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Hospital remains in 'action mode'

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The Quincy Valley Medical Center made money in April, but Grant County Public Hospital District No. 2 commissioners and administrator Mehdi Merred are still searching for ways to make the hospital's budget more efficient.

At Monday's commissioner meeting, board chairman Anthony Gonzalez said that he's been meeting with the heads of different hospital departments over the last couple of months to get a feel for how money can be used best in different areas.

"I think I've been to every restaurant in the Quincy Valley," Gonzalez said with a laugh. "I want to continue to review where we stand in terms of the facility and the financials and receive suggestions to keep things in balance over the next few weeks."

ADVERTISEMENT The hospital made \$226,327 in May, pushing its profit total for 2010 to \$75,016. The medical center actually reported a loss of \$87,408 net operating income for May, but was helped out by \$313,735 of other non-operating income.

"The decrease in census is the cause for the revenue to drop," said board commissioner Don Condit. "The expenses were close to the budget, and we had an increase in payroll. One thing to keep in mind is that we've adopted a change to report tax revenue reimbursement from Grant County, and we'll use that to reimburse the hospital for operating expenses. Going forward, that will start to change the bottom line from a loss to a profit."

Financial manager Dean Taplett said, "It's incumbent upon us to turn around the operating loss and match up the staff and services with the patient levels. We're not in panic mode, but we're in action mode. We want to start working with the managers to modify budgets and get some positive action and not have operating losses. The goal is to break even for the year or make a slight profit, and that has not changed. We'll take the necessary steps to do that."

Merred said the hospital is doing surgeries every two weeks instead of every week, which will lower operating expenses going forward. He also said the medical center has been notified by its accountants that it will receive \$480,000 from Medicare.

"That's going to affect our cash and our bottom line," he said. "We're not using any magic and we're not cooking the books. We're reporting the information as it comes to us. That's the nature of the beast. We possibly will owe Medicare next year. A couple of years ago we paid them over \$1 million."

• Director of marketing Michele Wurl said the annual Red Wine and Blues festival will be held July 17 at Parties on the Green. Tickets for the event, which will raise funds for the Quincy Hospital Foundation, will be \$50. Sunfire Grill will provide food.

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