

RSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 17, 2023

12:30 PM – Ridgway Public Library Ridgway, CO

1. Meeting Called to Order at 12:32pm. Present: *Board Members*: Bill Halterman, Coleen McElroy, Joey Huddleston *Staff*: Karla Cline *Provider*: Dr. Joel Gates, Corey Phillips *Public*: Dr. Carolyn Dresler Absent: Vonnie Kuijvenhoven, Nancy Nixon
2. Review of Agenda: no changes
3. Public Input: Mental Health conversation will take place on October 19th. CPH will be present, represented by Ally Herst, and services can be added to the resource guide being developed.
4. Approval of September 19, 2023 RSA Board Meeting Minutes
 - a. MOTION TO APPROVE RSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2023. Coleen moves, Bill seconds, all in favor. MOTION PASSED.
5. Provider Input
 - a. Cedar Point Health Annual Report was presented by Cory Philips.
 - i. This was the first year of the merger between MMC and CPH. This was a 85k investment. The number of visits dropped from previous years due primarily to the major transition of this merger, as providers learned new systems and procedures. Two providers also left practice, although now two new providers have been added. There are currently a total of three providers as well as a mental health provider. Generally, mental health is an internal referral from the primary care provider to mental health provider.
 - ii. Medicare remains the largest insurance payer source.
 - iii. Staffing at CPH in Ridgway, relative to the rest of the organization, is fairly well-staffed. Cory shared about the continued challenges of hiring employees, even with Ridgway pay being 15% higher than other areas.
 - iv. CPH is a primary care focused organization. Primary care is not very lucrative, and so other complementary services, including aesthetics, has been added to increase profitability. There is a delicate balance between staffing, services and patients. Staff is needed to offer services and patients utilizing those services are needed in order to pay staff.
 - v. Payment reform is a big issue in health care these days. There is a movement towards pay for performance. For example, Medicare can predict costs of the cohort of CPH patients. If this cohort comes in at below projected costs, some of those savings for Medicare can be shared with CPH. CPH is leading the area in this kind of relationships with dedicated staff focusing on quality measures and transitions of care.
 - vi. Billing is done in house.

- vii. Budget consideration: RSA owns the X-ray suite at CPH. This is a digitized system. Currently this machine is not being used because there is no x-ray tech. There has been advertising for the position but no outside interest shown. However, an in-house employee has shown interest. CPH would like the RSA to consider contributing to the cost of training for an X-ray Tech in order to get the x-ray machine back in use. This would be approximately \$6,000. RSA asked that CPH submit this request in writing for further consideration. Board discusses needs of X-ray suite and community needs and expectations. Also, discussion of roles and responsibilities of CPH vs RSA.

6. Old Business

- a. Flooring & Interior Painting Project Update: Work will be done on the weekend if possible and begin the weekend of November 11th. Project will begin in waiting area and office. The office will not be painted. One hallway with encounter rooms will be available at all times. Help will be needed with moving computers and phones, as well as securing HIPAA related items.
- b. 2024 Preliminary Budget: Proposition HH requires the RSA have two Preliminary Budgets, one reflecting tax revenues if Prop HH passes, and the second if it fails. Ouray County Assessor sent out the tax revenue projection if Prop HH passes, and this has been included in the 2024 Preliminary Budget Prop HH document referenced in the newspaper legal ad and posted on the RSA website.

7. New Business

- a. New Desk Purchase: MOTION TO PURCHASE NEW DESK FOR SUSIE FOR UNDER \$1,000. Bill moves, Susie seconds. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

8. Administrator Report

- a. 2024 Budget Hearing published in newspaper and will take place November 14.
- b. Snipp- Karla will follow up with Vonnie
- c. Annual inventory has begun
- d. SDA Insurance audit completed
- e. Financial Statements in Dropbox
- f. Invoices/Checks: none

9. Adjourn

- a. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING. Coleen motions, Bill seconds, all in favor. ADJOURNED AT 2:08 PM.