medical Staff Appointments & Privileges:

1. Siyavash Fooladian, MD (anesthesiology) – appointment to Courtesy Staff
2. Wanda Lam, MD (general surgery) – appointment to Courtesy Staff

It was moved by Jean Turner, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the two Medical Staff Appointment & Privileges as presented.

AYES: Jean Turner, Topah Spoonhunter, Jody Veenker, Mary Mae Kilpatrick

NOES:

ABSENT: Robert Sharp

ABSTAIN:

REQUEST FOR  
ADDITIONAL  
PRIVILEGES

Doctor Bourne additionally reported that the Medical Executive Committee requests approval of granting of Additional Privileges for the following:

1. Truong Quach, MD (family medicine/hospitalist) – request for outpatient Internal Medicine privileges and additional procedural ‘special privileges’.

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the request for Additional Privileges for Doctor Quach as presented.

AYES: Jean Turner, Topah Spoonhunter, Jody Veenker, Mary Mae Kilpatrick

NOES:

ABSENT: Robert Sharp

ABSTAIN:

CHANGES IN MEDICAL  
STAFF CATEGORY

Doctor Bourne also reported that the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Jay Harness, MD (breast surgery) – request to change staff category from Active Staff to Honorary Staff. Privileges will no longer be active.

It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Ms. Turner and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the Change in Medical Staff Category as requested.

AYES: Jean Turner, Topah Spoonhunter, Jody Veenker, Mary Mae Kilpatrick

NOES:

ABSENT: Robert Sharp

ABSTAIN:

MEDICAL STAFF  
RESIGNATIONS

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

1. Charlotte Helvie, MD (Pediatrics) - 5/14/2021
2. Vanessa Blasic, PA-C (Urology) - 9/1/2021
3. Matthew Ercolani, MD (Urology) - 9/1/2021
4. Ali Kasraeian, MD (Urology) - 9/1/2021
5. Jeffrey La Rochelle, MD (Urology) - 9/1/2021
6. Jocelyn Moll, NP (Urology) - 9/1/2021
7. Jason Phillips, MD (Urology) - 9/1/2021
8. Michael Santomauro, MD (Urology) - 9/1/2021
9. Arin Stephens, PA-C (Urology) - 9/1/2021
10. Daniel Su, MD (Urology) - 9/1/2021

Chief Medical Officer, Joy Engblade explained that this is a group of physicians that will be making a transition with other medical providers.

It was moved by Mr. Spoonhunter, seconded by Ms. Turner and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the all ten Medical Staff Resignations as requested.

AYES: Jean Turner, Topah Spoonhunter, Jody Veenker, Mary Mae Kilpatrick

NOES:

ABSENT: Robert Sharp

ABSTAIN:

POLICY AND  
PROCEDURE  
APPROVALS

Doctor Bourne additionally reported that the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following Policies and Procedures:

1. Medical Staff History and Physical (H&P) Policy
2. Medical Records Delinquency Policy

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve both of the Policies and Procedures as presented.

AYES: Jean Turner, Topah Spoonhunter, Jody Veenker, Mary Mae Kilpatrick

NOES:

ABSENT: Robert Sharp

ABSTAIN:

UPDATED PRIVILEGE  
FORMS

Doctor Bourne additionally reported that the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of updates to the following Privilege Forms:

1. Anesthesiology
2. Family Medicine
3. Ophthalmology

It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the all three Updated Privilege Forms as presented.

AYES: Jean Turner, Topah Spoonhunter, Jody Veenker, Mary Mae Kilpatrick

NOES:

ABSENT: Robert Sharp

ABSTAIN:

BIENNIAL REVIEW OF  
MEDICAL STAFF  
POLICIES

Doctor Bourne also reported that the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of these Medical Staff Polices:

1. Disclosure of Unanticipated Outcome
2. Medical Ethics Referrals and Consultations
3. Pediatric and Newborn Consultation Requirements

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

AYES: Jean Turner, Topah Spoonhunter, Jody Veenker, Mary Mae Kilpatrick

NOES:

ABSENT: Robert Sharp

ABSTAIN:

MEDICAL EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

Doctor Bourne also reported that a small group of medical staff were able to gather a few weeks ago for the first time and exchange positive feedback with each other to help combat physician burn out during these challenging times and would also like to thank the District for the funds.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Pioneer Home Health Quarterly Report
- Eastern Sierra Emergency Physician Quarterly Report
- Compliance Department Quarterly Report
- Approval of minutes of the July 7, 2021 special meeting
- Approval of minutes of the July 21, 2021 regular meeting
- Financial and Statistical Report as of June 30, 2021
- Human Resources Employee Handbook Policies

It was moved by Mr. Spoonhunter, seconded by Ms. Turner, and passed with a 4 to 0 vote to approve all seven Consent Agenda items as presented.

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

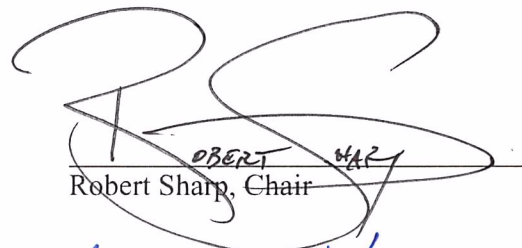
REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Veenker asked if any members of the Board of Directors wished to report on any items of interest. Mr. Spoonhunter reported that the Search Committee would be performing their first round of interviews for the CEO position to six potential candidates. He additionally reported that there were a great number of candidates that have a wide range of experience all throughout the country. They are making a big effort in analyzing all of the skills and strengths each candidate has to offer. Ms. Turner also concurred with Mr. Spoonhunter on this update.

Ms. Kilpatrick also reported that in the next year the District will be looking into getting a new transportation vehicle with wheelchair accessibility for the CareShuttle. She expressed the importance of advertising this service to the community. She also reported that NIHD has received approximately \$5,000 in contributions so far.

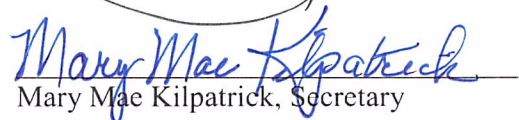
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.



ROBERT SHARP  
Robert Sharp, Chair

Attest:



Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Secretary