

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting
Cascade Medical Center – Arleen Blackburn Conference Room
Public Hospital District No. 1 – March 24, 2015

Present: Mary Helen Mayhew, President; Helen Rayfield, Commissioner; Tom Baranouskas,

Commissioner; Bruce Williams, Commissioner - absent; Mall Boyd, Commissioner; Diane Blake,

Chief Executive Officer; Amy Webb, Chief Operating Officer - absent; Jill Barich, Executive

Assistant.

Guests: Sally Keeling, Director of Accounting; Rachel Hansen, PR; Emily Johnston, MD; Maury

Hafermann, MD; Shaun Kelly, Paramedic, Stan Morgan, Foundation, Patricia Baranouskas,

Community Member

Topics	Actions/Discussions	Follow-Up Items
CALL TO ORDER	 President, Mary Helen Mayhew called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM 	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Pledge of Allegiance was recited.	
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL	 Mall moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Helen seconded the motion. Motion was approved 	
Appointment of New Commissioner – Tom Baranouskas	 Jim Passage, Commissioner resigned his position, effective Friday, March 20th, leaving an opening on the Board. Tom Baranouskas had expressed interest in joining the board when there was an opening and the commissioners all agreed he would be a good fit. Mary Helen Mayhew administered the Oath of Office to Tom to be sworn into office. 	
COMMUNITY INPUT	■ None	
FOUNDATION	 This year's Golf Tournament will be in memory of Jim Adamson. Working on sustainable giving and building a program. Starting a Friend of the Foundation campaign that will begin soon to raise awareness of the hospital's services. Kitchen upgrade was finished in March. 	
PROVIDER COMMENTS	 Dr. Emily Johnston is our Emergency Department Medical Director. She explained to the Board the need for a Glidescope which is an instrument used to assist with intubating a patient. These units cost about \$13,000. Dr. Johnston envisions the unit being on the ambulance, but could be brought into the Emergency Department if needed. Dr. Maury Hafermann commented and asked the Board to think about what services do we need to plan for in the future and where can we do the most good for the most people. 	
Introduction of Rachel Hansen, PR Coordinator	Rachel is our new PR Coordinator who most recently worked for the Wenatchee World. Previously she did some PR work for a large health system in Pierce County. Welcome Rachel.	
CM Values	Diane shared comments from some clinic patient surveys. She also shared a piece of a commencement speech that speaks about Community and Empowerment. We have so many employees who show our values and go the extra mile.	
ACTION ITEMS: New Business:		
a. Credentialing Approvals	 The QI Committee recommends approval of the following provider privileges: Dr. Eric Dant – Extension of Active Dr. Brian Barstad – Extension of Provisional Dr. Peilin Reed, OnRad Teleradiologist – Extension of Consulting Tom moved to approve the extensions of current privileges. Mall seconded the motion. Motion was approved. 	
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DISCUSSION ITEMS: New Business:					
a. April Board Meeting	■ We have an evening board meeting planned for April 21 st at				
	6:00 PM.				
	Rachel has been working on a Community Forum prior to the	į			
	Board meeting. She has set up a panel of speakers on				
	preparing for a drought. The forum will begin at 4:30 PM and				
	both the Board Meeting and the Forum will take place at the				
	Chumstick Grange. Rachel is busy working on promotions and				
	getting the word out to the community about this event.				
b. Appreciation celebration for Jim	We would like to thank Jim for his years of service on the Board				
Passage	and for all his work and dedication to our facility.				
lassage	Mall suggested an event in the Plain/Lake Wenatchee area.				
	The Ponderosa Community Club may be an option and a				
	Thursday night at 6:00 when a number of community members				
	meet may be a good day and time.				
DISCUSSION REPORTS: Old Busi					
a. Board Retreat Date	The September retreat dates are not working for schedules.				
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	the weeks of 10/19 or 10/26.				
FINANCE REPORT	THE WEEKS OF TO/TO OF TO/ZO.				
a. December Financials	December is not finalized and will not be until the cost report is				
	filed in May.				
	Most expenses have been reconciled, but there still may be				
	minor changes in this category.				
	Operating Revenue – this number will most likely change as we				
	anticipate having a payable due to Medicare.				
	About \$1 Million was received in 2014 for meeting Stage 1				
	Meaningful Use. These were one time payments.				
	Cash Forecast – We started 2014 with \$1.3 million and ended				
	the year with \$2.4 million.				
	EMS Worksheet – ED volumes have increased which helps				
	offset how much the hospital subsidize EMS after tax money is				
	received.				
b. February Financials	Contractual Allowances – Medicaid charges were higher than				
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	YTD we are budget neutral.				
	Tom Baranouskas will join the Finance committee with Bruce.				
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Clinic Director, Erin Pulse has resigned effective April 9 th to				
ADMINIOTRATOR O REPORT	pursue a position at Confluence Health. Recruitment efforts are				
	underway.				
	CFO Recruitment – We currently have one candidate to bring in				
	for an in-person interview. Some reference checks were done				
	on this individual and he seems to be a good candidate. Diane				
	met someone in Spokane who has a recruitment piece to their				
	business and she will meet with them about other potential				
	candidates.				
	In August we will be looking at some possible locum shifts in				
	the clinic due to Dr. Richardson's sabbatical and Dr. Merritt				
	being on leave.				
	Dr. Miranda Raiche is interested in working in our clinic 3 days				
	per week. Diane is finalizing contract details with her and will				
	determine her start date. We will send her to an ED Boot Camp				
	to get her skills refreshed for working in the ED as she has not				
	done that the past couple years.				
	We are still looking at some mid-level providers if it is				
	determined there is still a need.				
	In the clinic we need to meet a production standard per				
	Medicare. The standard is lower for Mid-level providers. It can				
	cost us up to \$250,000/year if we do not meet the threshold.				
	Due to this, we need to make sure we have a good balance of				

