

- 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  
Joy Engblade MD, Chief Medical Officer  
Allison Partridge RN, MSN, Chief Nursing Officer  
Sierra Bourne MD, Interim 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. No comments were heard.
- NEW BUSINESS
- COVID 19 UPDATE                      Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer Kelli Davis MBA provided a monthly Covid 19 update which included the following:
- Inyo County's number of positive Covid 19 cases have decreased significantly and continue to trend downward
  - Covid 19 Incident Command meetings continue. Key healthcare partners and community stakeholders participate in meetings with Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) on a weekly basis.
  - Inyo County recently transitioned from the purple (widespread) Covid tier to the red (substantial) tier
  - NIHD's Respiratory Care Unit is in the green zone (1 or fewer patients)
  - A second mass vaccination event will be held this upcoming weekend, and appointments are still available for those who wish

to be vaccinated. NIHD also continues to offer vaccinations to members of the public on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

MOMENT OF  
APPRECIATION FOR  
DISTRICT STAFF AND  
PROVIDERS

The District Board took a moment to appreciate NIHD staff and providers for their continued dedication during the Covid 19 pandemic. Mr. Sharp reported that Covid Hero awards for the month of April were presented to:

- William Timbers MD (*NIHD Emergency Department physician and former Interim Chief Medical Officer*)
- Nicole Cooper (*NIHD Women's Clinic*)
- Lisa Davis (*NIHD and Reach Air*)

BRONCO CLINIC  
UPDATE

Ms. Davis introduced Colleen McEvoy RN, MSN, C-PNP to provide an update on the Bronco Clinic, a school-based Health Center at Bishop Union High. During Ms. McEvoy's presentation, the following items were noted:

- The Bronco Clinic represents a joint effort and partnership between NIHD and Bishop Unified High School (BUHS) to provide students with access to care
- Services provided at the Clinic include medical care; mental health services; reproductive health services and education; dental services; and youth engagement
- The Bronco Clinic opened in January of 2018. It was later temporarily closed in order to improve operations and implement needed changes. The Clinic remains closed at this time, but will re-open as soon as possible.
- Benefits of school-based clinics include providing services to students where they are; a resulting decrease in student absences; increased access for students to healthcare; promoting responsibility in youth for their own health; and helping busy parents to stay at work
- Future plans for the Clinic include becoming a Medi-Cal and Family Pact Provider; implementing insurance billing; consideration of providing student sports physicals; and improving student access to mental health services
- The BUHS Bronco Clinic is a member of the California School-Based Health Alliance

VENDOR  
CREDENTIALING  
POLICY AND  
PROCEDURE

Ms. Davis called attention to a proposed District-wide *Vendor Credentialing* Policy and Procedure which outlines the process for credentialing all vendors and representatives from outside businesses or organizations, according to state and federal guidelines and Joint Commission recommendations. It was moved by Jean Turner, seconded by Jody Veenker, and unanimously passed to approve the proposed *Vendor Credentialing* Policy and Procedure as presented.

REVIEW OF NIHD  
BOARD AD HOC  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Sharp called attention to possible re-organization and membership review of the following active NIHD Board of Directors Ad Hoc Committees:



1. Board/Medical Staff Relations Committee (*Directors Sharp and Turner, members*)
2. Physician Compensation Subcommittee (*Directors Sharp and Veenker, members*)
3. Joint Conference Committee (*Directors Sharp and Veenker, members*)
4. NIHD/SMHD Joint Relations Committee (*Directors Sharp and Veenker, members*)
5. NIHD Medical Staff Wellness Survey Committee (*Directors Sharp and Veenker, members*)

Discussion followed on the continuing need for each Committee as well as areas of potentially overlapping efforts. As a result of the discussion the following changes were made:

- NIHD Board/Med Staff Relations Committee: *dissolved*, can resume if a future need arises (moved by Mary Mae Kilpatrick, seconded by Ms. Veenker, and unanimously passed to approve dissolving the NIHD Board/Med Staff Relations Committee). If this Committee is reinstated in the future, the Board Chair will appoint 2 Board members to serve on that Committee.
- Physician Compensation Subcommittee: *remains* (it was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, and unanimously passed to appoint Directors Sharp and Spoonhunter to serve as Physician Compensation Subcommittee members going forward).
- NIHD/SMHD Joint Relations Committee: *remains the same* with no changes being made
- NIHD Medical Staff Wellness Survey Committee: *remains the same* with no changes being made

Director Veenker additionally asked that selection of Board members to serve on a Chief Executive Officer Selection Ad Hoc Committee be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the District Board.

#### CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

#### POLICY AND PROCEDURE APPROVALS

Interim Chief of Staff Sierra Bourne, MD reported following careful review, consideration, and approval by the appropriate Committees the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following District-Wide Policies and Procedures:

1. *Echocardiogram Performance Protocol*
2. *Medical Staff Department Policy – Hospital Medicine*
3. *Stabilization and Resuscitation of the Newborn*
4. *Standardized Procedure for the Admission of the Well Newborn*
5. *Standardized Procedure for COVID-19 Test Results*

It was moved by Ms. Kilpatrick, seconded by Ms. Turner, and unanimously passed to approve all 5 Policies and Procedures as presented.

#### MEDICAL STAFF APPOINTMENT

Doctor Bourne additionally reported the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following Medical Staff appointment:

- Cheryl Olson, MD (*general surgery*) – Courtesy Staff

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Veenker, and unanimously

passed to approve the Medical Staff appointment of Cheryl Olson MD as requested.

REQUESTS FOR  
ADDITIONAL  
PRIVILEGES

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

1. Stefan Schunk, MD (*internal medicine*) – request for outpatient core privileges and trigger point injection privileges
2. Monika Mehrens, DO (*family medicine*) – request for outpatient core privileges

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Topah Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to approve the granting of Additional Privileges for Doctors Schunk and Mehrens as requested.

MEDICAL STAFF  
RESIGNATIONS

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

1. Rainier Manzanilla, MD (*cardiology*) – effective 3/1/21
2. Diana Havill, MD (*psychiatry, Adventist Health*) – effective 4/30/21

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, and unanimously passed to approve both Medical Staff resignations as requested.

MEDICAL STAFF  
ORGANIZATIONAL  
CHART

Doctor Bourne additionally called attention to an updated NIHD Medical Staff Organizational Chart, noting the following Medical Staff leadership positions:

- Chief of Staff: *Sierra Bourne, MD*
- Vice Chief of Staff: *Anne Wakamiya, MD*
- Chair of Surgery, Tissue, Transfusion, and Anesthesia (STTA): *Robbin Cromer-Tyler, MD*
- Chair of Inpatient Medicine: *Monika Mehrens, DO*
- Chair of Outpatient Medicine: *Anne Wakamiya, MD*
- Chair of Peri-Peds: *Martha Kim, MD*
- Chair of Emergency Department: *Adam Hawkins, DO*
- Chair of Radiology: *Edmund Pillsbury, MD*

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- *Approval of minutes of the March 10 2021 special meeting*
- *Approval of minutes of the March 14 2021 special meeting*
- *Approval of minutes of the March 17 2021 regular meeting*
- *Financial and Statistical reports as of February 28 2021*
- *Policy and Procedure annual approvals*
- *Cerner Implementation update*

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to approve all six Consent Agenda items as presented.



BOARD MEMBER  
REPORTS

Mr. Sharp also asked if any members of the Board of Directors wished to report on their attendance at any NIHD Committee meetings. Director Spoonhunter reported he recently met with NIHD Leadership and District legal counsel to discuss the structure and best practices for NIHD's construction projects going forward. Director Kilpatrick reported on her recent attendance at an NIHD Quality Council meeting, and Director Turner reported on attendance at an Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) Advocacy Committee meeting. No other reports were heard.

ADJOURNMENT TO  
CLOSED SESSION

At 7:10 pm Mr. Sharp reported the meeting would adjourn to Closed Session to allow the District Board of Directors to:

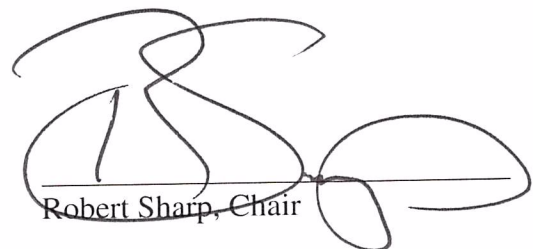
- A. Conference with Legal Counsel, existing litigation (*pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9*). Name of case: Inyo County LAFO and NIHD v. SMHD, Case No. 3-2015-8002247-CY-WM-GDS-Sacramento County.
- B. Conference with Labor Negotiators, Agency Designated Representative: Irma Moisa; Employee Organization: AFSCME Council 57 (*pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6*).
- C. Significant exposure to litigation (*pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9*), 3 cases.
- D. 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.

RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION AND REPORT  
OF ACTION TAKEN

At 8:46 pm the meeting returned to Open Session. Mr. Sharp reported that the Board took no reportable action.

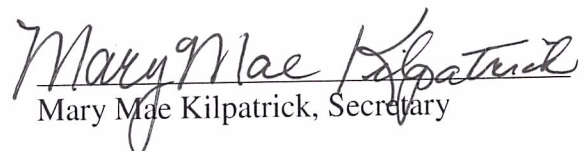
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.



Robert Sharp, Chair

Attest:



Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Secretary