

**GARFIELD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 15, 2010

Meeting called to order at: 12:06

Present: Roger Dumbeck, Jenness Evanson, Pat Richardson, Jim Maves.

Excused: Vonni Mulrony


Staff & Guests: Andrew Craigie, Susan Morrow, Shannon Jones, Shannon Long, Konrad Capeller (telecom), John McLean, Dr. Glenn Houser, Josh Mayfield, Steve Moore, Megan Berglund, and Chris Munoz.

BUSINESS

1. Hospital Facility Planning Update: Andrew reviewed what was discussed at the Board of Commissioners Retreat regarding the concerns, options, and what to expect with each option regarding the problem areas of the facility.
 - a. Option 1: Replace the existing hospital with the construction of a new addition to the southwest corner of the LTC building.
 - b. Option 2: Relocate the existing hospital services into the present LTC building and reduce the number of LTC beds.
 - c. The construction team answered questions from the board and guests regarding the new HVAC system.
 - d. Konrad reviewed the capital reimbursement for the depreciation and construction.
2. Andrew is requesting to "revisit" option 2 and presents a Revised Option 2.
 - a. Revised Option 2: Suggests the relocation of hospital services into the existing LTC building and reducing the total bed count by 20. It is believed this will be less costly and has potential to stabilize reimbursement for the hospital.
 - b. Konrad presented the details of Option 2 – Reduction of Nursing Home Capacity to Swing-beds only
 - a. Revenue Changes:
 1. Reduction of net nursing home revenue.
 2. Hospital net ancillary revenue will decrease; exactly how much is unknown.
 3. Total revenue reduction – approximately \$1,238,000
 - b. Reimbursement Changes:
 1. Some of the cost will be eliminated and much of it will be reallocated or absorbed by other hospital departments.
 2. "Other" hospital departments are cost-based reimbursed so there will be an increase in reimbursements.
 3. Complete analysis will have to be done but suggested increase is \$400,000 - \$600,000.
 - c. Summary Analysis:
 1. Situation with Current Nursing Home: Loss of \$462,000
 2. Situation with Nursing Home Beds Eliminated: Gain of \$50,000 (conservative estimate)
 - d. Capital Costs:
 1. Current space does not require improvements

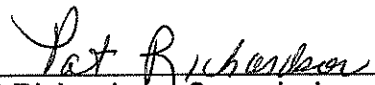
2. Current space in nursing home is not sufficient to contain hospital and ancillary departments.
3. Current Conservative Estimate: \$2 million to \$3.5 million
 - i. Amortized over 30 years of approximately \$150,000 to \$250,000 per year at interest of around 6%.
 - ii. Medicaid and Medicare will reimburse this project at least 50% depending on square footage.
- e. Amount for hospital and voters to finance is between \$65,000 and \$100,000 per year.
- c. John reported how his conversations with DOH and L&I went.
 - a. DOH is our supporter; the state does not want the hospital to close. We have filed a request with DOH for Technical Assistance. DOH will be on site in the facility on May 11 to document the problem areas and areas that of concern.
 - b. He reports L&I is "not at the table yet;" it is our hope that DOH will help us pursue this.
 - c. There was discussion regarding the political aspect of the relationship between GCPHD, DOH, and L&I.
 - d. John asked the Board if the facility would like to purchase a roof top heating/cooling unit for the LTC Dining Room as an alternative to purchasing portable cooling units. The value of this option is the flexibility it will give us in cooling the day room and it would meet a requirement of having a refuge area in the facility should the main unit fail. He will pursue a cost and time proposal for review.
- d. Making a Decision:
 - a. The commissioners agreed that we should wait before proceeding any further with developing options until May 11 to see what the DOH technical assistance reveals.
 - b. It was agreed that it would be premature to present 2 definitive options to the public.
 - c. Hospital Facilities Planning Committee: It was decided to create a committee for hospital facilities planning once we receive the documentation from DOH.
 - d. November 2010 Election: It was decided that any resolution would have to be presented in August for a November general election due to the amount of time required to develop the options and poll the community.
 - e. Chris Munoz suggested that Andrew provide a bi-monthly newspaper article regarding the issues and goings on of the hospital which he will fund. Roger approved of this suggestion.

Meeting adjourn: 14:05


 Roger Dumbuck, President


 Jim Maves, Secretary


 Jenness Evanson, Commissioner


 Pat Richardson, Commissioner


 Vonni Mulrony, Commissioner