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	providers in the clinic.	
	 Foundation Golf Sponsorship – CM has committed to a \$2500 	
	sponsorship this year. We will combine the C Team, Board,	
	Commissioners and Directors in one sponsorship.	
	Commissioners agreed to donate \$100 - \$125 each. Make	
	checks payable to CMF and give them to Jill.	
	 Public Relations – We will be able to have a better social media 	
	campaign with Rachel on-board. We will be getting information	
	out to the community in a timely manner.	
	 Diane is off Friday, March 27th and the week of March 30th. 	
	She is back in the office April 6 th .	
	■ FEMA Training – Jerri Smith and Veronica Goyne went to	
	FEMA HERT training in Alabama last week. This week we	
	have 6 people attending a Hospital Incident Command Training	
	in Alabama. This training and travel expenses are all paid for	
	by FEMA. We only pay the employees wages.	
	Advisory Council Meeting - Our next Advisory Council meeting	
	is Saturday, April 18 th at 10:00 AM in the Arleen Blackburn	
	Room. We are looking for new members if you know anyone	
	who may be interested in joining who does not live here full-	
	time.	
	Chelan County and Bank of America are still in a lawsuit. We	
	received a request for documents today that we will be working	
	through.	
Rural Health Conference Recap	■ Three commissioners and Diane attended the three day	
	conference in Spokane. All felt it was a very informative	
	conference.	
	Mall – the main themes seemed to be: Adapting to different	
	payment methods, Quality and sharing information more.	
	Helen – Thought the session on exposing middle and high	
	school students to health careers was very good. Also the	
	Prosser Community Paramedic program where paramedics	•
	make special visits to patients who have recently been	
	discharged. This has reduced their re-admission rates and	
	ensures patients are following discharge instructions.	
	Mary Helen's take-away's were making sure we are listening to	
	the patients and finding out what is important to them. Making	
	sure patients are told the truth. The presentation about	
	reaching out to people in the Methow who are off the grid was also interesting.	
	Diane attended sessions on Top Performing CAH's that was	
	very informative and a presentation on Island Hospital working	
	with students in the schools for mental health services.	
BOARD ACTION ITEMS	 Send Jill dates for the October retreat by Friday, March 27th. 	
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	Sponsorship to Jill \$100 - \$125.	
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS	■ None.	
ADJOURNMENT	There being no further business, Mall moved to adjourn the	
	meeting.	
	Helen seconded the motion.	
	The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.	
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Mary Helen Mayhew, President

Vice President

Helen Rayfield, Secretary