

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Peter Watercott, President.

PRESENT Peter Watercott, President
D. Scott Clark, M.D., Vice President
Michael Phillips, M.D.

ALSO PRESENT John Halfen, Administrator
Douglas Buchanan, Esq., Hospital District Legal Counsel
Sandy Blumberg, Administrative Secretary

ABSENT John Ungersma, M.D., Treasurer
Taema Weiss, M.D., Chief of Staff

ALSO PRESENT FOR
RELEVANT PORTION(S) Dianne Shirley, R.N., Performance Improvement Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENTS
ON AGENDA Mr. Watercott asked if any members of the public wished to address the Board on any items listed on the agenda for this meeting. No comments were heard.

MINUTES The minutes of the February 21, 2007 regular meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL AND
STATISTIAL REPORTS John Halfen, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed with the Board the financial and statistical reports for the month of January 2007. Mr. Halfen noted the statement of operations shows a bottom line excess of revenues over expenses of \$650,754. Mr. Halfen called attention to the following:

- *Inpatient days were over budget*
- *Ancillary service revenue was under budget*
- *Total expenses were under budget*
- *Employee Salaries and Wages were over budget, due to a January COLA adjustment and an adjustment to pay grades 1-7*
- *Employee Benefits were under budget*
- *Total Assets continue to grow steadily*
- *Year-to-date net revenue is \$3,201,261*

Mr. Halfen noted by the end of the fiscal year he expects year-to-date net revenue to be approximately 20 to 30 percent higher than it is at this time. He additionally noted that cash reserves have reached the amount he hoped to have by the end of the fiscal year. It was moved by D. Scott Clark, M.D., seconded by Michael Phillips, M.D. and passed to approve the financial and statistical reports for the month of January 2007.

ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT

BUILDING UPDATE Mr. Halfen reported the building project is running slightly ahead of schedule and everything is going smoothly at this time. Board members were provided with a monthly construction project report from Turner

Construction, which provided detailed information on the progress of the project. The new Support building is expected to be completed during September of this year, and the new Radiology building is expected to be completed by the end of December.

DIETARY QUALITY
ASSURANCE REVIEW

Mr. Halfen referred to a Dietary Quality Assurance Review for the first Quarter of 2006 that was prepared for Northern Inyo Hospital (NIH) by Dietitian Barbara Higginbotham. Dietary QA Reports will be provided on a quarterly basis in order to comply with suggestions made during the Hospital's recent unannounced audit by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO).

FOOD FACILITY
INSPECTION REPORT

Mr. Halfen called attention to a recent Food Facility Inspection Report that was issued following an unannounced County inspection of the Hospital kitchen that took place on March 8th. The inspector found the Hospital kitchen to be "*clean and well maintained, conscientiously operated*".

CHIEF OF STAFF
REPORT

Maggie Egan, Medical Staff Coordinator stated the Medical Staff Executive Committee did not meet this month, and because Chief of Staff Taema Weiss, M.D. was not present at this meeting there would be no Chief of Staff report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to report on at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY & PROCEDURE
MANUAL APPROVAL

Mr. Halfen stated that the following items listed on the agenda for this meeting under the heading of *New Business* will be tabled to the next regular meeting of the District Board:

HOLOGIC

STEREOTACTIC BREAST
BIOPSY SYSTEM

- Policy and Procedure Manual Approval, "Mammography & MQSA"
- Hologic Stereotactic Breast Biopsy system

NATIONAL PATIENT
SAFETY GOALS

- National Patient Safety Goals at NIH

ELECTION OF
OFFICERS, SECRETARY
VACANCY

Mr. Halfen stated that as a result of the recent resignation of Board Secretary Pat Calloway a new Secretary must be elected to fulfill the duties of that office. It was moved by Peter Watercott, seconded by Doctor Clark, and passed to elect Doctor Phillips as the new Secretary of the District Board. Mr. Watercott thanked Doctor Phillips for agreeing to fulfill the duties of this office.

DECISION ON FILLING
BOARD OF
DIRECTOR'S VACANCY

District Legal Counsel Douglas Buchanan Esq. asked that the Board decide on the manner in which a replacement for outgoing Board Member Pat Calloway will be found. The Board may either choose to appoint a

replacement for Ms. Calloway or they may chose to hold a special election in order to fill the vacancy. It was moved by Doctor Clark, seconded by Doctor Phillips, and passed to approve that the Board appoint a new representative from Zone 5 of the Hospital District. A Notice of Vacancy will be posted in at least there conspicuous locations within the District and an announcement will be placed in the Inyo Register requesting that interested parties submit an application and letter of interest to fill the position. The vacancy must be filled by appointment of the Board by May 5 2007, or the task of appointment will default to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors.

BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Mr. Watercott asked if any members of the Board of Directors wished to report on any items of interest.

Mr. Watercott stated that per a recent discussion with City of Bishop Public Works Director David Grah and City of Bishop Public Services Officer Gary Schley, the City is pleased with the progress of the rebuild project and commends Turner Construction for the fine job they are doing on the project. Mr. Watercott additionally stated that Mr. Grah and Mr. Schley have been extremely helpful to the efforts of the rebuild project.

OPPORTUNITY FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT

In keeping with the Brown Act, Mr. Watercott asked if any members of the public wished to address the Board of Directors on items of interest.

Medical Staff Coordinator Maggie Egan reported that the Hospital Foundation's annual *Spring Fling* will be held at the Tri-County Fairgrounds on April 14th. The Hospice of The Owens Valley will also hold its annual *5K & 10K Walk/Run* on that same day.

Mr. Halfen also noted that the NIH Employee Recognition Breakfast will be held on April 19th at Whiskey Creek Restaurant

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:42 p.m., Mr. Watercott announced the meeting was being adjourned to closed session to allow the Board of Directors to:

- A. Hear reports on the Hospital quality assurance activities, and hear a report from the Medical Staff Executive Committee (Section 32155 of the Health and Safety Code, and Government Code Section 54962).
- B. Confer with legal counsel regarding a claim filed by Patrick Plunkett, M.D. against Northern Inyo County Local Hospital District (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).
- C. Confer with legal counsel regarding a claim filed by Diane Grace against Northern Inyo County Local Hospital District (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).
- D. Confer with legal counsel regarding a claim filed by April Villalobos against Northern Inyo County Local Hospital District and other defendants (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).

- E. Confer with legal counsel regarding a claim filed by Xxxxx Xxxx against Northern Inyo County Local Hospital District (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).
- F. Confer with legal counsel regarding a claim filed by Landon and Lisa Kleeman against Northern Inyo County Local Hospital District (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).
- G. To discuss a Real Estate Opportunity (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)).

OPEN SESSION

At 5:55 p.m., the meeting was returned to open session. Mr. Watercott reported that the Board voted to reject the claim filed by April Villalobos against Northern Inyo County Local Hospital District and other defendants as late.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Watercott again asked if any members of the public wished to address the Board on any items listed on the agenda for this meeting. No comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Peter Watercott, President

Attest:

Michael Phillips, M.D., Secretary