



KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

February 23rd, 2023

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

KVH STAFF PRESENT: Julie Petersen, Mandee Olsen, Scott Olander, Dr. Roberta Hoppe, Jeff Yamada, Vicky Machorro, Stacy Olea, Rhonda Holden, Manda Scott, Michele Wurl, Tricia Sinek, Jason Adler, Dede Utley, Linda Navarre.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda:

ACTION: On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Terry Clark, the Board members unanimously approved the agenda as amended (to include additional information on education opportunities and the one day board retreat).

3. Consent Agenda:

ACTION: On motion of Jon Ward and second of Bob Davis the Board members unanimously approved the consent agenda as submitted.

4. Public Comments/Announcements:

None.

5. Presentations:

Commissioner Clark attended the WSHA Governing Board Committee meeting and provided a recap. Specifically focused on Health Equity and State/Federal requirements associated with it.

Linda Navarre, outgoing Compliance Officer, shared 2022 compliance results. Navarre then introduced Cindy Kelly as new Compliance Officer and Suzette Johnson as Compliance Specialist.

6. Reports and Dashboards:

Mandee Olsen, CQO, informed the Board on quality data, she stated that a specific traveler caused the "Blood Product Documentation" numbers to fluctuate and they have subsequently coached and controlled that issue. Next, Olsen relayed that the Emergency Department and Critical Care Unit were both under the 75% top box score. This was likely due to difficulty in patient transferability as well as high volumes of patients and low response rates.

The Board members reviewed the CEO report with Julie Petersen. Petersen shared that the Cancer Support Group was being revitalized, as well as a new anesthesia contract being finalized. Community health and wellness was the main focus of Petersen's report, sharing requests from the community to have KVH participate in a new field house. Petersen commented on the MRI situation in the Expansion Project, telling the board that by March 6th we should have the old MRI out and the mobile MRI in.

Manda Scott, CHRO, shared her report with the Board, starting with "Pet Partners" and sharing photos of our new therapy dog Barrett. Scott also made a point to talk about the success her department has had in filling open positions in the Emergency Department, as well as a new Pharmacy Technician apprenticeship program that already had more than 20+ applicants.

Vicky Machorro, CNO, informed the Board of an interim ED Director starting on March 14th, while the search for a permanent ED Director continues. Machorro stated that staffing in all areas has improved. Additionally she was asked about remote dietician services at KVH and explained how we partner with other rural hospitals to provide these services to other underserved communities. Lastly, Machorro shared that CS was starting a late shift to keep up with higher OR volumes.

Rhonda Holden, CAO, informed the Board that a big thanks was owed to Engineering and others who helped with the PYXIS conversion process. She stated that they will start looking at barcode scanning rates in the hospital and working with nurse practice committee about this patient safety initiative with each director sharing goals/improvement plan with staff.

Stacy Olea, CCO, shared with the Board that there is a rapid access clinic opening April 3rd, 2023, with volunteers being gathered to staff the clinic as well as recruiting to fill the remaining positions.

Chief of Staff Dr. Hoppe, presented the MECs recommendations for initial appointment and re-appointments to the board.

ACTION: On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Terry Clark, the Board members unanimously approved the initial Appointments; Dr. Mandhai, DO, Dr. Pfaff, MD, Dr. Rogers, MD, Dr. Sanjuan-Chavez, DO, Dr. Showalter, DO, Clinton Kalan, PA-C, Blake Harding, PA-C, and the re-appointments; Dr. Wright, MD, Dr. Beard, MD, Dr. Sandquist, MD, Dr. Yapundich, MD and Robert Monsees, PA-C, as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.

Scott Olander, CFO, shared his report with the Board, covering January's financials, He commented on the job well done by directors and other SLT members making sure we had travelers when needed and finding creative ways to cover staffing as travelers dwindled.

Michele Wurl, CPRO, shared her report with the Board. She started with the upcoming 4th anniversary of Deputy Thompson's death. KVH will fly the "35 flag" to honor him while communicating to the staff, and community at large, the significance of the event. Next Wurl shared the results of the Rater8 program. 91% of the reviews being received are 5 stars and anything less than that being communicated to the Dept responsible so that changes or adjustments can be made.

7. Education and Board reports:

Commissioner Bob Davis, shared details of the AHA rural conference he attended in San Antonio, TX. He noted that hospital administrators from Uvalde were there and how they talked about their experience from the tragedy. This prompted a conversation about emergency preparedness that shed light on how KVH would handle a similar emergency. Davis shared that 50% of hospitals in the United States are reporting financial losses, how venture capitalists were moving into healthcare, chewing up and spitting out practices across the country and that workplace violence in healthcare is becoming a larger focus nationwide.

8. Old Business:

None.

9. New Business:

Justin Becker, Executive assistant, shared details on a one day board retreat to take place in June.

10. Executive Session:

At 6:55 p.m. President Altman announced that there would be a 10-minute recess followed by a 10-minute executive session to discuss personnel/property per RCW 42.30.110(b).

At 7:15 p.m. the Board came back from executive session.

11. Adjournment:

With no further business and no action taken, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Becker / Jon Ward
Executive Assistant / Secretary - Board of Commissioners

Conclusions:

1. Motion passed to approve the agenda as amended.
2. Motion passed to approve the consent agenda as submitted.
3. Motion passed to approve the Medical Executive Committee Recommendations for Appointment and Re-Appointment.