



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT 1  
OF KLICKITAT COUNTY  
Regular Open Public Meeting  
March 15, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Klickitat Valley Health (KVH) Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., in the KVH Conference Rooms A&B. Commissioner Dennis Carver, President of the Board of Commissioners was the presiding officer. A quorum was present including: Commissioners John Quinn, Connie Pond and Mark Sigfrinius and Jim Daniel.

Also present were: Leslie Hiebert, CEO; Jamie Eldred, Director of Finance; Charis Weis, Director of Human Resources; Kasey Schneider, Director of Quality and Risk; Annie Stone, ARNP, Family Medicine Clinic Director; Hayley Greve, DNS; Jeff Teal, Director of Safety and Compliance; Jonathan Hatfield, IT Manager; Jacinto Orozco, MD, Chief of Medical Staff; and Barbara Bostick, Executive Administrative Assistant & Recorder.

### CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, & CONFLICT OF INTEREST

**DISCLOSURE** Board President Carver called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Pond seconded, the motion carried unanimously. Board President Carver requested disclosure from the Commissioners of any conflict of interest with items on the Agenda. All Commissioners present noted that they had no conflict of interest.

### BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dana Peck, the Executive Director of the Goldendale Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Board about the Chambers interest in assisting the Hospital District, as well as other businesses more effectively and to be a greater resource in areas of business growth and development to ensure a healthy economy for a healthy community. He noted that the chamber would be able to assist with obtaining necessary levy support, through networking and community education. Leslie Hiebert noted that while the District's M&O levy does not have to be renewed, the current Bond Levy will be up in 2020 and we anticipate that we will want to obtain a new levy in order to build a new acute care wing and will need all of the community support we can get. Leslie expressed appreciation for Dana coming and noted that Jim Semlor, Marketing, will be reaching out to the chamber for assistance in developing the focus groups related to the District Refresh.

### CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Daniel moved that the consent agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2017; and Special Meeting Minutes From March 1, 2017.
- Accounts Payable in the amount of \$636,932.08 and
- Payroll in the amount of \$37,953.62; and
- Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$958,756.22; and
- Bad Debt in the amount of \$78,702.10; and
- Charity Care in the amount of \$ 5,903.77.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pond. The motion carried unanimously.

## **BOARD EDUCATION/SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Jeff Teal Ph.D. Director of Safety and Compliance provided an overview of the Community Needs Assessment. He went over the summary as well as advised the commissioners how to read the report in whole if they were interested in more specific details regarding statistics noted in the summary. Please find copy of the Community Needs Assessment in the Board book.

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

### **Medical Staff Report.**

Dr. Orozco provided a brief overview of the March Medical Staff meeting report that is included in the Board book. He noted that the tele-stroke training has been postponed a month and that the credentialing for the tele-stroke providers will be done through the delegated credentialing process as is done currently with the tele-radiologists. Dr. Orozco also reported that the attendance of Dion Scott, Providence Laboratory Director, has been a positive addition to the Medical Staff meeting.

### **Family Medicine Clinic Report.**

Annie Stone, ARNP Family Medicine Clinic Director provided a brief overview of her written report. There was some discussion regarding the upcoming meet and greet for Dr. Shergill, a pulmonologist who is interested in potentially working as a Visiting Specialist at the Family Medicine Clinic providing pulmonology services. Annie noted that there is a need for a pulmonologist to assist in the treatment of patients with COPD and asthma. Annie also commented on the recent Physician Leadership training noting that she believes the program is very informative and helpful. Dr. Orozco added that he was originally hesitant to attend the training due to the time commitment involved, however he was pleasantly surprised about how good it was. He noted that the two day training sessions were information packed and well done. Leslie noted that she felt that it was a great team building exercise as well for our providers in attendance. There will be one final day of the training in May.

