

Beaver Island Rural Health Center (BIRHC)  
Board of Directors Special Meeting  
August 1, 2020  
10:00AM via Zoom Video/Audio Conferencing Call

CALL TO ORDER: The teleconference meeting was called to order by Don Spencer at 10:01 AM (EDT) on Saturday, August 1, 2020.

ROLL CALL: The following members of the BIRHC Board of Directors, Staff and Others participated remotely via a Zoom Video/Audio Conferencing Call:

Board Directors Participating: Don Spencer (President), Frank D'Andraia (Secretary), Bill Johnson (Treasurer), Diane McDonough, Cody Randall, and Paul Welke (Vice President).

Board Directors Unavailable: Jim Wojan

Staff Participating: Tammy Radionoff, BIRHC Managing Director

Others Participating: Joe Moore

REVISION TO THE AGENDA: The President asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The Minutes for the regularly scheduled July 18th Board meeting will be brought forward for approval during the regularly scheduled meeting on September 12, 2020.

PRESIDENT:

**Announcements:** BIRHC/McLaren Collaboration - The President reported that he had replied to the query from a McLaren Health System for a list of six or eight items of major significance to BIRHC (distributed via email on July 29th). McLaren will now review and respond.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** The Treasurer requested the tentative budget, previously distributed via email (July 31st) be approved. A brief discussion followed. A motion to approve the budget as discussed was made by Spencer and seconded by Welke. Unanimously carried.

**Managing Director's Report:** (a) Salary Authority - Radionoff explained the rationale behind her request to raise the limit on Nurse Practitioner salaries up to \$100,000 per

annum. She indicated this new limit reflected current salary trends for NP's in the "Up North Region," as well as the continued high demand for experienced health care professionals throughout Michigan. She added the Caronavirus has further pushed salaries higher. A motion to raise the Manager's limit on Nurse Practitioner salary offers up to \$100,000 was made by Welke and seconded by McDonough. A brief discussion followed. Motion was unanimously carried.

(b) Caronavirus Testing - The Managing Director then proceeded to provide an up-date on Coronavirus testing. She reported as of August 1st 135 Covid tests had been administered. Since testing began last spring two individuals had tested positive. The Managing Director pointed out a coronavirus test, sometimes called a diagnostic test, looks for signs of active virus, that is the test tells you only if you have the virus in your body at the moment when you're tested. She indicated that it would have been helpful if the first of the two patients who tested positive had a follow-up caronvius antibody test. However, the patient declined because of the \$100 charge. The Managing Director noted the antibody test isn't checking for the virus itself. Instead, it looks to see whether your immune system -- your body's defense against illness -- has responded to the infection. More discussion followed. The President noted it was the sense of the Board that Center policy concerning Coronavirus antibody testing should be more flexible.

A motion was made by Welke and seconded by McDonough that "If the Health Center's Managing Director deems it necessary, a Caronvisus antibody test may be authorized at BIRHC expense. Motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS - There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING: The BIRHC Board meets next on Saturday, September 12, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Spencer adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Frank D'Andraia, Secretary