

Sublette County Rural Health Care District

Collaboration Committee Minutes

January 29, 2018

Public Health Conference Room, Pinedale Wyoming

12:30 pm

Members Present:

Paul Beaupre, MD CEO SJMC

Scott Scherbel, SCRHCD Board Chairman

John Kren, SJMC

Laura Clark, SCRHCD Board Vice-Chairman

Michell Kren, SJMC

Amanda Key, SCRHCD Practice Manager

Mr. Beaupre began the meeting voicing his support of the SCRHCD. The subject of management was then discussed. Mr. Beaupre stated that SJMC's offer to provide management of the future CAH may not be optically acceptable at this time. However, the current affiliation agreement should remain intact as it is working well. He also encouraged that the board of the SCRHCD board must continue to remain a visionary, governing board versus becoming a management board. He also reiterated that SJMC is happy to accommodate a management role should the SCRHCD require it. Mr. Scherbel stated that he sees the SCRHCD board in favor of hiring our own CEO at this time.

Mr. Scherbel reported on the current situation with the CAH project. The PAR is almost ready for submission; the environmental report is not ready, and he had no update. BKD will have their report ready January 31.

Mr. Beaupre suggested that that Mr. Scherbel investigate the legalities of a CAH without a pharmacy. Mr. Scherbel commented that the SCRHCD has been reassured that a medicine room will legally suffice for now. MRI has no planned space. IP therapy will conduct therapy in the multipurpose room and at bed side. Mr. Beaupre agreed that the plan was good. He also suggested that we plan a future expansion area for OP therapy close to the clinic area. It was pointed out that the SCRHCD had already included it near the OP clinic area.

Specialty clinics and contracts were then discussed with Mrs. Key asking the SJMC attendees if they could assist her with contracts. She explained that with a CAH, it is required to either provide visiting physicians their own portion in the building or assume their revenue cycle. The SCRHCD has decided to do the latter. The specifics of possible contractual items were then discussed in the specific areas of provider pay, EMR challenges, scheduling, and credentialing. SJMC will share contract language with Mrs. Key.

The subject of EMR was then discussed at length. Mr. Beaupre suggested that SRHCD remain cautious with the University of Utah in regards to EMR. SJMC has had very negative experiences with them. He also stated that EPIC did not live up the claims of performance; data availability is nonexistent (EPIC owns the data and may not sell it back to the user); there is no financial piece, and a full-time IT person will be necessary. He suggested that the current SCRHCD IT employee may not be enough. All SJMC attendees strongly recommended the Cerner system, which they are currently implementing. Mrs. Key stated concerns with staff stress attached to implementing a new EMR system. Mr. Beaupre suggested that SJMC and SCRHCD put a team together tasked with exploring EMR vendors.

Employment priorities for the SCRHCD was then discussed and planned in the following order:

1. Hire a CEO or executive manager
2. Hire a CNO
3. Hire or plan for a CFO
4. Hire another IT individual or team. SJMC will provide job descriptions for assistance.

Surgery specifics were then discussed at length. Mr. Beaupre suggested that the SCRHCD consider planning for a CRNA and 2-3 additional RN's. He offered that SJMC can hire the CRNA if desired, and SJMC can train nurses for surgical rotation. He offered, as an option, that SJMC provide the whole surgical team in the initial stages, stating it would add viability to the SCRHCD surgery unit, help PR and increase trust. They would assist a transition to retract part of all of the surgical team when SCRHCD was ready.

HR services was then discussed. Mr. Scherbel stated that the BKD report includes a full-time Human Resources employed. SJMC attendees offered to supply this service through a contractual agreement. SCRHCD could hire its own when financially prepared. SJMC could do the same in the area of Medical Compliance.

Ms. Clark informed attendees that she has engaged in communications with Tony Pfaff of Cypress for CAH consulting. Mr. Beaupre stated his affirmation.

EMS/ER Directorship was then discussed. Mr. Beaupre stated that SJMC could help with the position, if required. All SJMC ER providers are ER certified and some are interested in working with SCRHCD for that purpose.

The meeting was adjourned.



Scott Sherbel, SCRHCD Board Chairman



Laura Clark, SCRHCD Board Vice-Chairman