### **KVH Refresh Update.**

Jim Semlor reported that an additional focus group for KVH providers has been added per Dr. Orozco's suggestion. Jim noted that he has met with senior leaders and went over the 15 questions as noted in his previous presentation. He stated that following the senior leaders review, he has made some changes to the original survey and the new draft survey is ready to be sent out to senior leaders for their approval. He reported that the branding project is on track and moving forward and that he is feeling positive about the current progress.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Resolution 2017-03 Surplus Property.**

Commissioner Sigrinius made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-03 surplus property as presented. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **ACH Region Update**

Leslie Hiebert reported that she and Robb Kimmes, CEO of Public Hospital District No. 2 of Klickitat County, met with Dawn Bonder of the SWACH last week to get more information regarding the status of the projects and proposed projects that the SW ACH is involved in. She noted that the current recommendation by the Washington Health Care Authority is to include Klickitat County in the SW ACH Region. They are hoping to

establish a final recommendation by mid-April. Leslie noted that the initial concern was that Comprehensive Mental Health would not want to continue to provide service in Klickitat County as they did not want to be in two regions (Greater Columbia and SW), however Comprehensive Mental Health will continue to provide mental health services in Klickitat County. Leslie noted that on the upside, Klickitat County has 6,300 lives assigned to it and the funding that goes along with them. The downside is that we will have catching up to do. Leslie noted that she is excited about the prioritizing of projects and funding, as well as the real opportunity to formalize connections within our community.

- **WRHC Retreat**

Leslie Hiebert noted that at the recent WRHC CEO Retreat time was spent talking about the collaborative's strategic objectives. She noted that the underlying driver that the collaborative is trying to achieve is "operational excellence". She reported that one of the issues that has been a challenge is that in joint contracting opportunities within the collaborative, sometimes only a few of the facilities actually go through with the contract, minimizing the effectiveness of group purchasing. She noted that the collaborative has been exploring different models that may remedy some of the challenges of being affiliated loosely and supports independence for individual hospitals through interdependence. Leslie noted that participation in the collaborative has been the District's affiliation strategy and she wanted to check in and make sure that the board is still supportive of that direction. All board members acknowledged continued support of the District's participation with the collaborative.

- **American Health Care Act**

Leslie Hiebert provided a brief update on information she received in a conference call with the Rocky Mountain ACO. She reported that it sounded as though it is likely that the ACO would not be affected by the American Health Care Act as CMS recognizes that MSSP ACO's are effective and save money. Additionally, Leslie noted that it is important that the hospital have a common voice/response to inquiries regarding the American Health Care Act once more specific information is available. John Quinn noted that there is some misinformation regarding health care access. He noted that everyone will need to be included in the final plan.

- **Additional Discussion**

Leslie reported to the board that she has offered to the KCEMSD1 Board to hire the KCEMSD1 Operations Manager through KVH on a six month basis, as KCEMSD1 will not be hiring their own employees until January 1, 2018. No board members noted disagreement or concern with the potential of Leslie temporarily hiring the KCEMSD1 Operations Manager and billing the KCEMSD1 for the associated cost as the KCEMSD1 transitions to hiring its own employees.

## **BOARD, MEDICAL STAFF, and ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Written reports were presented from Leslie Hiebert, CEO; Jamie Eldred, Director of Finance; Kasey Schneider, Director of Risk and Quality; Charis Weis, Human Resources Director; Haley Greve, DNS, Jacinto Orozco, MD; Jonathan Hatfield, IT Director and Jeff Teal, PhD, Director of Safety and Compliance and Annie Stone, ARNP, Family Medicine Clinic Director. Commissioner Sigfrinius made a motion to accept the reports as presented; Commissioner Pond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

- President Carver announced that the Board of Commissioners would go into an approximately 15 minute **Executive Session** beginning at 6:33 p.m. for the purposes permitted by RCW 70.44.062 (1) regarding Medical Staff. The Board returned to public session at 6:48 p.m.

## COMMENTS OR ACTIONS RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Commissioner Daniel moved to approve the following individual(s) for initial appointment to Medical Staff: Larry Smith, DO – Provisional Active Physician, ERx; John Baumeister, DO – Provisional Active Physician, Clinic; and Bethany Kapp, MD – Provisional Active Physician, ERx as well as reappointment to Medical Staff: Sam Donhoe, MD – Active Physician, Hospitalist Services. Also approval of the following individuals through the delegated credentialing process: Ellen Hauptmann, MD and Faheem Hussain, MD. In addition to acceptance of temporary privileges granted to John Jacobson, MD, Cedric B. Simpson, MD, William Dienst, MD and Mark Mueller, MD. John Baumeister, DO. Commissioner Sigfrinius seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Quinn moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pond. The motion carried unanimously.

  
Dennis Carver, Board President  
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John Quinn, Board Secretary