

HASKELL COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 28, 2025

Haskell County Hospital District Board held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on January 28th at 6:00 PM in the Haskell Hospital Education Building at 1 Avenue N, Haskell, Texas, per the Open Meetings Act.

Attending: President Robbie Peiser, Vice President Amy Martin, Secretary Darlene Hopkins, Member Reida Penman, Member Elna Camacho, Member Lynn Dale Dudensing, CEO Michelle Stevens, COO Mary Belle Olson, CFO Elizabeth Miller, Controller Crystal Molina, ACNO Dana Myers, and Pharmacy Tech Leah Nicholson.

Absent: CNO Meghan Shelton.

General Public: None.

Invited Guests: Clayton Jobe and Chastity Werner with Senex, Mike Fry with KE Andrews, Taylor Bliss with Nexterra, Amanda Naon with Intersect Power via Zoom. Ryder Cude with First State Bank.

1. **Call to Order and Invocation.** Robbie Peiser called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and certified a quorum. Robbie opened with the invocation.
2. **Review minutes from the November 26, 2024 meeting.** Accepted after making the correction to add ACNO Dana Myers and COO Mary Belle Olson as in attendance.
3. **Public Comment.** Lynn Dale thanked the hospital administration for sending flowers for his granddaughter's funeral.
4. **Quarterly Senex Revenue Cycle Presentation.** Chastity Werner and Clayton Jobe with Senex provided the quarterly billing presentation. She reviewed 2022, 2023, and 2024. AR days have decreased by 19 days. Monthly collections have increased on average by \$293K. We are trending in the right direction for our metrics in general, but we have seen a little upward tick in the AR buckets for December due to the holidays. DNFB days are 22 which is slightly up from the prior year which were 17 but down from 2022 days which were 24.
5. **Review the patient census.** Michelle summarized the stats for December 2024 compared to November 2024 and December 2023. The stats are slightly up from November 2024 and December 2023. IP admits were 1 in December 2024 compared to 3 in November 2024 and 5 in December 2023. We had 52 swing bed days and 0 deaths. ER visits were up compared to November 2024. November seemed to be down. Sleep studies are down slightly in December 2024 compared to November 2024. MRIs are down slightly compared to November 2024 and up compared to December 2023.
6. **Review and approve the financial report including the employee census and AP check registers.** Elizabeth reported that the financials continue to look good for the first quarter of our fiscal year that ends 9/30/25. AR continues to trend down which leads to improved cash flow and decreased AP. Elna made the motion to approve the financial reports, and Amy seconded. All voted to approve the financial reports except Lynn Dale voted not to approve.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
8. **Throckmorton Wind Abatement Agreement.** This abatement agreement represents 46% in tax savings which is comparable to the county's abatement. Almost all Federal permits have been approved. Reida made the motion to approve, and Darlene seconded. All approved.
9. **IP Quantum BESS, LLC Abatement Agreement.** Elna made the motion to approve the agreement, and Reida seconded. All approved.
10. **IP Quantum BESS II LLC Abatement Agreement.** Darlene made the motion to approve the agreement, and Elna seconded. All approved.
11. **Review and approve policies and procedures.** No policies or procedures to approve.
12. **Review and approve the medical staff credentials.** 19 Vesta radiologists were reviewed and approved. The radiologists are Adel A. Abdalla, MD; Steven J. Ashlock, MD; Dennis Burton, MD; Wessam B. Bou-Assaly, MD; Mary B. Calme, MD; Abbas A Chamsuddin, MD; Stephen A. Colvin, MD; Nabeel S. Dar, MD; Russel G. Gelormini, MD; Anne M. Glaser, MD; Grant S. Holz, MD; Gholamreza Malek, MD; Ron Y. Mark, MD; Philip B. McDonald, MD; Bina I. Mustafa, MD; Justin H. Pham, MD; John M. Pohl, MD MS; Robert Rivera-Morales,

MD; and Walter Y. Uyesugi, DO. Reid made the motion to approve the medical staff credentials, and Elna seconded. All approved.

13. Chief Nursing Officer Report. Meghan is out with a sick child, so Dana reported that nurse staffing continues to be an issue. We are using two agencies to fill the gaps – Patriot and TRS. We are negotiating long-term contracts with TRS which should increase consistency and will end up with long-term nurses. We have to have 1 RN and will staff 3 LVNs. Also discussing with TRS to hire a PTA because there is a significant wait list of 2-3 weeks and it will only grow with pain management referrals. Leah Nicholson gave an update on the 340B retail pharmacy for employees. Things are going well and we continue to see the savings for HCHD and also the employees. We have filled 173 employee prescriptions since going live in May 2024. One example of the savings is Vyvanse. Wholesale cost is \$1,196.70. \$170.38 through 340B. Amy recommended double-checking that prescriptions can be cash basis and do not have to be run through CVS Caremark. Leah stated that she provides the costs, and the patient is making the choice. Payroll deduct is the only payment method accepted. To be eligible, the employees have to use our providers. There can be a specialist prescription if there is a referral from one of our providers.




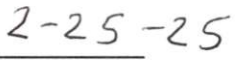
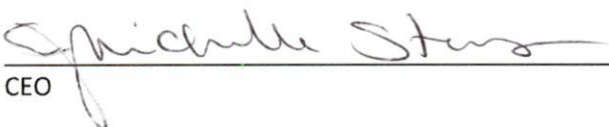
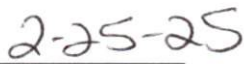
14. Chief Operating Officer Report. Mary Belle reported that Vesta has slow STAT reads. It has improved but it still does not meet the contract terms. We have weekly meetings with Vesta to complete the implementation. The pain management schedule is increasing. 3 times in February. Procedures twice a month. We started weekly billing meetings today to work through any hiccups with the pain management billing. Pain management increases lab, rad, and PT revenue. The Cadenhead clinic should be completed in 2 weeks. We received a \$10K from the Haskell Pink Ladies for furniture. The Haskell County Hospital Foundation is donating \$5K for art for the clinic in memory of Kathryn Schonerstedt. Our RHC survey is postponed due to the move. The Foundation set the date for their Spring fundraiser as May 1st. It is a masquerade ball. Bunco is August 5th and the theme is Grease.

15. CEO Update. Michelle reminded the board to do their self-assessments due by January 30th.

16. Executive Session – No executive session needed.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§ 551.074, 551.085 and 551.071, the Board of Directors shall meet in Executive Session to deliberate personnel matters, certain proposed new service or product lines of the hospital and to consult with its attorney, either in person or by video or telephone, matters which require confidential discussion under the attorney client privilege.

17. Adjourn - President Peiser adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM. The next regular board meeting is February 25, 2025.

	
Board Secretary	Date
	
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CEO	Date