



**IBERIA MEDICAL CENTER  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 1, 2020**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Iberia Medical Center was scheduled to be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. However, due to Hurricane Laura's impending landfall, a decision was made by the Board Chairman and Administration to reschedule this meeting to Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

This meeting was held in meeting room 2 located at 600 North Lewis St. in New Iberia, LA. This venue allows for the recommended social distancing for each attendee. Administration continues to maintain the social distancing guidelines that have been recommended by the State of Louisiana in response to COVID-19.

A quorum was met with the attendance of Mr. Larry Hensgens, Chairman; Dr. Kurt O'Brien, Vice Chairman; Ms. Catherine Reeves, Mr. Lynn Minvielle; Mr. Brock Romero and Ms. Aquiline Rener-Arnold. Others in attendance included Ms. Dionne Viator, CEO; Ms. Sandy Morein, CNO; Mr. Shane Myers, COO; Ms. Amy Langlinais, VP of Finance; Ms. Lori Spann, VP of HR; Dr. Edward Haile, Mr. Andy Shealy, ADA. Board Members, Dr. Jose Mata and Mr. Roland Jeanlouis were not present.

A candidate to fulfill Dr. David Benson's term, due to Dr. Benson's resignation, has not yet been selected. However the Iberia Parish Council will vote on a motion to appoint Mr. Rory Romero to fill this vacant seat on the Iberia Medical Center's Board of Commissioners at the Parish Council meeting to be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**CALL TO ORDER, OPENING PRAYER**

Mr. Larry Hensgens called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m. Ms. Catherine Reeves led the opening prayer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comment request to recognize.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Kurt O'Brien moved, Ms. Aquiline Rener-Arnold seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meetings held on July 30, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Ms. Amy Langlinais presented a summary of volume statistics for the month of July 2020. Dr. Kurt O'Brien moved, Mr. Lynn Minvielle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**LEADERSHIP REPORT**

Ms. Dionne Viator presented the Board members with the monthly leadership report update. The hospital continues to trend down in the COVID inpatient census.

Ms. Viator reminded the board members that Mr. Rory Romero will be appointed by the Iberia Parish Council on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Viator also announced that a public notice was recently sent out by the Parish Council for Mr. Brock Romero's ending term. Mr. Romero informed the board that he did intend to apply to serve on the Board.

Ms. Viator informed the Board that the roof for the Main campus was at 30% completion and is still on schedule for a November completion.

Ms. Viator announced to the Board that a new Executive Assistant has been hired. Ms. Susan Banks will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup> and she is coming to Iberia Medical Center and New Iberia to be closer to friends and her goddaughter.

Ms. Viator provided the Board with the marketing events that have recently taken place.

August 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> was World Breastfeeding Week.



Dr. Danielle Cobb's welcome campaign began in the month of August.

As part of the IMC / IMC Foundation "Safe Schools" initiative, Dr. Moses Kitakule addressed nurses in the Iberia Parish School system and other faculty members during a live online Q/A about Covid-19. Facebook Post of this event reached 12,569 people.

Iberia Medical Center was voted "Best Hospital" and "Best Physical Therapy" in this year's Daily Iberian Best of Teche readers' poll.

All orthopedic physicians with the exception of Dr. Caswell are either now performing procedures with the MAKO robot or have committed to the training. Dr. Caswell has agreed to begin using the robot when the shoulder package is available.

Dr. Kurt O'Brien moved, Ms. Catherine Reeves seconded the motion approving to accept the certificate of completion for the pharmacy clean room. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CAPITAL REQUEST, ULTRASOUND MACHINE/ECHO SERVICES**

Mr. Shane Myers requested that the Board consider approving the purchase of one Vivid T9 Echo ultrasound machine and the lease of one Vivid E9 Echo ultrasound machine. The Vivid T9 Echo ultrasound purchase would not exceed \$40,910. The lease of the Vivid E9 Echo Ultrasound machine would have a sixty (60) month term with a total cost of \$108,885 and a monthly payment of \$2,035.89.

