

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mary Mae Kilpatrick, District Board Vice Chair.

PRESENT

Jody Veenker, Chair (via zoom)  
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  
Allison Partridge RN, MSN, Chief Nursing Officer (via zoom)  
Joy Engblade, MD, Chief Medical Officer  
Keith Collins, General Legal Counsel (Jones & Mayer)  
Vinay Behl, Interim Chief Financial Officer (via zoom)

OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kilpatrick 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  
2022 COMMUNITY  
HEALTHCARE NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT CHNA  
UPDATE

Chief Executive Officer, Kelli Davis, provided an update and explained that the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) survey closed June 3, 2022. The CHNA committee will be meeting with QHR to discuss the results of the survey. The Board will continue to receive updates.

NORTHERN INYO  
HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
EMERGENCY  
DEPARTMENT SEXUAL  
ASSAULT RESPONSE  
UPDATE

Ms. Davis introduced Allison Partridge, Chief Nursing Officer. Ms. Partridge provided an update regarding the current NIHD Sexual Assault response workflow and explained that while NIHD does not currently perform sexual assault exams the district is committed to maximizing effectiveness in responding to sexual violence encounters. She also reported that NIHD works closely with law enforcement, surrounding hospitals and local agencies to ensure the victims of domestic violence are aware of the resources available in the community.

APPROVAL OF  
OPERATING AND

Interim Chief Financial Officer, Vinay Behl and Financial Budget

CAPITAL BUDGET FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Analyst, Jennifer Colbert provided a presentation of the proposed NIHD Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Public comments and questions were heard from Marcia Male and Kyle Wakamiya in regards to the presentation. Mr. Behl clarified questions.

It was moved by Jean Turner, seconded by Topah Spoonhunter, and unanimously passed to approve the NIHD Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

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

MEDICAL STAFF  
APPOINTMENTS

1. *Matt Irons, PA-C (family practice) – Advance Practice Provider Staff*
2. *Grant Meeker, MD (anesthesiology) – Active Staff*
3. *Jennifer Meeker, MD (anesthesiology) – Active Staff*

It was moved by Mr. Spoonhunter, seconded by Ms. Turner, and unanimously passed to approve all three (3) Medical Staff Appointments as requested.

CHANGES IN MEDICAL  
STAFF CATEGORY

Doctor Bourne reported, following review, consideration and approval by the appropriate Committees, the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following Changes in Medical Staff Category:

1. *J. Daniel Cowan, MD – anesthesiology*
2. *Michael Dillon, MD – emergency medicine*
3. *Daniel Firer, MD – emergency medicine*
4. *Casey Graves, MD – emergency medicine*
5. *Curtis Schweizer, MD – anesthesiology*
6. *Carolyn Tiernan, MD – emergency medicine*

It was moved by Mr. Spoonhunter, seconded by Ms. Turner, and passed with a 4 in favor 1 abstention vote to approve the six (6) Changes in Medical Staff Category as requested.

ABSTENTIONS: Jody Veenker

MEDICAL STAFF  
RESIGNATIONS

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

1. *Kinsey Pillsbury, MD (radiology) – effective 05/18/22*
2. *Milan Shah, MD (urology) – effective 05/19/22*

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and passed with a 4 in favor 1 abstention vote to approve the two (2) Medical Staff

Resignations as requested.

ABSTENTIONS: Jody Veenker

POLICIES

Doctor Bourne reported the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following District-Wide Policies:

1. *COVID-19 Vaccination for NIHD Workforce*
2. *DI - Communication of Mammography Results to the Patient*
3. *DI - MRI Safety Plan*
4. *DI - NM P&P - Area Surveys and Wipe Tests*
5. *DI - NM P&P - Daily Area Surveys*
6. *DI - Reportable/Recordable Events in CT, Fluoroscopy, & Nuclear Medicine*
7. *Diagnostic Imaging - Lead Interpreting Mammographer Responsibilities*
8. *Diagnostic Imaging - Mammography Compliance Requirements*
9. *Diagnostic Imaging - Self-Referral for Breast Screening Exams*
10. *Gait Belt Policy*
11. *Infection Prevention Recommendations for Avian Influenza, Novel Influenza, and Seasonal Flu*
12. *Medical Staff Department Policy – Emergency Medicine*
13. *Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN)*
14. *Nursing Chain of Command in Resolving Patient Care Issues*
15. *Pre- and Post-Operative Anesthesia Visits*
16. *Scope of Anesthesia Practice*
17. *Services for Swing Bed Patients*
18. *Standardized Procedure - Emergency Care for the Nurse Practitioner or Certified Nurse Midwife*
19. *Standardized Protocol - Emergency Care for the Physician Assistant*
20. *Standardized Procedure - Well Child Care Policy for the Nurse Practitioner*
21. *Standardized Protocol - Well Child Care Policy for the Physician Assistant*
22. *Swing Bed Patients Inter-Disciplinary Care Conference*

It was moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Spoonhunter, and passed with a 4 in favor 1 abstention vote to approve all twenty-two (22) Policies as presented.

ABSTENTIONS: Jody Veenker

MEDICAL EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

Doctor Bourne provided a report on the Medical Executive Committee meeting and clarified questions. She also reported that doctor William Timbers and his family would be leaving the area; the Board expressed their appreciation for all of the hard work and dedication that he has provided to the District.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. *Approval of District Board Resolution 22-11, to continue to allow Board meetings to be held virtually.*
2. *Approval of minutes of the April 26, 2022 Special Board Meeting*
3. *Approval of minutes of the May 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting*
4. *Approval of minutes of the May 25, 2022 Special Board Meeting*
5. *Approval of recently revised Northern Inyo Healthcare District Bylaws*
6. *Approval of the Northern Inyo Healthcare District Governance Committee Charter*

It was moved by Mr. Spoonhunter, seconded by Robert Sharp, and passed with a 4 in favor and 1 abstention vote six (6) Consent Agenda items as presented. Mr. Sharp abstained from the May 25, 2022, Special Board Meeting Minutes due to the fact that he was absent from that meeting.

ABSTENTIONS: Jody Veenker

BOARD MEMBER  
REPORTS ON ITEMS OF  
INTEREST

Ms. Kilpatrick 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. Kilpatrick 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 7:18 pm Ms. Kilpatrick announced the meeting would adjourn to Closed Session to allow the District Board of Directors to:

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

RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION AND REPORT OF  
ANY ACTION TAKEN

At 9:10 pm, the meeting returned to Open Session. Ms. Kilpatrick reported that the Board took no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.



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Jody Veenker, Chair

Attest:



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Topah Spoonhunter, Secretary