



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 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 24, 2020

Directors Present: Steve Weiser, Michael LeBeau, Bryan Nermoe, Nikki Johnson, Andrew Lankowicz, Dan Kelly, Alan O'Neil, Jeff Herman, Kurt Schley, and Tim Blasl.

Others Present: Melissa Hauer, Kelly Cermak, Lori Schmautz, John Flink, Elizabeth Summy, Jim Kasper, and Dave Middaugh.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA) was called to order at 9:05 a.m., Central time, on September 24, 2020, by Dan Kelly, Chair of the Board. A quorum of directors was present.

Mr. Kelly asked if there were any perceived or know conflicts of interest as per the items listed on the agenda for this meeting. There were none.

Agenda Approval: Mr. Kelly asked if there were any changes/additions to the meeting agenda. There were none. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the agenda was approved.

Board Training: Melissa Hauer, General Counsel/VP, gave an overview of the NDHA Corporate Structure, antitrust statement, conflict of interest policy, board attendance policy and fiduciary duties.

Action Items:

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Kelly presented to the Board for approval the minutes from the June 19, 2020 and September 3, 2020 meetings. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the two sets of minutes were approved.

Financials: Kelly Cermak, Finance Manager, presented the June 2020 financial statements. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the June 2020, financial statements were approved.

2020-2021 Budget: Mr. Cermak presented the 2020-2021 budget. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the NDHA budget for 2020-2021 was approved.

NDHF Recommendation: The North Dakota Hospital Foundation (NDHF) Board of Directors recommends for approval by the NDHA Board of Directors the appointment of Jody Nelson, CEO, St. Luke's Hospital, Crosby and Beverly Vilhauer, CEO, South Central Health, Wishek, to serve on the NDHF Board of Directors. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the NDHF Board recommendation was approved.

Board Attendance Policy: Melissa Hauer, General Counsel/VP, mentioned that the adopted policy with a slight change made by the board has been updated and the final approved copy for your files was included in the board meeting material.

Informational Reports:

AHA – Elizabeth Summy, American Hospital Association (AHA) Region Six Executive, gave an update on the federal advocacy and regulatory issues.

Washington Update – John Flink, NDHA Federal Affairs Consultant, gave an update on what is happening in Washington, D.C.

Legislative Interim – Mr. Blasl and Ms. Hauer reviewed the key legislative interim committee studies and NDHA is following.

Association Health Plan – Dave Middaugh, of North Risk Partners gave the history on how we go to this point and what will happen as we move forward.

President's – Mr. Blasl reported on goals for the next twelve months. They include: 2021-2023 Legislative Session, Medicaid Expansion, COVID-19, Health Care Cost Study, COVID-19 Hospital Impact Study, Federal Policy (protect 340B, price transparency, and future of ACA), NDHA Association Health Plan, and HSIolutions for profit arm of NDHA.

Mr. Blasl reported that the NDHA members were sent the NDHA Board ballot for approval. Andrew Lankowicz, Alan O'Neil, and Nikki Johnson have been elected to serve on the NDHA Board of Directors.

Legal Activities – Ms. Hauer gave an update on the three lawsuits which NDHA has joined on filing amicus briefs: ACA, price transparency and 340B.

There being no further business, the board meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

The Board of Directors went into executive session to do the Presidents annual evaluation.

Lori Schmautz

Recording Secretary