

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2022, MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ANN KLEIN FORENSIC CENTER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ann Klein Forensic Center was held on Monday January 24, 2022; pursuant to notice duly given. Notice of the Board Meeting is sent to the Department of Health Division of Behavioral Health Services Commissioner's office.

The following members were present:

	Mary Pat Angelini	Chairperson
	Steve Vardakis	Board Member
	Richard Higgins	Board Member
	Prem Sharma	Board Member
	Elizabeth Dunlap	Board Member
Guest:	Dr. Jeff Uhl	Clinical Director
	Eileen Lonergan	Acting Business Manager
Absent:	Rafael Aviles	Board Member

Ms. Angelini called the Board meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Minutes were presented from the November meeting, as December had no quorum. Minutes from November were approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Due to the recent Omicron surge that began in December 2021, all units went under quarantine status. During the week between Christmas and New Year's, eleven new patient COVID positive cases were identified, as well as numerous staff. This resulted in needing to house patients in isolation on their respective units since Unit 1A (Isolation) can only accommodate up to nine patients. Additional infection prevention training, protocols and surveillance were introduced to these units. The facility began rapid testing all staff entering the building, at various intervals, as PCR tests that were sent out to the lab were taking several days to receive results. Off unit programming and in-person visits were all pulled back. Treatment providers increased services on the units and began to increase the use of tablets to provide individual and group sessions for patients on isolation and quarantine. The facility continued to accept new admissions and to discharge patients, but at a lower rate.

Prior to the Omicron surge, the facility achieved a 93% patient booster rate. This involved a lot of coordination between infection prevention and treatment teams and an "all hands-on deck" approach. Education and patient incentives were offered throughout the first two weeks of December. Fortunately, patients that tested positive were either asymptomatic or had mild symptoms. No patients needed to be transported to a local hospital.

The Rehab staff worked with the patients to decorate each of the living units. The Holiday Picnics were held for all units following Covid protocols. Stocking items were given to each patient.

On Christmas Day patients had a holiday dinner and enjoyed pies and ice cream with holiday music. For New Year's Eve, patients were able to stay up and watch the ball drop, and on New Year's Day they received McDonald's cheeseburgers and apple pies.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Sharma announced that she will be moving to Boston come springtime, so will have to resign from the Board. We wish her all the best in the next chapter of life.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Lonergan reported on the Welfare and Our Store reports for the month of November:

Welfare

Beginning balance as of November 1, 2021, total Assets for the Welfare Fund = **40,675.75**

Total additions to the fund for the month of November were **\$.94**

Less expenses and adjustments of **454.30**

leaving a net decrease to the fund of \$ **(453.36)**

Ending Welfare balance as of November 30, 2021, totaled **40,222.39**

Our Store

Beginning balance as of November 1, 2021, for the "**Our Store**" fund totaled **68,084.92**

Total additions to the fund for month of November were **10,705.76**

less expenses and adjustments of **7,052.42** leaving a net increase to the fund of **3,653.34**

Ending balance as of November 30, 2021, = **\$71,738.26**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Attest: On file

Ms. Mary Pat Angelini, Chairperson
Ann Klein Forensic Center
Board of Trustees

The t board meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022