



MEETING MINUTES
ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - PUBLIC SESSION
Board Room, 1600 West Avenue J, Lancaster, CA 93534

LOCATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Auditorium, Community Resource Center
44151 15th St. West, Lancaster, CA 93534

DECEMBER 30, 2020

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Abdallah Farrukh, M.D., Chair (Teleconference)
Phil Tuso, 1st Vice Chair
Mike Rives, 2nd Vice Chair
Don Parazo, M.D., Secretary (Teleconference)
Kristina Hong, NP, Treasurer

DIRECTORS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT:

Edward Mirzabegian, Chief Executive Officer
Pramod Kadambi, M.D., Chief of Staff (Teleconference)
Troy Schell, General Counsel
Trisha Guerrero, Sr. Project Manager

6:30PM – ESTIMATED START TIME

OPEN TO PUBLIC SESSION – 6:35PM

I. REPORTABLE ACTIONS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION – Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair

- A. Report on Actions on Claims Filed with the District (REPORT)**
- B. Medical Staff Recommendations (REPORT)**

Dr. Tuso reported on actions in closed session to include all recommendations provided by counsel and the medical staff recommendations.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR – THE CONSENT CALENDAR, AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON WITH ONE MOTION, A SECOND AND THE VOTE – Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair

- A. Approval of Board Public Session Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020 (ACTION)**
- B. Acceptance of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020 (ACTION)**
- C. Acceptance of the Installation of the New GE Revolution EVO CT (ACTION) – Ed Mirzabegian, CEO**

MOTION: Ms. Hong made a motion to approve the consent calendar; Mr. Rives seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Finance Committee – Dr. Parazo, Chair

- 1. Approval of November 2020 Financial Report (ACTION) – Ken Robinson, CFO



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Mr. Robinson presented the November financial report:
Net revenue is better than the previous year – collections have been outstanding.

Expenses that have significantly made an impact on the finances include:

- Productive salaries - over by \$429K in nursing
- Non-productive salaries – State mandated paid time off bank for COVID-19 has costs the Hospital \$741K
- \$1.5M in registry (29 additional contract nurses)
- Health insurance claims increased by \$500K
- Supplies – PPE and pharmacy costs have increased tremendously.
- \$800K spent on Remdesivir.

November showed an operating loss of \$1.6M.

YTD – Operating income is at a loss of \$1.8M

If not for the \$10.2M received in September from the Cares Act, the Hospital would be at a loss of \$12M.

Volumes:

ER Visits are running 2000 less than the previous year

ER admissions are higher this year by 41

In-patient surgeries are steady

MOTION: Ms. Hong made a motion to approve the financial report for November; Mr. Rives seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** AVHD Six-Month Board Meeting Schedule for January - June 2021 (**ACTION**) Dr. Farrukh, Chair

MOTION: Ms. Hong made a motion to approve the 6-month board meeting schedule; Mr. Rives seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – Ed Mirzabegian (INFORMATION ONLY**)**

- A.** COVID-19 Summary & Update

Mr. Mirzabegian provided the COVID-19 report for the month.



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Since the start of the pandemic, the hospital has seen about 16,000 patients related to COVID-19. Approximately 14,000 were negative and 2100 were positive. Approximately 1100 have been admitted, with 963 discharges. AVH currently has 154 COVID-19 patients in-house.

The hospital is busy and has the space for more patients if needed, but is very short-staffed. The hospital has made changes in patient ratios and made staffing adjustments as needed, but continue to struggle to have enough staff. AVH is working hard to make sure we take care of every patient.

Oxygen usage has increased and there is a shortage across the State. AVH is working with NASA to obtain liquid oxygen as a back-up resource. The ED is a difficult space to properly provide oxygen, given the age of building.

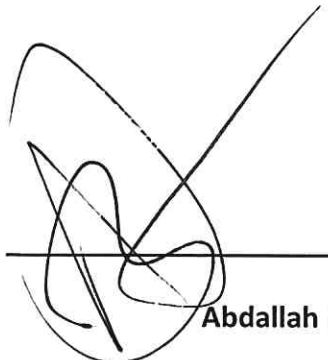
Space is also an issue and requires the hospital to make difficult decisions and put patients together in rooms. The Hospital has received help from State for emergency staff - 30 people started this morning including nurses, physicians, paramedics, etc. The hospital tents in place in preparation of a surge or if forced to go to code triage.

Kindred rehab hospital in the works. Board meeting set for January. The AVOIC buyout of the JV is complete.

Stay home orders are still in place – the hospital is doing everything possible for patient care. Little by little, the hospital may have no choice but to ration care.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 6:55PM



Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair