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**Quality Committee**  
**Minutes**

August 15, 2018 - 12:00pm  
Boardroom (Fall River Mills)

*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.*

- 1 **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Board Chair Beatriz Vasquez called the meeting to order at 12:03pm on the above date.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Beatriz Vasquez, Vice President  
Laura Beyer, Director

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Louis Ward, CEO  
Jack Hathaway, DOQ  
Candy Vculek, CNO  
Theresa Overton, DON  
Steve Sweet  
Jessica Stadem, Board Clerk

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- 2 **CALL FOR REQUEST FROM THE AUDIENCE – PUBLIC COMMENTS OR TO SPEAK TO AGENDA ITEMS**

None

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- 3 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 A motion/second carried; committee members accepted the minutes of July 11, 2018. Beyer/Ward **Approved All**

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- 4 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

4.1 **Cardiac Rehab:** Submitted written report. No questions or comments.

4.2 **Purchasing:** In addition to written report. Have had several new projects that have increased purchases (3-5%) (5<sup>th</sup> Street House, laundry facility); no major quality issues, good cooperation from managers and departments; would like to increase communication between purchasing and infection prevention in regards to certain supplies and items to ensure we keep our infection rate low, new RTs always want to order supplies that were used at previous employers and have a hard time wanting to use current supplies on hand; managers have \$250 spending limit before needing Chief approval, maybe update policy to include any new inventory item requested needs Chief approval, will defer to managers to figure out new process.

- 4.3 **Med-Surg/Swing:** Acute average census is 4.05, swing census is 2.46, length of stay is 23.9 days; swing patients have been staying longer, partly due to LTC being closed/full for a while, also due to partnership not being started in time; barcoding has improved, IT specialist built report to help identify issues, created logs to document issues, pharmacy able to research, some are just a McKesson glitch; continuing to cross train acute staff to surgery, outpatient, ER; are down 3 FT employees currently, filling gaps with travelers, 2-13 week contracts start in September, if these contractors choose to stay, we don't have to buy out contracts; biggest concern for travelers who want to stay is housing; adopted shower schedule from LTC to be used for acute floor after patients family complained, making sure patients are receiving all hygiene care according to policies, everything must be documented; with counseling, communication has gotten much better; staff did great during recent fire with moving patients, no issues with power outage, if census was higher may have had to transfer to other facilities, everything ran smoothly, interns were very helpful.

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5 **QUARTERLY REPORTS**

- 5.1 **Patient Safety First:** Working with CHPSO on reporting requirements, do not have large amount of patient safety reports, learned about Safety Stories program (patient safety near misses that were caught), need to get staff out of mindset that QRRs are negative, they are used for improvement and education.
- 5.2 **CMS Core Measures:** Still working with ER on measures, from time of admission to triage average is 32 minutes; will bring visual graph & info to next meeting.

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6 **STANDING MONTHLY REPORTS**

- 6.1 **Quality/Performance Improvement:** Quality improvement project vs. quality measures, differentiating measures.
- 6.2 **PRIME:** End of September end of DY, no big changes foreseeable with program or numbers, 1.7.2 is paid portion, 5 of 8 criteria implemented.
- 6.3 **SNF Events/Survey:** Continuing to make sure all changes made are staying in place, looking closely at phase 2 requirements, progress is going well; Leslie consultant August 5 & 6 conducted surprise mock survey, outcome was good, reviewing specific patient charts that may be flagged by state during survey, educated staff on McGreer's criteria, major concern was infection control process, looking for interim infection preventionist, phase 3 has intense requirements for IP, atmosphere with staff has improved as well.
- 6.4 **Infection Control:** Not in attendance.

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- 7 **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Shortly after Hat Fire incident started, all communication was down and C Team all came to hospital to check in, started collecting bed info from other facilities, staffing plan, communication plan in place, ran into power issues on Friday, reviewed "hot wash" (after incident report), discussed areas of improvement; cold wash within 2 weeks to discuss progress, will look at total business continuity plan, IPG meeting coming up soon, will present more info at full board, ask Val to bring info; Hill Rom nurse call quotes presented, will need to decide on a vendor for new wing, if update all current plus new wing, \$310k, will bring to full board for approval; went through employee meeting presentation; have pricing for potential retail pharmacy building; staff housing available September 15 or so; visiting Eastern Plumas.

Dr. Watson discussed ER docs contemplating leaving EmCare and signing on directly with hospital, would need 4-5 doctors on board with plan, EmCare takes approximately 25% of what hospital pays them, will need to figure out rates and plan.

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- 8 **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

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9 **OTHER INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

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10 **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION –**

10.1 **Government Code Section 54962:**

Chief of Staff Report (Health & Safety Code §32155) Dr. Tom Watson, Chief of Staff Report

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11 **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION –** No closed session, nothing to report.

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12 **ADJOURNMENT:** 2:12pm

Next Regular Meeting – September 19, 2018 (Fall River Mills)

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