

## **Steve Deaver resigns from hospital board**

Written by Chris Lee

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Citing schedule and time conflicts, East Phillips County Hospital Board member Steve Deaver resigned his position during the regular meeting Tuesday, July 24.

Board chairman Steve Young read a letter from Deaver who was not in attendance. His resignation was effective as of the reading of the letter during last week's meeting.

Young acknowledged Deaver's six-plus years of service to the board.

Deaver was elected to the board in 2006 and was midway through his second term at the time of his resignation.

Board members agreed to advertise the open seat to begin the process of filling the position.

## **Board gets overview from CHA president**

Steven Summer, president and CEO of Colorado Hospital Association, attended last week's meeting to speak with EPCHD board members.

Summer began his presentation with a quick overview of the most recent legislative session.

"We couldn't do what we do at the capitol, and we couldn't be effective in our political advocacy if we didn't have support from our volunteer leaders from throughout the state," Summer said.

He quickly walked through roughly 10 different bills that dealt with or had an effect on health care. Some of the bills he explained passed while others didn't.

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“Know the people who represent you at the general assembly,” Summer said. “Know where they are on issues that are important to your hospital.”

Summer also said to try to have conversations with the representatives.

The CHA president said there is a lot of shifting sand going on in Colorado. He noted there are new relationships between hospitals and new systems being established. “I think it’s always important for trustees to know a little of what’s happening,” Summer said.

Summer also spoke about the recent Supreme Court ruling on health care reform.

### **Administrator reports activity**

Ayoub began his report with an update on physician recruitment. He said a lot has been going on recently. A number of interviews have been conducted. “Some of them have been very promising and a lot of them have been not-so-promising for one reason or another,” Ayoub said.

The administrator said he hopes to have more to report at next month’s board meeting.

Board member Sheryl Farnsworth asked Ayoub about the provider recruitment video. Ayoub said he has seen a rough edit and is very pleased with the product. He said the film crew was scheduled to be in town last week to finish grabbing some video to finish.

Ayoub said the go-live date for the electronic medical records has been moved to Sept. 11. A

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mock go-live date was held three weeks ago and the administrator didn't feel they were ready to go live last week.

Another mock go-live drill was held last week instead. Ayoub said he feels very comfortable with the new date. In the meantime, staff continues to train with the new system.

"This is the biggest transition that this organization has ever partaken in," Ayoub said. "There's a lot going on."

During the Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation report, Young said Jessica Johnson has been hired as the new MMHF executive director. The position became available after Cherrie Brown announced her resignation earlier this year.

### **Other business**

In other business July 24, board members:

—accepted scope of work from the Neenan Company for the master facilities plan at a cost of \$16,000.

—noted the next board meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 27.

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