



KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING
KVH Conference Room A & B & Via Zoom
July 20, 2023

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

KVH STAFF PRESENT: Julie Petersen, Manda Scott, Dr. Kevin Martin, Michele Wurl, Dede Utle, Stacy Olea, Rhonda Holden, Tricia Sinek, Jeff Yamada, Dr. Wageneck, Anna Phillips, Dr. Dawson, Emilie Torretta, Cody Staub, Nicole Hilderman, Rozika Steele, Emilee Commeree, Colin Nebeck, Dr. Hoppe, Jaime Georgeson, Jen Cramer, Kathryn Brunner, Katie McKeown, Mandee Olsen, Nassar Basmeh, Dr. Penoyar, Dr. Larson, Dr. Wright, Y. Gonzalez, A. Gardner, Shelly Contreras, Brenda Hilligoss.

The special meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Altman. President Altman announced that the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss provider staffing and that one hour had been allotted for the meeting. President Altman stated that the regular board meeting next week will have the opportunity for public comments.

Julie Petersen stated that she invited the Women's Health providers to discuss staffing challenges. Petersen reviewed the needs for both mom and baby, c-section staffing needs and active labor staffing requirements. Petersen stated that last week we were recruiting for four WH/OB providers and reviewed the provider workforce and market changes from 2019-2022 to both our current and future needs. Petersen stated that this week the decision was made to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with OB Hospitalist Group (OBHG) as we were unable to recruit. Petersen stated that they will cover call, deliver babies, work in the clinic and surgery to provide both OB and GYN coverage.

Dr. Holly Dawson stated that it has been a pleasure to work at KVH and with the administrative staff and that it was a very difficult decision for her to put in her notice. Dr. Dawson stated that changes just didn't happen fast enough and she wants to be more present for family.

Petersen stated that in three to four months we should feel more stable with clinic care and delivering babies in the Family Birthing Place.

Dr. Wageneck stated that it will be helpful to have OBHG to help with call and that we need to try to calculate our new OB volumes and that we need to set realistic expectations for our patients that can be met.

Anna Phillips stated that having standard work in place for all providers would be beneficial.

Dr. Mark Larson stated that he is hearing from patients that they want to see their own provider and have that relationship so it will be important to educate patients to our new model of care.

Stacey Botten stated that OB wants to see the number of deliveries grow and she wants to give her team the work that they want to do. Botten also commented on the importance of standardization in order to provide that personal care to our patients. Botten also commented that she supports the change to OBHG.

With no further business and no action taken, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Weed / Jon Ward
Executive Assistant / Secretary - Board of Commissioners