

**Vision**

*The North Dakota Hospital Association will take an active leadership role in major Healthcare issues.*

**Mission**

*The North Dakota Hospital Association exists to advance the health status of persons served by the membership.*

## **NORTH DAKOTA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION (NDHA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 6, 2017**

**Directors Present:** Craig Lambrecht, MD, Matt Grimshaw, Jerry Jurena, Jac McTaggart\*, Keith Heuser\*, Reed Reyman\*, Alan O'Neil\*, Andy Lankowicz\*, Dan Kelly\*, Darrold Bertsch\* and Paul Richard\*.

Directors Absent: Tim Saylor

Also Present: Marnie Walth, John Flink\*, Lori Schmautz, Tim Blasl, and Melissa Hauer.

\*Present via telephone.

A regular meeting of the North Dakota Hospital Association was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Central Daylight Time on June 6, 2017, by Dr. Lambrecht, Board Chair, at the NDHA offices located at 1622 East Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND. A quorum of directors was present.

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed and no changes or additions were made

**Board Minutes:** Dr. Lambrecht presented to the Board for approval the minutes of the December 14, 2016 and January 11, 2017 meetings. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the December 14, 2016 minutes were approved as corrected and the January 11, 2017 minutes were approved.

**Financials:** Jerry Jurena, President, presented the April 2017 financial statement overview. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the April 2017 financial statement overview was approved.

**Federal Update:** John Flink gave a federal update regarding the Senate efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. It is important we urge Senators Hoeven and Heitkamp to oppose legislation that would reduce the number of North Dakotans who have health insurance coverage and shift the cost of Medicaid to the state.

**2017 Legislative Session Summary:** Mr. Jurena reviewed the legislative summary of significant bills. NDHA sent thank you letters to several legislators that played a key role in our efforts during session.

**New Business:**

- North Dakota Hospital Foundation (NDHF) Bylaws – Melissa Hauer went over the changes made to the NDHF Bylaws. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the amendments to the NDHF Bylaws were approved.
- Associate Member application received from Bassford Remele, P.A. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the membership application was accepted.
- AHA Coalition to Protect America's Health Care sent a letter asking for financial support. In the past NDHA has contributed \$1,000. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, approval was given to continue to support the AHA Coalition and to keep it as a budget item for this year and going forward.

**Other:**

- NDHA Political Action Committee (PAC). Keith Heuser and Mr. Jurena are preparing a letter to be sent to members.
- NDONE: Mr. Jurena met with the NDONE group to discuss the nursing workforce issues within the state and having more NDONE information on the NDHA web page. NDHA also present a legislative summary from the session.
- Organized Labor. NDHA will provide a webinar for members as an educational component on responding to union organizing activity.
- 2019 North Dakota Legislative session. NDHA will develop policy statement guides for consistency in four key policy areas: the American Health Care Act (AHCA), Medicaid one hundred percent federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP), managed care and health care workforce.
- NDHA Budget. A proposed budget will be prepared before the next Board meeting.
- AHA Rural Hospital Policy Forum. The forum will be held July 19-20 in Washington, D.C.

Next Board Meeting is set for September 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11.

Mr. Jurena and all those who are not Directors were excused for an executive session of the Board.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned

*Lori Schmautz*

Recording Secretary