

WYOMING MINERS' HOSPITAL BOARD
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011
RAMKOTA HOTEL, CASPER, WYOMING

CALL TO ORDER:

Gary Wolfe, Wyoming Miners' Hospital Board Chair Person, called this meeting of the Wyoming Miners' Hospital Board to order at 8:30 AM on Friday, December 2, 2011.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were:

Gary Wolfe – Green River, Chair Person	Don Stauffenberg – Riverton
Albert Battisti – Rock Springs	David Hornbeck – Casper
Cliff Knesel – Gillette	Bill Korhonen – Rock Springs
Jamie LaValley – Gillette	

Others Present were:

Mary Ellen Young, Executive Director
Ken Nelson, State of Wyoming, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Thomiara Garrison, Administrative Assistant – Gillette
Stephanie Hartford, Administrative Assistant – Green River
Nicole Lindquist – Thunder Basin Coal

Not Present were:

Harvey Jackson – Gillette
Rose Mosby – Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County Representative

Gary Wolfe made a determination that there was a quorum and the meeting could proceed

Mary Ellen introduced Stephanie Hartford; Administrative Assistant for the Green River office. Ms. Hartford gave a brief synopsis of herself and all board members reciprocated.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Bill Korhonen made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12th, 2011 Board Meeting. Cliff Knesel seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Cliff Knesel made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 1st, 2011 conference call meeting, with a revision showing David Hornbeck as present on the roll call. David Hornbeck seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Executive Director's Report:

Mary Ellen went over the Oct/November Executive Director's report and gave a synopsis of each program. Mary Ellen informed the board that she has requested a report from EBMS to showing all the different employers that have people registered. She plans on auditing each company in 2012 to ensure that all their miners meet the criteria for eligibility.

Mary Ellen informed the board there were eight (8) Hardship cases for prescriptions. She apprised the board that the prescription costs have decreased significantly, going from 45-50% of our Miners' Medical Assistance cost to 11% since the first of October.

Mary Ellen told the board that she had been in contact with her financial analyst in Cheyenne regarding the accounts and their funding status. The Miners' Hospital Board had two contracts that expired in 2011 and we had not spent all the money on those contracts, so she is hoping that she can get this money moved to the Miner's Medical Assistance program so that we can be funded till the end of December. It is extremely probably that another B-11 will have to be generated after the first of the year to carry us thru the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2011.

Members of the board asked for a Corpus statement every month and Mary Ellen told the board that they would be provided with that at the beginning of every month. Ken Nelson suggested that Mary Ellen obtain a Wolf report that could be obtained via her financial analysis.

Financials:

Financials for YTD October 2011 were emailed to all board members. There were no questions. Cliff Knesel made a motion to approve the October 2011 Financials as presented. Don Stauffenberg seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Renewal of Executive Director's Contract:

Gary Wolfe made a request that this item be moved to the last item on the agenda. All members agreed.

Mine Site Wellness Testing:

Solvay Chemicals made a request from Mary Ellen to have the MOST Wellness van park on their mine site to test all 450+ miners. It would not be mandatory for the miners to test, but the numbers would be quite high as they would be given work time to have the tests done. There was much discussion concerning whose responsibility it is to provide annual exams to employed miners and concerning the cost to the Miners' Hospital Board if they were to pay for all these exams.

Albert Battisti made a motion that individual mine sites request the MOST van to pay a minimum daily fee plus the set up charge. Jamie LaValley seconded the motion. After discussion, Albert Battisti withdrew his motion.

Cliff Knesel made a motion to have MOST vans park at a public location. Additionally if a company wanted to have the MOST van at their particular facility, they would need to contract with MOST themselves. Bill Korhonen seconded the motion. After discussion, Cliff Knesel withdrew his motion.

Cliff Knesel made a motion that the board will not pay for wellness testing on any mine site. Bill Korhonen seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Define and Review of eligibility of Miners:

Gary Wolfe suggested that the board needs to clarify the definition of residency. An actual definition needs to be established. Ken Nelson told the board that to clarify or change the current rules, they would not need to go through legislation. After much discussion, it was again stated that Power Plant employee are NOT eligible for MHB benefits.

It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to define the below criteria and to look at ways to cut our costs pertaining to the Miners' Medical Assistance Program.

Gary Wolfe suggested a sub-committee be established to look into:

- a. What is the definition of a Miner?
- b. Define residence?
- c. Age eligibility questions?
- d. What contractor work is eligible?
- e. What defines a disabled Miner?
- f. Change to the registration form to include the necessary information.
- g. Have Miners update and enroll each year?
- h. Have companies pay for all or part of the Wellness Testing?

The sub-committee will be made up of Ken Nelson, Mary Ellen Young, Don Stauffenberg and Cliff Knesel. The committee will have suggestions ready to be presented to the board at the February/March meeting.

Request for review of EBMS ruling:

Mary Ellen brought before the board a request for review from a miner, regarding the denial of his claim by EBMS concerning his *Umbilical Hernia* surgery. Mary Ellen read the decision from the EBMS Medical Review panel: "THE UMBILICAL HERNIA THAT WAS REPAIRED IS NOT PART OF THE MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM. THE MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM IS COMPOSED OF THE BODY'S BONES (THE SKELETON), MUSCLES, CARTILAGE, TENDONS, LIGAMENTS, JOINTS AND OTHER CONNECTIVE TISSUE THAT SUPPORTS AND BINDS TISSUES AND ORGANS TOGETHER. THE MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM'S PRIMARY FUNCTIONS INCLUDE SUPPORTING THE BODY, ALLOWING MOTION AND PROTECTING VITAL ORGANS"

It was a consensus between board members that whatever the professionals at EBMS determine the board should follow.

Cliff Knesel made a motion that after the review of the miners' case it is the determination of the board that the condition of *Umbilical Hernia* is not a covered condition. Albert Battisti seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Website:

Mary Ellen told the board that Stephanie Hartford, Administrative Assistant in the Green River office will be the one working closely with our Web designer to keep our website updated . Stephanie will also be putting together a quarterly News Letter that will be available on the Wyoming Miners' web site.

Legislative Session

Mary Ellen told the board the Legislators for the State of Wyoming would be in session late February and early March. She suggested that our next board meeting be held in Cheyenne during the legislative session. Mary Ellen told the board that she would look into this and get back with the board.

Renewal of Executive Director's Contract:

Cliff Knesel made a motion to adjourn to the executive session. Don Stauffenberg seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

After the meeting had reconvened, Bill Korhonen made a motion to retain Mary Ellen Young as Executive Director for 1 more year at a salary of \$71,400.00. Albert Battisti seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Gary Wolfe made a motion to adjourn. Cliff Knesel seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.