

**Vision**

The North Dakota Hospital Association will take an active 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
Annual Member and Business Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2022**

Members present:

Chris Albertson, CEO, SMP Health – St. Andrews and SMP Health – St. Kateri
Pete Antonson, CEO, Northwood Deaconess Health Center, Northwood
Erik Christenson, CEO, Heart of America Medical Center, Rugby
Tim Blasl, President, North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA)
Mike Delfs, CEO, Jamestown Regional Medical Center, Jamestown
Mariann Doeling, President, CHI St. Alexius Health Devils Lake, Devils Lake
Peter Edis, CEO, McKenzie County Healthcare System, Watford City
Stephanie Everett, CEO, Mountrail County Medical Center, Stanley
Lukas Fischer, CEO/Administrator, Linton Hospital, Linton
Eric Heupel, CEO, Ashley Medical Center, Ashley
Marcus Lewis, CEO, First Care Health Center, Park River
Nikki Lindsey, Administrator/CEO, Cooperstown Medical Center, Cooperstown
Amanda Loughman, CFO, Southwest Healthcare Services, Bowman
Ryan Mickelson, President/CEO, Tioga Medical Center, Tioga
Jody Nelson, Administrator/CEO, St. Luke's Medical Center, Crosby
Alfred Sams, President/CEO, SMP Health – St. Aloisius Medical Center, Harvey
Scott Schneider, CEO, Vibra Hospital Central Dakotas, Mandan
Theo Stoller, CEO, Jacobson Memorial Hospital, Elgin
Marnie Walth, Strategic Planning and Public Policy Director, Sanford Medical Center, Bismarck
Brian Williams, CEO, Sakakawea Medical Center, Hazen

Others present:

Aaron Brennan, Health Benefits Trust Administrator, NDHA

Callen Cermak, Finance Manager, NDHA
Melissa Hauer, Vice President and General Counsel, NDHA
Dan Kelly, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems, Watford City
Robert Black, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems, Watford City
Matt Nagel, Employee Benefits Advisor, Marsh McLennan Agency (MMA)
Erik Rasmussen, Consultant, Meridian Group
Elizabeth Summy, American Hospital Association (AHA) Regional Executive, Region 6
Anna Walter, Project Coordinator, Rural Health Clinic Network
Lori Wangler, Executive Assistant, NDHA
Kim Granfor, Vice President, Hospital Services, Inc.

The Annual Member and Business Meeting of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA) was called to order at 2:24 p.m., Central time, in Bismarck, ND on October 4, 2022, by Tim Blasl, NDHA President. A quorum of members was not present.

Reports:

- Mr. Blasl gave a legislative update including the 2021 Special Legislative Session.
- Mr. Blasl reported on new initiatives of NDHA including the creation of a health benefits trust for members; the creation of a Telehealth Committee; and new leadership and nursing education conferences put on by NDHA in 2022. Mr. Blasl also reported regarding new directors elected to the NDHA Board of Directors.
- Mr. Blasl presented reports on the current status of Hospital Solutions, Inc., (HSI); the North Dakota Hospital Foundation; and the Health Benefits Trust.
- Mr. Blasl reported on 2022 NDHA state PAC contributions.
- Callen Cermak, NDHA Finance Manager, presented the NDHA 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.
- NDHA Health Benefits Trust Administrator, Aaron Brennan, reported on current activity of the Health Benefits Trust.
- Mr. Blasl and Melissa Hauer, NDHA Vice President and General Counsel, gave a legislative report regarding the platform for the upcoming 2023 legislative session.
- Elizabeth Summy, AHA Regional Executive, Region 6, reported on the current focus of the American Hospital Association (AHA) includes financial stability for

hospitals, workforce, health equity, behavioral health, 340B drug pricing program, hospital worker violence and cybersecurity.

- Eric Rasmussen presented a federal legislative report including American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) leftover funds, 340B drug pricing program enforcement by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Medicare sequester, the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) increase, and the CMS proposal to establish a Rural Emergency Hospital category.
- Anna Walter, Project Coordinator, University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health, provided a report regarding the North Dakota Rural Health Clinic Network which can provide technical assistance and education to Rural Health Clinics including a virtual library and compliance webinars.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m., Central time.

Lori Wangler
Recording Secretary