

Kittitas Valley Healthcare  
Board of Commissioners  
February 23, 2017  
KVH Conference Rooms A/B

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Altman, Liahna Armstrong, Bob Crowe, Bob Davis, Erica Libenow

KVH STAFF PRESENT: Julie Petersen, Libby Allgood, Carrie Barr, Vicky Machorro, Rhonda Holden, Mande Olsen, Amy Diaz, Carrie Youngblood

MEDICAL STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Timothy O'Brien, Dr. Don Solberg

1. At 5:00 p.m., President Liahna Armstrong called the regular Board meeting to order.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

**ACTION:** On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Bob Crowe, the Board members unanimously approved the agenda.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

**ACTION:** On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Bob Crowe, the Board members unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

4. **Quality:**

Erica Libenow and Liahna Armstrong reported that they recently attended a Gemba in the Emergency Department. During their visit, a trauma code was called. They reported that they were extremely impressed with the efficiency, skill and competent care given to the patient. They both expressed appreciation for the exemplary care given to the patients.

Mande Olsen announced that the KVH Family Birthing Department was awarded the Bronze Breastfeeding award by the Department of Health.

The Board members reviewed the QI Council summary and dashboards.

5. **Public Comment/Announcements:**

None.

6. **Emerging Healthcare Topic:**

Paul Jewell, Kittitas County Commissioner, gave an overview regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes (P.I.L.T.) regarding the purchase of private lands by governmental agencies. He reported that many counties, including Kittitas County, in Washington State are not receiving their full funding of tax monies due through the PILT program. He asked the Board members to submit a letter to the Governor of Washington State requesting that the counties receive the full payment due to them from the program. Julie Petersen responded that she will submit the letter on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Kittitas Valley Healthcare.

7. **Chief Executive Officer's Report:**

Mandee Olsen reported that the recent Department of Health (DOH) survey conducted at the hospital went very well with DOH staff stating that they could see quality care for patients throughout all the hospital departments. President Armstrong commended hospital staff for all of their efforts towards quality patient care.

Julie Petersen reported that the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours sponsored by KVH was a great success with the new KVH providers being introduced to the community. She stated that she met with John Gallagher, CEO of Sunnyside Community Hospital, regarding Yakima Regional and Sunnyside Community Hospital planning a future affiliation. Julie reported that she met with Congressman Reichert along with a number of other CEO's to discuss concerns regarding future changes to the Affordable Care Act. She reported that the Board will be invited to an event celebrating Doctor's Day on March 29<sup>th</sup> and also celebrating three retiring providers. She announced that on July 28<sup>th</sup> KVH will be hosting a Best Practice Seminar organized by Dr. Larry Birger. It was noted that the Hospital District No. 2 Board has been discussing Occupational Medicine and beginning stages regarding coordination of EMS services county wide.

Dr. Solberg reported that three providers have accepted offer letters. The Board members reviewed the Human Resources Dashboard.

8. **Chief of Staff Report:**

**ACTION:** On motion of Bob Davis and second of Matt Altman, the Board members unanimously approved the initial appointment for Dr. Thomas Giever and reappointments for Dr. Raymond Merrell, Dr. Jennifer Simons, Dr. Paul Miller, Jose Diaz, PA-C, and Megan DeSelms, PA-C, as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.

9. **Financials:**

Libby Allgood presented a short financial summary for the month of January noting that the month ended very close to budget. Matt Altman commended finance staff for their excellent efforts with the district assets and budgets.

**ACTION:** On motion of Bob Crowe and second of Matt Altman, the Board members unanimously approved Resolution No. 17-01 regarding surplus property.

Libby gave a brief update regarding the progress of the Cerner EHR project reporting that staff members had recently attended a Cerner Bootcamp in Kansas City. Commissioner Bob Crowe accepted an assignment as a member of the Cerner project Principles Team.

10. **Clinic Operations:**

Carrie Barr announced that Megan Powers, PA-C, will be accepting new patients. Dr. Larry Birger and Sherri Haga gave a presentation about the improvements they have made in the clinics regarding patient access and priorities for the new EHR. Dr. Birger demonstrated how providers are becoming burnt out due to the number of clicks performed daily for patient electronic reporting. He stated that improvements with a new EHR system could prevent burnout, improve patient satisfaction and allow providers to see more patients per year.

11. **Education:**

None.

12. **Public Policy:**

None.

13. **Old Business:**

a. **Board Meeting Evaluation Summary:**

The Board members reviewed the Board meeting evaluation form.

b. **CEO Selection Process:**

President Armstrong announced that the Board hired a search firm, Passage & Associates LLC, for the CEO search. She stated that the search process needed to be expedited.

14. **New Business:**

a. **Recognition for Years of Service for Patty Kettenton, Director of Health Information Management:**

Libby Allgood commended Patty Kettenton for her 39 years of service to KVH stating that Patty would be retiring on March 1, 2017. Libby stated that Patty served as the Director of Health Information Management for most of her tenure at KVH.

15. **Clippings, Articles, Correspondence and Board Meeting Evaluation Form:**

The Board members reviewed the various clippings and correspondence items.

At 7:00 p.m., President Armstrong announced that there would be a 10 minute recess followed by a 30 minute executive session regarding personnel and real estate. RCW 42.30.110(b)(g)

At 7:40 p.m., the meeting was reconvened into open session.

With no further action and business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

1. Motion passed to approve the Board agenda.
2. Motion passed to approve the Consent Agenda.
3. Motion passed to approve the medical executive committee initial appointment and reappointments as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.

4. Motion passed to approve Resolution No. 17-01 regarding surplus property.

Respectfully submitted,

Franki Storlie/Bob Davis  
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