

North Oaks Health System
Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting
September 9, 2020
Minutes

The Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish met on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the North Oaks Outpatient Diagnostic Center. Chairman Ron Macaluso called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

Ron Macaluso, Chairman
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN, Vice-Chair
Blake Daniels
Terry Harper
Joycelyn Lee, R. Ph.
Ron Orsi
Angelique Richardson, CPA, NP, CGMA

Others Present:

Michele K. Sutton, FACHE
Mark Anderson
Robert Peltier, MD
Mac Barrient
Melanie Zaffuto

Also Present:

Nidal Abi Rafeh, MD
Jessica Bennett
Stacy Newman, MD
Erica Williams
Joe Thomas/Chief Administrative Officer/Tangipahoa Parish Government

Approval of Minutes

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:
Board of Commissioners: July 29, 2020

Upon a motion by Blake Daniels, seconded by Angelique Richardson, and unanimously passed, the minutes of July 29, 2020 were approved as submitted.

Public Input

Ron Macaluso stated there were no public requests nor anyone present.

Parish Update

Joe Thomas stated sales tax revenue is up by 16 % due to shopping local. The Pandemic is still creating a lack of inventory at local car dealerships.

Management Reports

Michele Sutton stated she invited Vascular Service Line Leader, Erica Williams, and Interventional Cardiologist Nidal Abi Rafeh, MD here today, to give updates on procedures Dr. Abi Rafeh has brought to the Medical Center. Erica Williams then introduced Nidal Abi Rafeh, MD.

Dr. Abi Rafeh stated he is very excited to be a part of the hospital family, and North Oaks Cath Lab is one of the best he has seen out of many. He then went on to say we are working on a strategic plan on becoming a comprehensive referral hospital for high risk and complex interventional cases. We are currently able to do Complex Total Occlusions, and high-risk PCIs, with hopes in the future to have the equipment to be able to remove larger more stubborn calcium/plaque filled arteries. Dr. Abi Rafeh stated we have a great future together. Ron Macaluso thanked Dr. Abi Rafeh for joining our team.

At this point Erica Williams, and Nidal Abi Rafeh, MD left the meeting.

COVID – 19 Update – Michele Sutton invited Robert Peltier, MD, and Stacy Newman, MD, to talk about how we have dealt with COVID over the last seven months. Michele stated we have an exceptional team of physicians that have done a phenomenal job. Dr. Robert Peltier reviewed a PowerPoint on the impact of COVID – 19, which included the impact worldwide, the State of Louisiana, and Tangipahoa Parish. Dr. Peltier introduced Infectious Disease Physician, Stacy Newman, MD, who presented Treating COVID – 19 PowerPoint. Dr. Newman answered questions regarding the treatment of COVID. Then Dr. Peltier shared about a patient praising North Oaks for the care he received. Dr. Peltier stated how proud he is of Dr. Newman, the Pulmonologist, and the nursing staff for the great job they are doing. Ron Macaluso thanked Dr. Newman and her team for the excellent care they are providing.

Michele invited Jessica Bennett to talk about North Oaks partnering with Southeastern Louisiana University Athletics. Jessica stated, recently we completed 487 COVID-19 tests for SLU Athletics, assisted SLU Leadership in obtaining a contract for affordable COVID testing, completed 326 athletic physicals, and 85 sickle cell tests. Dr. Peltier completed a presentation to the woman's soccer, football, and baseball teams on COVID-19. North Oaks and SLU Leadership have a monthly COVID task force meeting to discuss the ever-changing requirements.

Michele stated she is proud of the phenomenal job our staff is doing.

At this point Stacy Newman, MD, and Jessica Bennett left the meeting.

Medical Staff Reports

North Oaks Medical Center

Medical Staff Applications – Robert Peltier, MD presented the following medical staff applications as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committees.

Carissa May, MD: Active/OB-GYN

Upon a motion by Blake Daniels, seconded by Angelique Richardson, and unanimously passed, the medical staff applications were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee and electronic approval completed in symplr database by President/Chief Executive Officer.

Advanced Practitioner Applications – Robert Peltier, MD presented the following advanced practitioner application as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committees:

Haley Pierce, NP/Nephrology (S. Tahseen Rab, MD)

Upon a motion by Blake Daniels, seconded by Ron Orsi, and unanimously passed, the advanced practitioner application was approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee and electronic approval completed in symplr database by President/Chief Executive Officer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial Report

Blake Daniels gave a brief overview of the July 2020 Financial Dashboard.

ModusOne – Blake stated the contract with ModusOne to help improve documentation has shown to be very successful. Blake suggested, as recommended by the Finance Committee, the contract be renewed, to include other specialties, such as hospitalist, emergency department, cardiologist, and pulmonologist, at a cost of \$360,000.

Upon a motion by Blake Daniels, seconded by Ron Orsi, and unanimously approved to allow management to sign the contract with Modus One to provide physician documentation training to additional specialties at a cost of \$360,000.

HORNE will present the audited financial statement for fiscal year 2020, at the October meeting.

Ron Macaluso thanked Michele and her team for the great job they are doing at increasing the hospital's net income.

Upon motion by Terry Harper, seconded by Angelique Richardson, and unanimously passed, the July 2020 Financial Dashboard was approved as submitted.

Quality, Patient Safety & Engagement Committee

Ann Carruth deferred until next meeting.

Strategy and Outreach Committee

The committee has not met due to COVID-19. The next meeting will be in January 2021.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Executive Session

Upon a motion by Terry Harper, seconded by Ann Carruth, and unanimously passed to convene to Executive Session.

At this point Melanie Zaffuto, Mac Barrient, Robert Peltier, MD, and Joe Thomas left the meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the North Oaks Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the North Oaks Outpatient Diagnostic Auditorium.

Adjournment

With no further business, upon a motion by Blake Daniels, seconded by Ron Orsi, and unanimously passed to adjourn.

Michele K. Sutton, FACHE
President/Chief Executive Officer
Secretary