Northern Inyo Healthcare District Board of Directors Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER	Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Board Vice-Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
PRESENT	Jean Turner, Vice Chair Ted Gardner, Secretary David McCoy Barrett, Treasurer Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Member at Large
	Stephen DelRossi, Chief Executive Officer Allison Partridge, Chief Operations Officer / Chief Nursing Officer Alison Murray, Chief Human Resources Officer, Chief Business Development Officer Andrea Mossman, Chief Financial Officer Sierra Bourne, MD, Chief of Staff
ABSENT	Melissa Best-Baker, Chair – participated as a member of the public Adam Hawkins, DO, Chief Medical Officer
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS	No public comments were made on closed-session items.
ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION	Adjournment to closed session at 05:01 pm.
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION	Called back to order at 05:24 pm
	Vice-chair Turner stated there were no reportable actions from the closed session.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Vice-chair Turner reported that at this time, audience members may speak on any items not on the agenda but within the Board's jurisdiction.
	Phyllis Matola commented on Dr. Thomas Reid's letter in the paper. She expressed concern and a desire to offer ophthalmology services locally.
	Susan Branston commented and wrote a letter to the board expressing a desire for the hospital to hire an ophthalmologist.
	Eva Fulgilson mimicked a desire to research and hire an ophthalmologist.
NEW BUSINESS	
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT	<ul><li>Vice-chair Turner called attention to new business.</li><li>1. CEO addendum discussion ensued.</li></ul>
	Motion to approve the CEO addendum: Barrett Second: Kilpatrick Passed: 4-0

	2. Compliance report discussion ensued. Turner called attention to the Compliance Business Ethics Committee and the desire to revisit this committee in January 2025.
	Motion to accept the compliance report: Kilpatrick Second: Barrett Passed: 4-0
	3. Compliance Regulatory Changes and Hot Topics discussion ensued.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT	<ol> <li>Vice-chair Turner called attention to the CEO.</li> <li>Transfer of ownership RCTMD Inc. from Cromer-Tyler to Loy discussion ensued.</li> <li>Cooperation of the Foundation, DelRossi stated that Alison Murray is the Executive sponsor for the Foundation, Ashley Reed is the Board Clerk, and Andrea Mossman will be doing the finances. Turner asked whether the Foundation would be sending the yearly support letter. Murray expressed that would be sent before the end of the year.</li> <li>Orthopedic Physician Jeb Reid started on Nov 4, 2024, and discussion ensued.</li> <li>The Inyo Associates Dinner was attended by DelRossi and Murray, they were able to give updates about the hospital at the meeting.</li> <li>Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance Walk was on Oct 19, 2024. NIHD signed a contract with the cancer alliance giving them the same discounts offered to Medicaid in support and help with their mission.</li> </ol>
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT	<ul> <li>Vice Chair Turner called attention to the CFO report.</li> <li>1. CFO Departmental Report discussion ensued.</li> <li>2. NIHD Financial Update Report discussion ensued.</li> <li>Motion to approve Financial reports: Gardner Second: Barrett Passed: 4-0</li> </ul>
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER REPORT	No report out
CHRO / CBDO REPORT	<ol> <li>Vice Chair called attention to the CHRO/CBDO Report         <ol> <li>Strategic plan discussion ensued. The plan is set to be approved at the December 2024 meeting.</li> <li>Departmental report discussion ensued. Kilpatrick asked about the grant writer, and Murray expressed the contract is still in the works.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT	<ul> <li>Vice Chair Turner called attention to the chief of staff report</li> <li>1. Perinatal/Pediatrics Chair Dr. Ricci. She expressed gratitude for the 2 full-time RNs working in pediatrics, the new heating/cooling, and flooring. She explained that she helps with the QIP measures, the Bronco Clinic, and the community on the First 5 board. She explained</li> </ul>

obstetrics and pediatrics are helping with the increase in Mammoth and Ridgecrest baby deliveries here in Bishop. We are actively recruiting for Pediatrics. Sierra Bourne 1. MEC – IV fluid conservation measures noted that NIHD has been working 2. Artera communication platform, is a patient reminder system and is going well. 3. Medical staff are interested in potential AI assistance. 4. Some of the medical staff are concerned with Inyo County's influenza vaccination requirement and have written a letter to Inyo County's Dr. Richardson. CONSENT AGENDA Vice-chair Turner called attention to the consent agenda. No items were removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Motion to approve the consent agenda: Gardner Second: Kilpatrick Passed: 4-0 GENERAL INFORMATION Turner noted the ACHD conference will be in San Diego in 2025. FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 7:19 pm.

Jean Turner Northern Inyo Healthcare District Chair

Attest:

David Lent Northern Inyo Healthcare District Chair Secretary