



# KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING

KVH Conference Room A & B & Via Zoom

September 23, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Davis, 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, Carrie Barr, Mandee Olsen, Tricia Sinek, Michele Wurl

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:**

President Davis requested to discuss the MEC files in executive session.

**ACTION:** On motion of Matt Altman and second of Erica Libenow, the Board members unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

**ACTION:** On motion of Jon Ward and second of Erica Libenow, the Board members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

4. **Public Comment/Announcements:**

Stephen Greenfield stated that many people in Ellensburg have health coverage through Kaiser and are happy with it. He asked KVH to reconsider its decision to remove itself from the Kaiser network. A letter from Michelle Williams on this same issue will also be attached to the official packet from the meeting.

5. **Reports and Dashboards:**

The Board members reviewed the QI dashboards and summary with Mandee Olsen. Olsen stated that flu shot season has started and that Workplace Health has been a great partner in distributing vaccines. QAPI planning for 2022 has started and will come to the board for approval at the December meeting.

The Board members reviewed the CEO report with Julie Petersen. Petersen stated that she appreciates the relationships with our unions and we have been working closely with them on several issues. Manda Scott stated that we have made a lot of progress on the governor's vaccines mandate. The goal is to have all the accommodation meetings completed by Monday. Scott stated that they have had ten employees that have declined to work with us, forty-one accommodation plans in process, and thirty plans that are complete. Petersen stated that she will be sending out a note to reiterate the timelines. Employees who do not respond will be considered to have resigned. Petersen stated that SLT will immediately advertise and hire for these positions beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, the date by which the vaccine must be taken to meet the October 18<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The Board members reviewed the operations report with Vicky Machorro, Rhonda Holden, and Carrie Barr. Machorro stated that Surgical Services is only doing emergent cases. This has caused some excess staff, who are being redeployed throughout the hospital. Machorro stated that she wanted to thank the staff, who are shifting their schedules and working nights in order to help.

The Board members reviewed the Chief Medical Officer report with Dr. Martin. Dr. Martin and Michele Wurl reviewed the ACIP interim recommendations for Pfizer booster vaccines.

The board watched this month's spotlight videos of Dr. Jamin Feng of KVH Internal Medicine and Dr. David Jackson of KVH Internal Medicine.

Scott Olander reported on KVH's financial performance for August. The hospital continues to be very busy and above budget. Olander stated that the KVH Foundation will be donating \$357,000 to the hospital, which is their largest donation ever. Olander stated that we are in process of renewing our medical and dental plans and we were notified about three weeks ago of a 78% rate increase from Premera. Olander stated that we have a resolution for board approval to allow KVH to apply to the PEBB. Although this starts the process, the resolution doesn't commit us to joining the PEBB.

**ACTION:** On motion of Jon Ward and second of Matt Altman, the Board members unanimously approved Resolution 21-03, authorizing review by the Health Care Authority to participate in the Washington State Insurance Plans.

**ACTION:** On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Matt Altman, the Board members unanimously approved the Capital Expenditure request for the Colposcopes.

**ACTION:** On motion of Jon Ward and second of Terry Clark, the Board members unanimously approved the Capital Expansion request for surgery, materials, sterile processing, and diagnostic imaging.

The Board members reviewed the Community Relations report.

**7. Old Business:**

None.

**8. New Business:**

President Davis asked the board how they would like to do the Board Self-Evaluation this year. It was decided that President Davis will work with Julie Petersen and Mandy Weed to schedule a meeting time and topics to be discussed.

President Davis stated next month is Board elections and stated that elections will be on the agenda for next month.

**9. Executive Session:**

At 6:55 pm, President Davis announced that there would be a 10-minute recess followed by a 30-minute executive session regarding personnel. RCW 42.30.110(b). Action was anticipated.

At 7:35 pm, the meeting was reconvened into open session.

**ACTION:** On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Terry Clark, the Board members unanimously approved the initial appointment for Dr. Karan Mehta, Dr. Chi Pui, Dr. Tahir Alkhairy, Dr. Gene Griffiths, Tracey Kenitson, PA-C, and the reappointments for Dr. Paul DeBusschere, Dr. Anthony Longo, Dr. Sara Cate, Dr. Byron Haney, Dr. Michael Chang, Dr. Robert Greene, Luis Ortega, PA-C, Anna Parr, PA-C, Michael Shultis, PA-C as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.

**10. Adjournment:**

With no further action and business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

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

2. Motion passed to approve the consent agenda.
3. Motion passed approved Resolution 21-03, authorizing review by the Health Care Authority to participate in the Washington State Insurance Plans.
4. Motion passed authorizing the Capital Expenditure request for the Colposcopes.
5. Motion passed authorizing the Capital Expansion request for surgery, materials, sterile processing, and diagnostic imaging.
6. Motions passed to approve the initial appointments and reappointments as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Weed/Matt Altman  
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