

**WRANGELL MEDICAL CENTER
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2003**

PRESENT:

Doug Schwartz, President; Brian Merritt, Vice President; James Stough, Secretary; Michele Galla, and Marlene Clarke, Members; Brian Gilbert, CEO; Karen Wright, Administrative Asst..

CALL TO ORDER:

President Schwartz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Brian Merritt moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Valery McCandless and Bob Maxand

Mr. Gilbert reported that we are receiving Exceptional Relief at the rate of \$450,000 to \$650,000 depending on our LTC census. Beginning October 1 we will receive an extra \$231.00 a day per resident until July 1.

The state wants us to have a plan for stabilizing our facility by January; however, will give us until March 1. The plan must be approved by the state.

We have received some monies based on our Cost Report.

Bob Ellis now says he won't have anything on the clinic study for another week and a half.

Two surgeons from Ketchikan have agreed to do surgery here; a general surgeon and an orthopedic surgeon.

Dr. Prysunka is going for treadmill training at Virginia Mason, so we can then offer this service again.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Many department heads reported on the changes they have made in their departments to cut costs since January.

COST COMPARISON INFORMATION:

The following figures were reviewed:

Fiscal Year 2003 Half Year Comparisons which showed a total reduction of \$239,048.65

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Revenue Cost Comparisons for FYE 2003 — Departments that showed a profit were LTC, ER, Short Stay and Outpatient.

Comparison by department of expenses for the month of July 2002 to July 2003.

Mr. Gilbert again stated that the facility is not closing, and that all 80 hour scheduled employees are not being scheduled for 72 hours in a pay period with benefits not accruing for the eight hour drop per pay period.

Also, Mr. Gilbert said that he sees no reason for further layoffs before July 1, 2004.

The board asked that Mr. Gilbert present at the next board meeting a Best Case scenario for the facility's viability; Worst Case scenario, and a middle of the road scenario.

Next regular board meeting will be held October 15th.

James Stough, thanked the board and staff for their support and cooperation during his term on the board. As the council representative, this is his last meeting, unless he is reappointed by the council as a community representative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Marlene Clarke moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Karen A. Wright
Recorder