Ms. Catherine Reeves moved, Mr. Lynn Minvielle seconded the motion approving the purchase of the Vivid T9 Echo ultrasound machine at a cost not to exceed \$40,910 and the lease of the Vivid E9 Echo ultrasound machine at a total cost of \$108,885 for a lease term of sixty (60) months. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CAPITAL REQUEST, HOSPITAL BEDS**

Ms. Amy Langlins requested board approval for the purchase of hospital beds. The hospital was presented with an opportunity to purchase these beds at a bulk buy discounted price. The vendor, like many other vendors, is experiencing a lull in sales due to COVID-19 and in order to help make up for this decline they are offering this discount for a very limited time. Ms. Dionne Viator requested that if the Board approve the purchase of beds that they also consider voting to surplus the old beds that will be replaced.

Dr. Kurt O'Brien moved, Mr. Lynn Minvielle seconded the motion approving the purchase of hospital beds not to exceed the cost of \$200,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brock Romero moved, Mr. Lynn Minvielle seconded the motion approving the surplus of old beds that will be replaced as a result of the purchase of new hospital beds. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **LGH UPDATE**

Mr. David Callecod and Mr. Paul Molbert were not in attendance. Mr. Callecod and Mr. Molbert continue to limit their attendance at outside meetings in their effort to limit their exposure to COVID-19.

Ms. Viator provided the LGH update to the board. At the federal level negotiations continue in Washington D.C. on the next COVID-19 relief package. There is projections that a funding deal may be between \$1.5 and \$2 trillion but a final action is not expected until October. CMS is being pressed hard to delay the implementation of the repayment period for the *Accelerated and Advanced Payment Program*. We are carefully monitoring the decision by many big pharmacy companies to limit or cut 340B pricing for contract pharmacies and demand detailed reporting on 340B drugs distributed through these pharmacies.

Ms. Viator reviewed the State of Louisiana update with the Board members. The health care "MFP" Hospital Payment Reform model approval is still pending with CMS. There is a Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) that will have to ratify this plan once it is returned to Louisiana from CMS. The LGH report recognized Ms. Viator's efforts in coordinating with



Louisiana hospital service district facilities on this reform. LHA is currently working on a back-up plan in the event that CMS doesn't approve the proposed model.

Ochsner is currently waiting on the Attorney General's ruling on the transaction documents in order to complete the merger with Lafayette General Health System. The Attorney General held a public hearing on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the anticipated effective date of merger is on track for October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Lafayette General Health System provided support to Iberia Medical Center during the COVID pandemic by inviting IMC to regularly participate in LGH System COVID-19 calls and provided key internal and external COVID related communications. LGH shared established policies and procedures i.e., HR, visitation, OR scheduling, lab testing etc. LGH also shared preferred clinical pathways and lab testing algorithms which assisted with medical staff decisions. LGH communicated regularly with IMC's supply chain department. LGH assisted with Cepheid COVID testing supplies, convalescent plasma and insight on independent labs that we were partnering with for COVID testing but most importantly the sharing of learning was key to the relationship LGH and IMC.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Larry Hensgens requested a motion to move into executive session. Mr. Lynn Minvielle moved, Dr. Kurt O'Brien seconded the motion to move into Executive Session to discuss strategic planning as it relates to the financial as well as the future operations of the hospital per La. R.S. 46:1073. Motion carried unanimously. The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:13 p.m., and returned to Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING, FINANCIAL OPERATIONS, ITEM 2020.8.27.A, LA RS 46:1073**

##### **Item 2020.8.27.A.1, Financial Analysis, July 2020**

Ms. Amy Langlinais presented the financial analysis for July 2020 to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Brock Romero moved, Mr. Lynn Minvielle seconded the motion approving the July 2020 financial analysis as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **Item 2020.8.27.A.2, Proposed Budget FY2021**

Ms. Amy Langlinais presented the FY2021 Budget to the Board of Commissioners. This discussion reviewed FY2021 operating revenue and operating expenses. The Board members were provided with a prioritized list of capital items categorized as urgent needs for the facility.

