Ouray County Regional Service Authority Regular Board Meeting, May 14, 2025

12:30 PM – Ridgway Public Library, Ridgway, CO

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Roll Call by Board President Nancy Nixon at 12:30pm.

Board Members: Laura Berg (District 1), Nancy Nixon (District 2), Mary Ann Guilinger (District 3), Carolyn Dresler (District 4), Deborah Denise Boerner (District 5)

Staff: Josey Scoville

Provider Rep: Susan Blakney, Dr. Bryce Lokey, Dr. Joel Gates

Public: Al Lowande

2. Additions and deletions to the agenda

a. Carolyn requests to add the topic Strategic Planning to 8.b

3. Approval of April 15, 2025 RSA Board Meeting Minutes

- a. No proposed changes by the board.
- b. **Motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2025 meeting without changes.** Motion by Carolyn, 2nd by Mary Ann. All in favor, motion passed.

4. Public Input

a. "Public Input" agenda item is a time when the public may bring forth items of interest or concern. No formal action may be taken on these items during this time due to the open meeting law provision; however, they may be placed on a future posted agenda if action is required. Each speaker will be limited to a maximum of five minutes, and the format shall be limited to presentations only. The Board will not engage with any speaker during the "Public Input" item. Personal attacks, personnel and employment matters, the use of profanity or ethnic, racial or gender-oriented slurs are prohibited, as is any "disorderly conduct" which violations State or Local law and shall not be permitted. If any individual disregards these rules, they will be asked to leave the RSA Board Meeting.

5. Medical Provider Input

- a. Q1 Report by Dr. Lokey (delayed from last month)
 - i. Payer mix hasn't changed much. 50%+ of visits are still patients with Medicare. Much more cash patients in Montrose walk-in clinic vs. Ridgway clinic.
 - ii. The new NP Adriana Lee is steadily building up her patient panel. Increasing monthly.
 - iii. Clinic has 400-750 patient visits per month historically. This year so far all months are in the 534-571 range.
 - iv. Ali Hersh (behavioral health specialist) has been working 3 partial days (1 in Ridgway) but will be in the Ridgway clinic more moving forward (2-3 days/week with longer hours) so patient visit numbers here should grow.
 - v. 800ish people is a considered a full patient panel in our area (balancing provider availability/capacity with staying fully scheduled).
 - vi. Promotion: need to educate people that walk-in care is available, behavioral health is available, pediatric care is available, & pediatric vaccines (non-Medicaid) are available.
 - vii. Potential ways RSA can support the staff:
 - Commute stipend, housing stipend, signing bonus vs. retention bonus, school loan forgiveness, compensation for Technical College of the Rockies lab hours.
 - b. RSA will add this discussion to Strategic Planning discussion in June.

- viii. CPH Ridgway is speaking with Montrose Hospital regarding the possibility of having a phlebotomist here in Ridgway a couple of days a week to make things easier for patients. Hoping they can draw blood either on east sided of CPH building on in the PT building.
- b. Safety & Loss Prevention Grant Funds
 - i. Request is for outside security lights for employee safety when walking to cars, especially in the winter when it's dark early. (perhaps motion sensor floodlights?)
 - 1. Need to follow Ridgway dark sky guidelines. DD will follow up with the town to research the requirements.
 - a. Carolyn recommends using Just George to install the lights once they're selected and purchased.

6. Administrator Report

- a. Audit Exemption Update
 - i. Exemption was approved by the state. Josey published it on the website and in the 5/8/2025 issue of the *Ouray County Plaindealer*.
- b. Irrigation System Update
 - i. There was a leak in a relief valve of the backflow that had to be repaired in order to start up the irrigation system. The annual backflow test was then done and irrigation system started up. Josey submitted the backflow report to Preston at the Town of Ridgway.
- c. Need a board member to be point person for Susie to contact for building issues.
 - i. Deborah Denise volunteers to be #1, Nancy will be back-up #2.
- d. Bylaw Review:
 - i. Josey & Nancy retained Ryan Callahan from Montrose. He thinks no more than two hours of work will be required. He will have documents ready for final review & approval at the June meeting.
- e. Financial Reports will be uploaded to Dropbox later today, it wasn't working this morning.
 - i. We have received over \$70k of our tax funds in the past few months that are currently sitting in the regular checking account. Josey recommends \$70k be moved to the Money market account to take advantage of the higher interest rates.
 - ii. **Motion for Nancy to move \$70k to Alpine Bank Money Market fund.** Motion by DD, 2nd by Carolyn. All in favor, motion passed.
- f. Checks to approve / sign:
 - i. This is True, Inc.: \$539.98 (2-year renewal for web hosting & domain registration)
 - ii. Ouray County Plaindealer: \$32.20 (monthly 2" x 2" meeting ad)
 - iii. Telluride Irrigation: \$852.56 (irrigation start up, backflow testing, valve replacement)

 Motion to approve the 3 checks for payment.

 Motion by Mary Ann, 2nd by Laura. All in favor, motion passed.

7. Old Business

- a. Ouray County Website / RSA more robust inclusion
 - i. Mary Ann got the Ouray County website to include information about the RSA in 2 different spots on their website.
 - ii. Josey took a group photo of the board to add to website and submit to the newsletter.
- b. Policies & Procedures & By-Law Development Discussion
 - i. This item will be moved to next month's agenda for review & approval.

8. New Business

a. 2025 Election Participation

- i. Not needed in 2025, no board members up for renewal. Josey will let the county know.
- b. Strategic Planning
 - i. Do we want to use facilitator Dr. Susannah Smith from Ridgway? This is what she does.
 - ii. Need to do this plan in partnership with the medical clinic / providers.
 - iii. Board members to all review the document before next month's meeting
 - iv. Need to invite Susannah to the June board meeting so the board can meet her.
 - v. Need to discuss if a community survey would be necessary / helpful.
 - vi. This will be a very long process. Goal is to have a shorter, more streamlined document than the draft we have from 2017.

9. Next Meeting:

a. June 17, 2025

Board Meeting at 12:30pm, Ridgway Public Library, Ridgway, CO

10. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:07pm.

Motion by Mary Ann, 2nd by Laura. All in favor, motion passed.

Deadline for agenda items for the next regular meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 4:00pm.

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