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The BIDCO Spotlight

Iowa Specialty Hospital-Belmond

On Wednesday, September 11, 2013 the BIDCO Board visited Iowa Specialty Hospital-Belmond. Nancy Gabrielson, CEO, gave a brief update on what was happening at the hospital and a tour of the facility followed.

Steve Soma began by thanking Nancy for her input and playing a vital part in getting the new addition built and for her time on the BIDCO board. Nancy will be retiring at the end of October. Amy McDaniel will be replacing her as CEO at the hospital.

Recent updates include Hearing Associates who are back in the hospital community. A lot of patients have hearing aids and devices from them. They will be in Belmond a couple of times each month.

A new ENT (Ear, Nose, and Throat) group is coming to Iowa Specialty Hospital. The new ENT provider will not be coming until January 2014 but the partners will be here monthly and do surgery as patient's need. The hospital has to rework some of the rooms to accommodate them.

A new ambulance class is beginning. If anyone knows of any persons that might be interested in taking this, please let the hospital know. They are looking for interested people. The hospital will pay for the class. The individual will be paid a nominal amount per hour when not actually on a call and more when out on a call. They are also beginning to recruit for the Clarion Hospital which is in the process of purchasing an ambulance. Katie Schlichting will still lead in Belmond. A new paramedic has been hired for Clarion who will help head up Clarion's service. Belmond and Clarion don't get help from the county. They are two of the few who don't receive help from the county.

Total employment between the Belmond and Clarion facilities is currently at 550 with PRN employees.

Currently there is a satellite clinic in Hampton. Dr. Colby is the supervising physician. The clinic is staffed by a PA. Dr. Colby works at the clinic for a ½ a day on his day off once a month. Garner has approached the hospital to open an office. It has worked well in large part because of the great working relationship the hospital has with ABCM Corp. in Hampton (the care facility in Hampton).

July and August are the slow time of the year.

Nancy asked that people put in a good word to our state legislatures about "critical access." There has been talk about eliminating critical access from the budget. Currently two hospitals can't be any closer than 10 miles. There is talk about making it 30 miles. If legislators take away rural health clinics, this will significantly impact the bottom line. She told the board that the majority of critical access hospitals have used Build America bonds and USDA funds.



Nancy closed by informing the board by inviting everyone to her retirement part on Saturday evening, October 26 at the Belmond Country Club. The tour of the hospital followed.



Nancy Gabrielson explains the new changes and renovations.



Nancy points out the new features and state-of-the-art equipment that makes it so much easier for both the patient and the staff.



The Helo Pad on the third floor (roof) of the hospital. Before this was built, all patients had to be transported to or from the air strip across from the Country Club. Having the helo pad enables the hospital to transfer and receive patients quickly saving time, especially when time is critical.



The surgical prep area. Patients are prepped here before entering the operating area.



Hospital lounge/waiting area for family members.



Physical and Occupational Therapy Area.



Kitchen for occupational therapy use to practice before going home.



One of the nurses stations and some of the staff.



Oasis Cafeteria is a licensed cafeteria and is open to the public.



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