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Rural Health Stabilization Committee
ANNUAL MEETING
Virtual
May 13, 2021

Attendees: Terry England, Co-Chair,
Stephen Register
Charles Owens
Jimmy Lewis
Jimmy Allen
Tom Fitzgerald
Henry Craig
Scott Kroell
Angela Highbaugh-Battle

Guests: Nita Ham
Robin Rau

The Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee (RHSC) was called to order by Rep. Terry England.

After review of last committee meeting minutes, Terry asked for motion to approve the last committee meeting minutes. Jimmy Lewis made initial motion and Jimmy Allen seconded for the approval.

Meeting was then started with Robin Rau presenting a proposal for help with purchase of expansion unit with medical imaging. Would like for the state to help with purchasing this and Miller County Hospital would cover the cost of running the unit.

Questions followed:

Angela Battle- How will it be staffed?

Terry England stated that it would be staffed with a Physician Assistant or Physician with a couple of nurses.

What is focus? - Primary Focus will be on mammography and preventative care.

Jimmy Allen- What is cost of unit? - \$800,000 is the proposal cost.

How many patients will be seen in a day?- Stephen will get with Dr. Battle for that answer.

Robin stated that she will be able to do 340B pharmaceuticals on this unit.

A motion was presented to approve the expansion unit for Miller County. Jimmy Lewis made initial motion and Angela Highbaugh-Battle seconded, Proposal was approved by committee.

Stephen then suggested to everyone that a meeting will be scheduled sometime within Quarter 2. Suggested 30 days prior to meeting to find best day for everyone.



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Meeting was then adjourned at 4:45 pm.