THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2015

MEETING NO. 2015-08: The Special Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, held in the Administrative Board Room of Bartlett Regional Hospital, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Merrill Sanford.

I. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Mary Becker (telephonic), Karen Crane, Maria Gladziszewski, Loren Jones, Jesse Kiehl, Jerry Nankervis, Merrill Sanford, Kate Troll.

Assembly Absent: Debbie White.

Hospital Board Members Present: Bob Storer, President, Nancy Davis, Vice President, Mary Borthwick, Secretary, Kristen Bomengen, Past President, Mark Johnson, Linda Thomas, Brenda Knapp, Alex Malter, MD, Lauree Morton

Others Present: Chuck Bill, BRH CEO; Alan Ulrich, BRH CFO; Billy Gardner, BRH CNO; Toni Petrie, BRH Executive Assistant; Mila Cosgrove, CBJ / BRH HRRM Director; Carlton Heine, MD, BRH Chief of Staff; Amy Mead, Municipal Attorney; Jane Sebens, CBJ Assistant Attorney III; Kim Kiefer, CBJ Manager, Bob Bartholomew, CBJ Finance Director; Jim Strader, BRH Community Relations; Maria Uchytil, BRH Foundation.

II. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES – None.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Sanford asked everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves and their affiliations. He said the purpose of this meeting was to be an informal way for the Assembly and Bartlett Regional Hospital to get to know each other better and learn about things at the hospital.

A. Bartlett Regional Hospital Board presentation to Assembly

Mr. Storer noted that the Board passed a resolution on March 24, 2015 in support of Legislation expanding Medicaid.

The Governors Bill was presented on March 24, 2015. Senator Kelly was doing a separate bill. One of the items in the bill was provider tax to help fund the expansion of Medicaid.

BRH provided an overview of what major issues are affecting healthcare both nationally and in Alaska.

Mr. Bill and Mr. Ulrich gave a presentation on the following topics;

- Bartlett's strengths, weaknesses, opportunity, and threats.
- Discussion about how those issues may affect Bartlett.
- A fairly high level overview of Bartlett's finances with some trend lines with projections for the next three years
- Capital needs projection
- Key local issue/initiatives
    - Housing First – Mr. Bill explained why the savings to the hospital won't be as significant due to the patients that come for sleep off are non-paying. Mayor Sanford said the Assembly was disappointed in the dollar amount that BRH is giving to CBJ for the project and expected a lot more as they thought the savings would be a lot higher for the hospital with this project. Mayor Sanford felt this has only been looked at as a business model.
    - Meditech implementation
    - CAMHU analysis update
- Collaboration with CBJ. Mr. Storer wants to get together within 6 months a couple of times to re-evaluate the process. BRH was hiring a Contract Administrator to help with the flow.
    - Governance with ad hoc committee ordinance/governance review – There has been an ad hoc committee formed by the Board. Ms. Bomengen said this was an initial step in moving forward to become a highly functioning board. The purpose was to get more involved in the strategic planning for the hospital, looking at BRH's ordinances and then to look at CBJ's to see if they need to be changed and to work on the best model that works for our community. Mr. Storer said BRH would involve the community (medical community, staff, assembly members) so everyone understood the reasoning.

V. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mayor Sanford asked Mr. Bill if he had been in discussions with SEARHC to have better collaboration. Mr. Bill said he reached out to SEARHC and met with their CEO and COO and would continue to do so.

Ms. Troll asked Dr. Heine what his perception of the staff/medical staff morale since the new leadership was in place. Dr. Heine said things had improved significantly.

Ms. Crane asked for an explanation on the technology upgrade (Meditech 6.1). Mr. Bill said are moving forward with the Meditech 6.1 program (Electronic Medical Records). The intent was to have it complete by May 1, 2015, in preparation for the cruise ship season. However, the equipment arrived damaged, which set the project back to a "go live" date of November 1, 2015. The system would automate BRH processes and help with physician ordering. It would integrate into the financial piece, so it would be "real time" and charges would be known sooner. Not all of the physician offices would be linked at the beginning due to interfacing issues, but they would still be able to monitor patients in "real time." Continuity and integration of care will improve. BRH engaged Mimi Benjamin, MD and Greg Dostal, MD to be the physician champions on this project.

Ms. Thomas asked what the hospital could recoup by implementing this. Mr. Bill said as long as federal standards known as "Meaningful Use" were met it would be approximately $3 million. It would be received in stages as "Meaningful Use" standards were met.

Mayor Sanford asked about the training timeframe. Mr. Bill said staff was already being trained and training would continue. Mayor Sanford said that Bob Bartholomew did a good job with the City's implementation and offered him as a resource. Dr. Hein said the current system doesn't have the capacity for the HIM needs, but the current system would.

Ms. Kiefer said she received an email that the HB1148 (Governor's Medicaid expansion bill) hearing would be held Saturday at 3:00 p.m., and public testimony was allowed.

Mr. Storer thanked everyone for their participation and hopes to keep the dialogue open.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk

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Merrill Sanford, Mayor