Dr. Kurt O'Brien moved, Mr. Lynn Minvielle seconded the motion approving the FY2021 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING, FUTURE OPERATIONS, ITEM 2020.08.24.B**

##### **Item 2020.8.24.B.1, Medical Staff Credentials Report**

Dr. E. Haile presented the Medical Staff Credentials Report reporting that Sectional Chairpersons, Credentials Committee and the Medical Executive Committee have reviewed requests for APP privileges, initial appointment and reappointment, voluntary relinquishments and resignations. The requests have been recommended, and information was presented to the Board for final approval.

##### **Initial Appointment**

Jason Hayes, MD/Tele-Hospitalist/Associate Active  
Faisal Saeed, MD/Tele-Hospitalist/Associate Active  
Myungho Cho, MD/Tele-Hospitalist/Associate Active  
Sara Greene, MD/Tele-Psychiatry/Associate Consulting (Ochsner)  
Jerrell Mitchell, DO/Tele-Psychiatry/Associate Consulting (Ochsner)

##### **Addition of Privileges**

Nicholas Lapara, MD/Addition of Hospice Privileges  
George Cousin, MD/Addition of Hospice Privileges



**Initial Privileges-APP**

Lakesha Woods, NP/Sponsoring Physician Dr. Greco

**Addition of Sponsoring Physician**

Jennifer Haines, NP/Sponsoring Physician, Dr. Menard

**Resignation of Privileges**

Michael Duval, MD-Effective 10/31/2020

Susan Wilhem, NP/Sponsoring Physician Dr. Greco/Effective 07/20/2020

Irby Campbell, CRNA/Sponsoring Physician, Dr. Alphonso/Effective 8/11/2020

Following discussion of the credentials report, Mr. Lynn Minvielle moved, Deacon Roland JeanLouis seconded a motion approving the credentials report as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 2020.8.27.B.2, Quality and Nurse Leadership Report**

Ms. Sandy Morein provided the Board with an update from Nurse Leadership and Quality update that included an overview of the activities and advancements in the nursing departments.

Following discussion, Mr. Brock Romero moved, Ms. Catherine Reeves seconded the motion to accept the quality update and nurse leadership report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 2020.8.27.B.3, Physician Recruitment Agreement/CIS**

Mr. Shane Viator proposed that the Board members consider entering into a physician recruitment agreement with CIS.

Following discussion, Ms. Aquiline Rener-Arnold moved, Dr. Kurt O'Brien seconded the motion to enter into the proposed physician recruitment agreement as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 2020.8.27.B.4, Physician Recruitment Agreement/Family Medicine**

Mr. Shane Viator proposed that the Board members consider entering into a physician recruitment agreement with the Family Medicine practice.

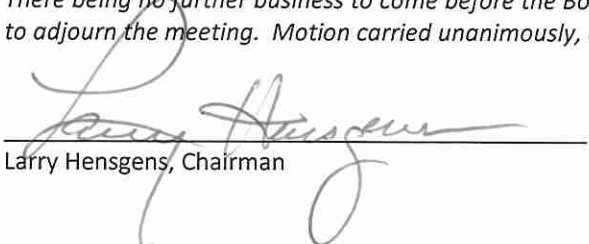
Following discussion, Dr. Kurt O'Brien moved, Ms. Catherine Reeves seconded the motion to enter into the proposed physician recruitment agreement as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 2020.8.27.B.5, Strategic Leadership**

Ms. Dionne Viator presented the Board with this month's strategic leadership report.

ADJOURN

*There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Kurt O'Brien moved, Ms. Catherine Reeves seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned 8:22p.m.*

  
Larry Hensgens, Chairman