

Kittitas Valley Healthcare  
Board of Commissioners  
April 28, 2016  
KVH Conference Rooms A/B

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

KVH STAFF PRESENT: Paul Nurick, Libby Allgood, Cathy Bambrick, Randi Christensen, Rhonda Holden

MEDICAL STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Timothy O'Brien

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

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

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

3. **Consent Agenda:**

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

4. **Patient Story:**

Arla Dunlop shared her patient story using the new KVH virtual care. She reported that she had an eye infection on a weekend. She used the KVH virtual care and was connected to a physician who prescribed medicine for her eye infection. She said the experience was well worth her efforts and the results were successful.

The Board members reviewed the QI Council summary and dashboards.

5. **Public Comment/Announcements:**

Ron and Kathy Mace of 707 Whitman Street stated that they were representing the neighborhood. They said that neighbors were concerned about the construction of the proposed clinic causing the vacating of Spokane Street, lowering the value of their homes, and the effect it will have on eliminating or reducing neighborhood parking.

Nancy Wieking stated that the letter font size was too small for senior citizens to read in order for them to complete a recent community survey that was sent out by the hospital to the public regarding the KVH future campus.

Roger Weaver said he was there to speak on behalf of the Parkland Condominium residents regarding the construction of the proposed clinic. He stated that the hospital should expect some hurdles in their permit and building process in relation to the SEPA permit process related to critical areas and restrictive covenants on the proposed building site real estate. He said the neighborhood residents were concerned about the value of neighboring real estate decreasing due to the construction. He asked that the hospital be a good neighbor by not declaring eminent domain in order to build the proposed new clinic. He also stated that there has been a noise problem due to construction and trucks

on the hospital campus early in the morning prior to 7:00 a.m. President Armstrong asked that Mr. Weaver contact the hospital CEO to discuss the noise concerns.

**Master Facility Planning:**

Cathy Bambrick, Amy Diaz and Mandee Olsen shared the timeline and plans for the proposed construction of a new KVH clinic. Cathy reported that a date has not yet been set for the SEPA permit process. A community survey has been sent out in order to get input from citizens regarding a future KVH campus. Amy reported that there will also be focus groups, and other surveys conducted with KVH employees and the public. Mandee shared the timeline for the permitting and construction process.

6. **Emerging Healthcare Topic:**

Libby Allgood gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding Value Based Purchasing. She stated that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services link Medicare's payment system to a value-based system to improve healthcare quality for the care provided in the inpatient hospital setting. She reported that participating hospitals are paid for inpatient acute care services based on the quality of care, not just quantity of the services they provide. KVH participated in a value based payment readiness assessment sponsored by the Washington State Hospital Association. She stated that KVH is not ready for any of the five models proposed, but could be ready for likely models to emerge in the near future.

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

Paul Nurick reported that the Team Health contract for the Emergency Department physicians expires July 1, 2016, and that the hospital is acting quickly to employ some of the physicians who have been working under this contract. He announced that recruitment is taking place for several areas including pediatrics. Paul announced that KVH was again designated as a Top 100 CAH Hospital nationwide by the National Rural Health Association iVantage organization. Paul and Matt Altman reported that the recent community healthcare roundtable held at the Hearthstone Cottage was well received. The next roundtable will be at KVH on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Board members reviewed the Human Resources Dashboard. Erica Libenow inquired about exit interviews for employees and asked if both written and/or in-person exit interviews could be conducted in the future. Cathy Bambrick responded this could be done and stated that only around 30% of employees will actually participate in an exit interview.

Cathy Bambrick reported that a Joint Districts Committee meeting was held between Public Hospital Districts No. 1 and 2 on April 12 with two commissioners from each district attending as well as Paul Nurick and Cathy Bambrick. Erica Libenow and Bob Davis reported it was a good meeting with important information being exchanged between the two districts especially in the area of emergency medical services. Randi Christensen will be taking Erica Libenow and Liahna Armstrong on a tour of the KVH Family Practice Clinic in Cle Elum.

8. **Chief of Staff Report:**

**ACTION:** On motion of Bob Davis and second of Matt Altman, the Board members unanimously approved the initial appointments for Drs. Keven Walsh, Tobun Cheung, Grace Herci, Ihab Ibrahim, Sheldon Jensen, and Lucas McCarthy, and reappointments for Drs. David Frick, John Boardman,

Margaret Kang, Anthony Longo, Mark Uhlman, and Paul Schmitt as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.

After discussion regarding requiring physicians to be Board certified, it was agreed that Dr. O'Brien will review practices at other hospitals and will revise the policy regarding board certification. He will bring back the revisions and suggestions to the Board at a future date.

9. **Financials:**

Libby Allgood presented a short financial summary for the month of March noting that the month's operations resulted in an operating gain of \$207,488 which produced an operating margin of 3.5% overall for the hospital. She reported that total clinic visits in March were 290 below budget.

**ACTION:** On motion of Pam Wilson and second of Bob Davis, the Board members unanimously approved Resolution No. 16-07 regarding surplus property.

10. **Education:**

**ACTION:** On motion of Pam Wilson and second of Matt Altman, the Board members unanimously approved the attendance of any interested Board members at the WSHA Summer Rural Conference in Chelan on June 26-29.

The Rural Advocacy Days in Washington, D.C. in mid-September were discussed with the possibility that one or two Board members may be interested in attending.

11. **Public Policy:**

None.

12. **Old Business:**

a. **Board Operations:**

The Board members agreed that they would continue with the starting time of the Board meetings being scheduled for 5:00 p.m. with the public comment portion of the meeting taking place at 5:30 p.m.

After some discussion regarding Board members being accessible to the community stakeholders, it was agreed that the Board members will schedule coffee hours at Jerrol's Bookstore in order for community members and KVH employees to visit with the Board members. The coffee hours will be advertised and will be scheduled three times per month with one of the days being on a Saturday.

The Board members agreed to have President Armstrong review the proposal and cost of services for professional consultant, Kimberly McNalley, to assist the Board members with Board operations.

Paul Nurick reported that Frank Jones plans to start videotaping the Board meetings in May.

Board members asked that their KVH email addresses be listed on the KVH website.

b. Board Meeting Evaluation Summary:

The Board members reviewed the Board meeting evaluation summary. Liahna Armstrong stated that she plans to review and revise the summary form.

13. New Business:

None.

14. Clippings, Articles, Correspondence and Board Meeting Evaluation Form:

The Board members reviewed the various clippings and correspondence items. The Board members completed the Board Meeting Evaluation Summary.

President Armstrong recessed the meeting at 7:55 p.m. for ten minutes. She announced that the meeting would be recessed into executive session for one hour to discuss personnel, quality improvement and real estate. RCW 42.30.110(g)(b); RCW 70.44.062(2)

At 8:55 p.m., the executive session was extended for an additional hour.

At 9:55 p.m., the meeting was reconvened into open session. With no further action and business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

1. Motion passed to approve the Board agenda as revised.
2. Motion passed to approve the Consent Agenda.
3. Motion passed to approve the initial appointments and reappointments for medical staff as cited above and recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.
4. Motion passed to approve Resolution No. 16-07 regarding surplus property.
5. Motion passed to approve the attendance of any interested Board members at the WSHA Summer Rural Conference in Chelan on June 26-29.

Respectfully submitted,

Franki Storlie/Bob Davis  
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