

GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM  
420 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Flint, MI 48503  
Board Room  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 26, 2020

Board Members Present: K. McCree, *chair*, T. Bankert, K. Boles, W. Cole, L. Keller, A. Reeves

Board Members Absent: P. Alexander, B. Clack, W. Coffell, E. Ellenburg, T. Henry, J. Shultz

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

- I. Adoption of Agenda  
(Resolution 03-13-20)  
Reeves moved, Bankert supported the motion to approve the agenda as presented.  
*Motion carried*
  
- II. Approval of Minutes  
(Resolution 03-14-20)  
Keller moved, Boles supported the motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.  
*Motion carried*
  
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
None
  
- IV. Consent Agenda – Committee Reports  
(Resolution 03-15-20)  
Boles moved, Keller supported the motion to approve the items under the consent agenda as presented.  
*Motion carried*
  
- V. Finance Committee Report  
Presented by L. Keller, Finance Committee Chair  
(Resolution 03-16-20)  
Keller moved, Boles supported the motion to approve the vouchers as presented.  
*Motion carried*  
  
(Resolution 03-17-20)  
Keller moved, Boles supported the motion to approve the contracts under Items 1 and 2 in the Executive Summary of Contracts.  
*Motion carried*

(Resolution 03-18-20)

Keller moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the budget amendments to Fund 222 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY20.

*Motion carried*

VI. Chair Report

McCree presented the April 2020 meeting calendar, and noted the consolidation of meetings on April 15<sup>th</sup>. McCree advised we should adopt this meeting schedule for now, but reconsider depending on the circumstances in April, we may possibly consolidate HR, Finance, and P&E on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and hold Board Meeting on the regularly scheduled date.

McCree also presented the R10 February meeting minutes. Cole and Keller reported that it was a very routine meeting.

McCree updated the Board on the status of reappointment of GHS Board Members by the County Commission. The County is having some difficulty getting their virtual meetings up and running, so no Board terms will expire this month. The County Commission will be meeting in April to take care of our appointments.

VII. Executive Director's Report

D. Russell reported on the GHS response to the novel coronavirus threat. Of our 350 clinical staff, 250 are actively working from home with approximately 46 coming in to work on site. The Health Center has been operating with about 10 staff. Health Center and on site staff are being provided with protective gear; some we've had on hand and we have been ordering more. Anyone coming in the door at any of our facilities, including all staff, are being screened for fever and respiratory symptoms. We have also created an isolation room, in case a consumer comes in with symptoms but needs their injection. We are looking into switching as many consumers from injections to oral medications as clinically possible. There are roughly 100 staff who are unable to work from home or work on site, but we are not looking to do any layoffs unless forced to do so. We are looking at ways to provide online training or develop other meaningful work for these staff. The provider network is still a little inconsistent at this time but Region 10 is being very supportive. There is a lot of anxiety but things are going as well as they can.

GHS has one staff person who has tested positive for Covid-19. Their exposure was traced to a church service after GHS closed so no other staff were exposed. When staff have reported illness, supervisors let staff with whom they've interacted know. We just received a report of the first positive test for Covid-19 in a group home and we are monitoring that situation. We have shared the CDC and MDHHS guidelines and practices for infection control with our providers.

In order to ensure enough funds are available for emergency purchases of protective gear, sanitation supplies and other equipment needed during the local and federal states of emergency during the novel coronavirus crisis, the Board enacted some financial measures.

(Resolution 03-19-20)

Reeves moved, Keller supported the motion to authorize Danis Russell to transfer up to \$1M between budget line items to ensure the agency has the amount of funds needed to operate during the Federal and State coronavirus pandemic states of emergency.

*Motion carried*

(Resolution 03-20-20)

Boles moved, Cole supported the motion to increase the amount of one time purchases without Board of Directors approval from \$20,000 to \$100,000 during the Federal and State states of emergency declarations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

*Motion carried*

VIII. Other Business

McCree noted it was good to see the 60 Minutes story on the Flint Water Crisis that featured our Neurodevelopmental Center for Excellence, even if it did not mention the center by name.

Keller asked if we could do something to recognize the staff who are reporting to work each day – possibly lunch or similar to show the Board’s appreciation of their work.

McCree acknowledged that this was to be L. Keller’s last meeting and thanked her, on behalf of the Board of Directors and GHS, for her years of service and dedication to the staff and consumers of Genesee Health System.

IX. Public Participation

None

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.  
Submitted by Lisa Polmanteer, Executive Assistant