



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes August 23, 2022

PRESENT

Juliet Pouillon, Board Chair; Ricky Knowles, Commissioner; Jonathan Blake; Commissioner; Les Dewey, Commissioner; Paul Pennington, Commissioner; Robb Kimmes, CEO; Brenda Schneider, CFO; Elizabeth Vaivoda, PR/Foundation Director; Diane Matthews, CNO; Heidi Hedlund, Quality Director; Russell Smith, Chief of Staff

CALL-IN

None

EXCUSED

None

GUESTS

John Matthews, Vern Harpole

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Juliet Pouillon, called the meeting to order at 1809 hours.

OPEN DISCUSSION & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vern Harpole, community member, thanked Juliet and Robb for attending the Lyle community council meeting. He distributed a book, "God's Hotel", to Board members and asked them to read it. He also asked the Board to support the Klickitat County Health department during the behavioral health shortage issue due to Comprehensive Mental Health's transition.

CONSENT AGENDA

Paul Pennington motioned for the Consent Agenda items be approved, including the minutes of the July 26, 2022 regular meeting; the July Accounts Payable Warrants totaling \$865,472.19, July Payroll Warrants totaling \$5,493.70, July Payroll Electronic Transactions totaling \$790,587.28; Other July Electronic Transactions Payments totaling \$159,955.74; and Bad Debt in the amount of \$21,440.44. Les Dewey seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT & CREDENTIALING

Dr. Smith discussed the loss of the Comprehensive Mental Health's designated crisis responder service. He recently requested to the EMS District Board that they resume non-emergent psychiatric transfers at night. He further discussed with the Board the policy change regarding non-emergent transfers at night. As the county EMS director, he has concerns and will be monitoring the issue going forward. Robb mentioned that the EMS district is considering adding a fourth ambulance for patient transfers. Discussion followed. Dr. Smith also reported the

medical executive committee recommends initial courtesy medical staff appointments for Kevin Semonson, MD (Radiology) and Michael Gardner, MD (Cardiology). Discussion followed. Les Dewey made a motion to approve the new appointments. Jonathan Blake seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing/Foundation: Elizabeth discussed her written report for Marketing and for the Foundation, including new advertising, equity training for the Board, and the 70th anniversary of Skyline (October 29, 2022). The Cultivate Columbia gala netted approximately \$105,000 last month. Skyline Scramble golf tournament will be held this coming Saturday. Elizabeth has submitted an application to the Firstenberg Foundation for a grant to help purchase stereotactic breast biopsy equipment for the hospital. The Foundation will have a strategic planning meeting in October.

Performance Improvement: Heidi presented her Performance Improvement Report, which included: the hospital quality projects and activities, performance and benchmarking graphs, and the clinic quality dashboard. Discussion followed.

Planning: The planning committee met and discussed finances, quotes for painting the clinic buildings, the new sign, and Cerner.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CEO Report: Robb reviewed his written report, including the status of discussions with Cerner for the Northwest domain, which has stalled due to the cost of IT Works, Cerner's IT staffing model. We're now looking at other options, including optimization and rebuilding areas as needed, without moving to the Northwest domain. We have asked Cerner for a formal quote for optimization. We will continue to bring updates to the Board. Robb also discussed MCMC's plan to affiliate with Adventist Health. The CEO of Adventist Portland has requested to meet with Robb. Bed capacity issues continue to impact our services and patients. There will be a joint meeting with the KVH and Skyline Board of Commissioners at Skyline on September 23rd.

Financial Report: Brenda reviewed her written financial report. Total gross patient revenue for the month of July was \$315,000 above budget. Inpatient and emergency revenue were above budget, while outpatient and swing bed were below. Deductions were once again above budget. AR days continue to high. Expenses were below budget, but agency staffing expense continues to be a concern. The bottom line for the month is a positive \$189,000, and the year-to-date bottom line is negative \$432,000. A summary of cash was also reviewed. Discussion followed about cash, collections and AR.

CNO Report: Diane reviewed the written nursing report. She discussed staffing, July ED visits, average ED wait times, and surgery activity in July.

OLD BUSINESS

We recently learned that White Salmon Eye Clinic owns the property where our current sign is located, with the sign possibly being on a city easement/right of way. The city also has signage

placement rules. The process has gotten complicated, but we continue to investigate our options.

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN: Board Chair, Juliet Pouillon moved to adjourn the meeting at 1928 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schneider
CFO

Board Chair

Board Secretary