

San Juan Health Service District Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 19, 2025

Location: San Juan Health Conference Room, 380 W 100 N Monticello, UT

Opening of Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Board Members in Attendance: Allen Barry, Paul Sonderegger, Steve Simpson, Steph Williams, Doug Christensen

Absent: Casey Veach

Others in Attendance: Clayton Holt – CEO, Farley Crofts – CFO, Ashley Reynolds – CNO, Nick Fox – SJCM Manager, Skyler Crofts – Deputy Recorder, and others as listed on guest list.

2. Special Presentation – “Timeline of a Miracle” (Dr. Wigant)

Dr. Wigant presented an account of a life-threatening obstetric emergency in which a pregnant patient experienced sudden hemorrhaging during a routine induction

- Staff responded with an emergency C-section within 13 minutes of decision
- Delivery met standards of a Level 4 trauma center
- Baby, known to have cystic fibrosis, required extensive NICU care but is now stable and neurologically intact
- Key staff and physicians were coincidentally available, contributing to the successful outcome
- The case has drawn praise from external NICU providers who were shocked at the level of care provided by such a small rural hospital

3. Site Tour

Board participated in a walking tour of the new construction site beginning at 6:29 PM, and the meeting reconvened at 7:21 PM

Administrative Report

1. CNO/Clinical Report (Ashley Reynolds)

- Respiratory Illnesses: Almost nonexistent in April and May; however, an unusual pneumonia strain required treatment adjustments
- Gastrointestinal Illness: Unexplained increase, unrelated to facility conditions, appears resolved
- Significant Trauma Cases: Gunshot wound, near-drowning, chemical burns, MVAs, ATV accidents, and increased transfers (20 in May—highest to date)
- OB Services: Temporary OB divert due to both OB physicians being unavailable. Alternative arrangements and pre-delivery inductions offered
- Staffing: Difficulty filling night shifts due to required skills across multiple disciplines. Hired a highly experienced travel nurse and one new full-time nurse
- SANE Program Launch: Two nurses undergoing training for sexual assault forensic exams. Full program expected by fall 2025

2. Telehealth & Clinic Expansion

- Added Tele-Heart Failure APRN and Endocrinologist (starting July 3)
- Endocrinology schedule filled immediately with a 24-patient waitlist

Old/New Business

1. Hospital Project Update (Clayton Holt)

- Construction on track and budget remains solid
- Approximately \$28M due to contractor, with \$3.5M reserved for equipment
- Goal remains to retain ~\$10M in reserve funds
- Additional funding expected through DSH and cost report settlements before year-end

2. Property Tax Rate Approval

- Certified Rate: Adopted at .000693 (17% reduction from 2024 rate).
- Impact: Despite lower rate, total tax revenue increases due to \$250M increase in assessed property value.
- Discussion: Board reaffirmed commitment to fiscal responsibility by not pursuing the maximum rate.

Motion: Paul Sonderegger made a motion to adopt the certified tax rate of .000693

Second: Doug Christensen

Motion Passed: Unanimously

Financial/Statistical

1. CFO Report (Farley Crofts)

- Revenue: Over \$3M in monthly billings for March–May 2025—new record
- High-Performing Areas: Surgery, radiology, ER, and pharmacy (driven by oncology)
- Challenges: AR days increased due to Medicare Advantage denials and payment delays; recovering steadily
- Cash Position: \$39.6M cash on hand; strategic payments made to maximize interest (~\$5K/day)
- Audit Submitted: FY24 audit submitted to the County. Auditor to present audited financials at August meeting
- DSH & Medicaid Risks: Legislative uncertainty regarding Medicaid and hospital assessment funding; situation being monitored via UHA

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Medical Staff Report

Reviewed during CEO/CNO updates.

Credentialing

New Credentialing

Motion: Steph Williams made a motion to accept the Medical Staff's recommendation to credential:

- Janus Short, NP

Second: Paul Sonderegger

Motion Passed: Unanimously

Delegated Credentialing – Schedule C-1 Updates

Motion: Steph Williams made a motion to approve updated Schedule C-1 for the following services:

- Tele-Cardiology
- Tele-Endocrinology
- Tele-Critical Care
- Precision Physical and Occupational Therapy

Second: Steve Simpson

Motion Passed: Unanimously

Policy Review & Approval

Motion: Steph Williams made a motion to approve the new, revised, and unchanged policies as listed in the board packet.

Second: Paul Sonderegger
Motion Passed: Unanimously

Other Business

1. Next Meeting


Scheduled for July 17, 2025, in Monticello.

Adjournment

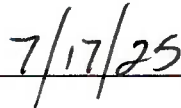
Motion: Paul Sonderegger made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM

Second: Doug Christensen

Motion Passed: Unanimously



Allen Barry, Chairman



Date