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## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

The Governing Board of Gonzales Healthcare Systems met in a Regular Meeting on February 4, 2020 at 5:15 P.M. in the Conference Room at thrive Healthplex.

### Directors Present:

Kenneth Gottwald- President  
Greg Tieken - Vice President  
Stephanie Kodack – Secretary  
Timothy Markham – Member  
Kerry Morgan – Member  
Lisa Gindler – Member  
Gene Reed – Member  
Wayne South - Member

### Directors Absent:

Sascha Kardosz – Member

### Others Present.

Patty Stewart	Juli Clay
Brandon Anzaldua	Lori Parker
Woody White	Robert Camarillo
Joni Leland	Mike Mikesh
David Schroeder	Carol Villareal
Christina Carille	Holly Danz
Melissa Cowey	Leslie Janssen
Toni Perales	Jose Castro
Kathleen Koerner, D.O.	Rikki Baldwin, D.O.
Sean Hattenbach, M.D.	Commie Hisey, D.O
Paul Wray	Chris Boening
Roger Dryer	Chip Holmes via Phone

The meeting was called to order at 5:23 P.M. by  
Kenneth Gottwald – President.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Invocation was given by Kerry Morgan - Member.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dr. Stephanie Kodack commented that GHS is a First Class Healthcare System. She received an ER bill with transparency pricing and commented we should review the contracts with our ER groups.

Paul Wray with Touchstone Communities presented an update on the The Heights of Gonzales Nursing Home.

The President asked if there were any items included on the Consent Agenda that need to be removed for discussion. Greg Tieken - Vice President requested the Nursing Report and Educator Report to be pulled for discussion. Greg inquired about the delay in getting new furniture for the ER Out-Patient Lobby. Greg inquired why Victoria College has not responded to our request for education assistance.

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 7, 2020
- Marketing Report
- Business Development Report
- Nursing Report
- Rural Health Clinic Report
- Information Technology Progress Report
- Home Health Administrator Report
- Hospital Educator Report
- thrive Healthplex Report
- Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation Report
- HHS Reports
  - Plant Operations Update
  - Dietary Report
- Work Related Injury Or Illness Leave Policy (Review Only)
- Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy (Review Only)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**\*PRESENTATION ON THE HEIGHTS OF GONZALES NURSING HOME**

**\*CONSENT AGENDA**

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- Personal and Non-FMLA Medical Leave of Absence Policy (Review Only)
- Workplace Abuse and Violence (Review Only)
- Equal Employment Opportunity (Review Only)

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. (Motion by Gene Reed, second by Lisa Gindler). There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Medical Staff Report as presented. (Motion by Gene Reed, second by Greg Tieken). There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE MEDICAL  
STAFF REPORT**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Andrew Bennett, III, M.D., Courtesy Staff, Radiology Telemedicine. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Gene Reed) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE  
CREDENTIALING  
APPLICATION FOR  
DR. BENNETT**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Barbara Newman, M.D. Courtesy Staff, Radiology Telemedicine as presented. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Gene Reed) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE  
CREDENTIALING  
APPLICATION FOR  
DR. NEWMAN**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Erica Rangnow, RN, Medical Screening Exams-Obstetrics ED Patients as presented. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Gene Reed) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE  
CREDENTIALING  
APPLICATION FOR  
NURSE RANGNOW**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Erik Richter, M.D., Courtesy Staff, Radiology Telemedicine as presented. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Gene Reed) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE  
CREDENTIALING  
APPLICATION FOR  
DR. RICHTER**

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Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Kourosh Kahkeshani, D.O., Courtesy Staff, Neurology Telemedicine as presented. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Gene Reed) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE  
CREDENTIALING  
APPLICATION FOR  
DR. KAHKESHANI**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Theresa Zolninger, RN, Medical Screening Exams, Obstetric ED Patients as presented. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Gene Reed) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE  
CREDENTIALING  
APPLICATION FOR  
NURSE ZOLNINGER**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Financial Report for December 2019 as presented, with the following documents:

**\*FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow Sheet
- Current Month and YTD Income Statement
- Compared to Last Year
- Current Month and YTD Income Statement Compared to Budget
- Departmental Charge/Expense Report
- Receivable, Payor Mix and Collections
- Trend Report
- Capital Expenditure Report
- Investment Schedule
- Tax Report
- Accounts

(Motion by Greg Tieken, second by Stephanie Kodack)  
There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

The Proposal for Information Technology Hardware Equipment was tabled pending additional information.

**TABLE IT HARDWARE  
EQUIPMENT**

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Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Emergency Room Remodel Project as presented. (Motion by Greg Tieken, second by Kerry Morgan) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE ER  
REMODEL PROJECT**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the QAPI Report as presented. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Gene Reed) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE QAPI  
REPORT**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Amendment to Service Agreement with HHS as presented. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Gene Reed) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE HHS  
SERVICE AGREEMENT  
AMENDMENT**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Addition of ADA Compliance to Gonzales Healthcare Systems Website as presented. (Motion by Kerry Morgan, second by Greg Tieken) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE ADDITION  
OF ADA COMPLIANCE  
TO GHS WEBSITE**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2019 as presented. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Stephanie Kodack) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE SAFETY  
MEETING REPORT**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Building Committee Report as presented. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Gene Reed) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**\*APPROVE BUILDING  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

**CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Committee did not meet. There was no report for presentation.

**CONTRACTS  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**COMPLIANCE ISSUES REPORT:** Juli Clay presented the following report:

**\*COMPLIANCE ISSUES  
REPORT**

- We received zero complaints on the Compliance Hot Line.
- The OIG exclusion list was last updated on January 10, 2020, with no issues reported.
- We are in compliance with the OIG exclusion list of providers and have determined we are in compliance with all employees, vendors and ordering physicians who provide services to Gonzales Healthcare Systems. We are also in compliance with our Board of Directors.
- We have zero malpractice data reflecting our hospital experience and the experience of individual physicians who we have appointed to the medical staff.
- The Compliance Committee Meeting was held on January 22, 2020
- The Indirect Compensation Report 2019 indicated we are in compliance.
- HIPAA Security Audit was completed for EMR's on January 27, 2020.
- Payroll Audit was completed on January 20, 2020 with no issues noted.
- RAC Audit: No new audits were received.
- There were no denials reported.
- Refunds: \$14,630.17 total turned in with \$14,376.90 in Paragon and \$253.27 in NextGen.

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Compliance Report as presented. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Tim Markham) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

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**CEO REPORT:** Patty Stewart reminded all of the change of date for the March Regular Meeting to March 10, 2020. She reported the Foundation donated a new Telemetry machine with the proceeds from the 5F Gala. Patty stated that we will look into updating our current system for EHR. She reported that the customer service training went well and is on-going. Patty reported the Boy Scouts will take on the walking track project at thrive.

**\*CEO REPORT**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the CEO Report as presented. (Motion by Gene Reed, second by Greg Tieken) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.


**APPROVE CEO  
REPORT**

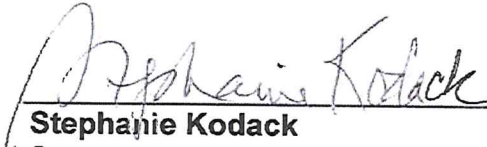
**QHR UPDATE:** Chip Holmes, Region VP, gave an overview of the management contract with QHR and the benefits GHS receives.

**QHR UPDATE**

Motion was moved and **approved** to adjourn the meeting. (Motion by Wayne South, second by Gene Reed) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

  
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**Kenneth Gottwald  
President**

  
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**Stephanie Kodack  
Secretary**