

Hospital district board meets

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East Phillips County Hospital board members had a smaller agenda for their April meeting, held Monday, April 27.

In his report to the board, administrator John Ayoub announced MMH's consulting pharmacist at North Colorado Medical Center is leaving and the hospital will need to find a replacement.

Also, Ayoub said the district is entering contract talks with First Party Receivables to handle billing for Family Practice of Holyoke. Because of the district's switch to Electronic Medical Records, it recently moved all of its billing in house, but Ayoub said the work has become too overwhelming.

Updates were also provided on Ayoub's searches for a new physician, CFO and lab manager. On all three positions, he continues to meet with candidates and conduct interviews. However, no official hirings have taken place yet.

In addition at the meeting, board members:

- approved a resolution to accept the 2008 audit as presented by Eide Bailly, LLP out of Fargo, N.D., not BKD, LLC as was incorrectly stated in last week's Enterprise.

- adopted a resolution to amend its insurance policy with AIG and VALIC. The amendments were definition changes mandated by the state; no changes at all were made to the coverage dictated in the policy.

- heard a report from Sherry Mari, director of the medical records department.

- approved the donation of the donor plaque, located in the old Melissa Memorial Hospital building to Phillips County Museum.

- reviewed a Medical Staff Regulations report prepared by Ayoub.

- went over the Financial Conditions Report with interim CFO Jim Rush.

- reviewed the district's balanced scorecard for its first quarter. Overall, the scorecard shows the district is performing very well in the areas of finance and customer care. Operationally, the district is performing well, but there are still areas in which the board would like to see further improvement.

- approved two-year re-appointment credentials for Dr. Hurst, Dr. Michael Hajek and Dr. Randall Marsh.

- approved the hospital bylaws as amended. The medical staff bylaws committee continues its preparation work.

- held an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Afterwards, the board approved a motion to give Ayoub a bonus for his work in 2008.