

Date: January 29, 2010
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Location: Mayers Memorial Hospital
Fall River Mills, California

(These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the proceedings and discussions associated with the business of the board's agenda; rather, what follows is a summary of the order of business and general nature of testimony, deliberations and action taken.)

<p>1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Kerns called the regular meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. on the above date with the following present:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mike Kerns, President Gail McClung, Secretary Jim Hamlin, Vice President Ruth Knoch Allen Albaugh, Treasurer</p> <p>Staff Present: Terry Pena, Acting CEO; Viola Babcock, CFO; Marlene McArthur, Board Clerk.</p>
<p>2. ADDITIONS & CHANGES TO AGENDA, SECTION 54954.2(b)2: None</p>
<p>3. CALL FOR REQUEST FROM THE AUDIENCE TO SPEAK TO ISSUES OR AGENDA ITEMS: None.</p>
<p>4. 90-DAY CONTRACT FOR OUTSOURCING CODING SERVICES: Viola Babcock, CFO, discussed and reported on current internal coding processes and problems encountered with inpatient and surgery coding. She added they are the most difficult and stringent—and that currently we are missing revenue thus recommended to outsource coding for those two: inpatient and surgery. Preliminary research indicates significant savings and better turnaround (28-48 hours). She dispersed vendor mailing list for coding RFPs and RFP templates.</p> <p>She further recommended and provided a proposal outline for remote coding company to provide 90-day interim service. Details of proposal submitted by AR Systems Inc. including bill rate were reviewed. An interim estimate is \$45,000. Albaugh asked if references were checked—and Babcock responded the company is nationally known, Michael Bell, CPA, M&M Auditor, recommended company, and Coos Bay reference check was positive.</p> <p><i>A motion/second (Albaugh/Knoch) was made to approve AR systems, Inc as interim coding service. MSC.</i></p>
<p>5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION (10:20): GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE</p>
<p>6. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: Kerns reported settlement agreement between Katharine Ann Campbell and MMHD effective 1/31/10 was unanimously approved.</p> <p>He also reported in closed session, the board unanimously approved the appointment of Terry Pena as Interim CEO.</p>
<p>7. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.</p>