



KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING
Virtual Zoom Meeting
August 18, 2021

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

KVH STAFF PRESENT: Julie Petersen, Rhonda Holden, Carrie Barr, Manda Scott, Mandee Olsen, Scott Olander, Dr. Kevin Martin, Michele Wurl, Ron Urlacher, Jeff Yamada, Dede Utley, Jason Adler, Nicole Hilderman

MEDICAL STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Mark Larson

The special meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. President Bob Davis announced that the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the governor's vaccine mandate, staffing, and contingency planning.

Julie Petersen stated that on August 9, 2021 Governor Inslee mandated vaccines for healthcare workers, and she has been asked to join the Kittitas County Board of Health meeting tomorrow via Zoom to discuss it. Petersen stated that she would like the board to weigh in on the public message she will be sharing. Mandee Olsen discussed the overall process of verifying the list of those staff who are vaccinated and sending out information to those staff who are not yet vaccinated to find out those who plan to resign or apply for accommodations. Manda Scott stated that HR is focusing on our employees and volunteers. Scott stated that they will need to meet with every employee who seeks an accommodation.

Dr. Martin reviewed the 14-day trend of cases per 100,000 population. Michele Wurl stated that our ICU beds occupied has remained higher the past several weeks. Dede Utley commented that the last few weeks have been rough, volumes in the ED have been high, length of stay is longer, the waiting room is full, and they are having a hard time getting transfers as there are no beds available.

Petersen questioned if it is time to stop non-emergent surgeries again. Carrie Barr stated that the clinics are facing the same shortages and they are not able to offer much help. Rhonda Holden stated that we have had 5-6 Covid patients in house per day for

the last two weeks and these patients require more staffing to care for them. Petersen and the board discussed communication strategies to explain our staffing challenges to the community, with the goal of being transparent.

With no further business and no action taken, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Weed/Matt Altman
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