

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mary Mae Kilpatrick, President.

PRESENT Mary Mae Kilpatrick, President
Jean Turner, Vice President
Robert Sharp, Secretary
M.C. Hubbard, Treasurer
Jody Veenker, Member at Large
Stacey Brown MD, Vice Chief of Staff
Kevin S. Flanigan MD, MBA, Chief Executive Officer
Kelli Davis, MBA, Chief Operating Officer
John Tremble, Chief Financial Officer
Tracy Aspel RN, BSN, Chief Nursing Officer

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Ms. Kilpatrick stated at this time persons in the audience may speak on any items not on the agenda for this meeting on any matter within the jurisdiction of the District Board. Speakers will be limited to a maximum of three minutes each, and members of the audience will have an opportunity to address the Board on every item on the agenda. No comments were heard.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION Chief Executive Officer Kevin S. Flanigan, MD, MBA introduced David Sandberg with *Cycle of Business* to conduct a Strategic Planning and Board Training session with the Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Board, leadership, physicians, and staff. The strategic session included the following:

- Review of NIHD Strategic Planning efforts to date
- Discussion of healthcare industry challenges and trends
- Determination of the District’s future strategic goals
- Next steps in the strategic planning process

In-depth discussion and brainstorming on the topic of strategic planning took place, and discussion included a review of data collected from the 2019 Inyo County Community Healthcare Needs Assessment. At conclusion of discussion it was determined that the Districts’ key strategic initiatives going forward include:

- Capturing the market on specialty services
- Provision of new services currently not available in the community
- Focus on Behavioral Health and Behavioral Health services and issues
- Expansion of the NIHD Rural Health Clinic to become a Patient Centered Medical Home
- Continued collaboration with community partners
- Community outreach, public relations, and education
- Implementation of technology that will improve the provision of

District healthcare services

Completion of the District's strategic work will result in a combined physical health and behavioral health service delivery model.

CHIEF OF STAFF
REPORT

Vice Chief of Staff Stacey Brown 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:

POLICY AND
PROCEDURE
APPROVALS

1. *Medication Security*
2. *Classifying Adverse Transfusion Reactions*
3. *Standardized Procedure for Admission of the Well Newborn*
4. *ED: Initiation of Buprenorphine in the Emergency Department*
5. *Opioid Administration*
6. *Controlled Substance*
7. *Healthcare Worker Health Screening and Maintenance Requirements Policy*
8. *Placenta Disposal*
9. *Da Vinci Robot Cleaning and Maintenance*

It was moved by Jean Turner, seconded by Robert Sharp, and unanimously passed to approve Policies and Procedures 1 through 9 as presented.

MEDICAL STAFF
APPOINTMENTS

Doctor Brown also reported the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following Medical Staff Appointments:

1. David Amsalem, MD (*emergency medicine*) – Provisional Active Staff
2. Bo Loy, MD (*orthopedic surgery*) – Provisional Active Staff

It was moved by M.C. Hubbard, seconded by Ms. Turner, and unanimously passed to approve both Medical Staff Appointments as requested.

ADVANCED PRACTICE
PROVIDER
APPOINTMENT

Doctor Brown additionally reported the Medical Executive Committee recommends approval of the following Advanced Practice Provider appointment:

1. Tamara Loy, PNP (*Pediatric Clinic*)

It was moved by Jody Veenker, seconded by Ms. Hubbard, and unanimously passed to approve the Medical Staff appointment of Tamara Loy PNP as requested.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO
NEW STAFF
CATEGORIES

Doctor Brown also reported following careful review, consideration, and approval by the appropriate Committees the Medical Executive Committee recommends the following reappointments to a new Staff category:

1. Tamara McBride, MD (*family medicine/hospitalist*) – change from Temporary Staff to Provisional Active Staff
2. Monika Mehrens, DO (*family medicine/hospitalist*) – change from Temporary Staff to Provisional Active Staff

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

passed to approve both reappointments to new Staff categories as requested.

