



KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING

KVH Conference Room A & B & Via Zoom

August 26, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Erica Libenow, Matt Altman, Jon Ward, Terry Clark

KVH STAFF PRESENT: Julie Petersen, Scott Olander, Vicky Machorro, Manda Scott, Dr. Kevin Martin, Jeff Yamada, Jason Adler, Rhonda Holden, Ron Urlacher, Carrie Barr

MEDICAL STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Timothy O'Brien

1. At 5:00 p.m., Vice-President Erica Libenow called the regular board meeting to order.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Scott Olander requested to add a capital request to the agenda.

ACTION: On motion of Matt Altman and second of Terry Clark, the Board members unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

ACTION: On motion of Jon Ward and second of Terry Clark, the Board members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

4. **Public Comment/Announcements:**

None.

5. **Presentations:**

Julie Petersen reviewed the history of The Rural Collaborative, stating it started in 2003 with 8 members and now has grown to 21 members. Petersen explained why the collaborative is so unique and stated that membership is by invitation only. Petersen stated that all members are both public hospital districts and rural. Petersen stated the collaborative is currently working with a legal team to put together a for-profit arm of the collaborative, which would allow for bulk purchasing, self-insured medical plans, etc.

6. **Reports and Dashboards:**

The Board members reviewed the QI dashboards and summary with Mandee Olsen. Olsen gave an update on the CMS survey. Rhonda Holden stated that we had a Home Health Survey with one deficiency and the correction has already been submitted and approved. Commissioner Altman commented that the dashboard shows that the patient satisfaction scores are up for the clinics.

The Board members reviewed the CEO report with Julie Petersen. Petersen stated that we would like to move the September board meeting to Zoom to allow for third doses and boosters of the COVID vaccine in the conference room. Petersen stated we hit a new all-time high of 1,948 patients hospitalized in Washington from COVID. Manda Scott stated that HR is starting to get some communication from staff about the vaccine mandate after letters went out, and that they have until September 3rd to respond. Scott also discussed the accommodation process and timelines, and she said that we have had great partnerships with our labor unions.

The Board members reviewed the operations report with Vicky Machorro, Rhonda Holden, and Carrie Barr. Machorro stated that we are taking care of four to six COVID patients a day. Machorro stated that we are getting calls from surrounding hospitals to take their patients and we are taking them as we are able. Holden stated that Cle Elum PT patients cannot get in and we need to look for another solution for the space. Barr stated that in the last fourteen days, the clinics have given 218 Covid vaccines.

The Board members reviewed the support services report with Michele Wurl, Jeff Yamada, and Ron Urlacher. Wurl stated that marketing is continuing to do outreach for Workplace Health. Yamada reported on what his team monitors on a daily basis and ticket counts. Yamada stated that work tickets are up about a hundred more per week since the pandemic.

Chief of Staff Dr. Timothy O'Brien presented the MEC's recommendations for initial appointments and reappointments to the Board.

ACTION: On motion of Matt Altman and second of Jon Ward, the Board members unanimously approved the initial appointments for Dr. Anupam Arora, Dr. Aaron Price, Erin Olander, ARNP and the reappointments for Dr. Michael Zammit, Dr. Surrender Kurapati, and Dr. Kamiar Massrouf, as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.

The Board members reviewed the Chief Medical Officer report. Dr. Martin stated that the REDi Regional Triage Team was reactivated for a call schedule on August 22. Dr. Martin and Altman are co-chairs of the Regional Triage Team.

The board watched this month's spotlight videos of Dr. Thomas Mirich III, Orthopedic Surgeon, and Mary Nouwens, ARNP in Wound Care.

Scott Olander reported on KVH's financial performance for July. Olander stated that the hospital continues to be very busy and the ER has been exceptionally busy. Olander explained the capital expenditure request for \$196,000 for campus planning design work.

ACTION: On motion of Jon Ward and second of Terry Clark, the Board members unanimously approved the Capital Expenditure request for the architectural design work.

7. Education and Board Reports:

Julie Petersen stated we are planning on May 18-20, 2022 for a board retreat in Chelan.

8. Old Business:

None.

9. New Business:

None.

10. Executive Session:

At 6:51 p.m., Vice-President Libenow announced that there would be a 4-minute recess followed by a 20-minute executive session regarding personnel. RCW 42.30.110(b)(g). No action was anticipated.

At 7:15 p.m., the meeting was reconvened into open session.

11. Adjournment:

With no further action and business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Motion passed to approve the board agenda as amended.
2. Motion passed to approve the consent agenda.

3. Motions passed to approve the initial appointments and reappointments as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.
4. Motion passed authorizing the capital expenditure request for the architectural design work for campus planning.

Respectfully submitted,

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