TEMPORARY
PRIVILEGES FOR 60
DAYS

Doctor Brown also stated the Medical Executive Committee recommends granting of Temporary Privileges for 60 days for the following:

1. Jennifer Kosek, MD (*radiology*) – for the locum tenens coverage of Dr. Stuart Souders

It was moved by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Ms. Hubbard, and unanimously passed to approve Temporary Privileges for Doctor Kosek as requested.

EXTENSION OF
TEMPORARY
PRIVILEGES FOR AN
ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS

Doctor Brown also requested approval of extension of temporary privileges for an additional 60 days for the following:

- Joseph BenPerlas, MD (*internal medicine*) – locums hospitalist
- Michael Rhodes, MD (*internal medicine*) – locums hospitalist

It was moved by Ms. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Sharp, and unanimously passed to approve the extension of temporary privileges for Doctors BenPerlas and Rhodes as requested.

MEDICAL STAFF
RESIGNATIONS

Doctor Brown additionally requested approval of the following Medical Staff resignations:

1. N. Michelle Inforzato, MD (*internal medicine*)
2. Leo Pisculli, MD (*psychiatry*)

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

MEDICAL STAFF
ADVANCEMENT

Doctor Brown also reported the Medical Executive Committee recommends the following Medical Staff advancement:

1. Anne Wakamiya, MD (*internal medicine*) – recommended for advancement from Provisional Active Staff to Active Staff

It was moved by Ms. Veenker, seconded by Ms. Hubbard, and unanimously passed to approve the Medical Staff advancement of Anne Wakamiya MD as requested.

PHYSICIAN
RECRUITING UPDATE

Doctor Brown additionally reported that urologist Matthew Ercolani MD will begin seeing patients in the NIHD Specialty Clinic in the month of October. The District is also currently recruiting a surgical oncologist who would potentially work with Jay Harness MD, as well as an additional urologist to work with Doctor Ercolani.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- *Approval of minutes of the August 21 2019 regular meeting*
- *Approval of minutes of the September 9 2019 special meeting*
- *Financial and statistical reports as of June 30, 2019*
- *Compliance Department report as of September 2019*
- *Policy and Procedure annual approvals*

It was moved by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Ms. Veenker, and unanimously

passed to approve all five Consent Agenda items as presented.

BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Ms. Kilpatrick then asked if any members of the Board of Directors wished to comment on any items of interest. Director Sharp reported that a Bishop Chamber of Commerce mixer will be held at the Joseph House tomorrow night. He also stated that a Request for Proposal (RFP) for District legal services will be placed on the agenda for the October regular meeting. Ms. Turner reported that Dana Jorgensen from Senator Andreas Borgeas's office recently toured Northern Inyo Hospital, and that he delivered Certificates of Recognition for NIHD physicians, former Board members, and staff. She additionally noted that NIHD Leadership recently traveled to an Inyo County Board of Supervisors meeting at which the month of October was proclaimed Breast Cancer Awareness month. Director Hubbard reported that she and incoming NIHD orthopedist Bo Loy MD recently attended the Inyo Associates monthly meeting, and that Doctor Loy will attend other community group meetings as well. Director Kilpatrick invited the community to attend a Community Information Night scheduled for September 25 2019, and she additionally mentioned that the District has many events scheduled during the month of October to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

ADJOURNMENT TO
CLOSED SESSION

At 8:22 pm Ms. Kilpatrick announced the meeting would adjourn to Closed Session to allow the Board of Directors to:

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators; Agency Designated Representative: Irma Moisa; Employee Organization: AFSCME Council 57 (*pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6*).

RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION AND REPORT
OF ACTION TAKEN

At 9:04 pm the meeting returned to Open Session. Ms. Kilpatrick reported the Board took no reportable action

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Mary Mae Kilpatrick, President

Attest:

Robert Sharp, Secretary