



KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING
KVH Conference Room A & B & Via Zoom
July 27, 2023

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

KVH STAFF PRESENT: Julie Petersen, Scott Olander, Manda Scott, Mandee Olsen, Ron Urlacher, Dr. Kevin Martin, Michele Wurl, Jeff Yamada, Rhonda Holden, Dr. Roberta Hoppe, Dede Utle, Stacy Olea,, Tricia Sinek, Jason Adler, Nassar Basmeh, James Sivonen, Kara Henderson

1. At 5:00 p.m., President Matt Altman called the regular board meeting to order.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

ACTION: On motion of Jon Ward and second of Terry Clark the Board members unanimously approved the agenda as amended to move Resolution 23-03 regarding real estate to executive session.

3. **Consent Agenda:**

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

4. **Public Comment/Announcements:**

Elizabeth McQueen stated that the district has been buying a lot of real estate lately and she continues to see providers leaving KVH. She stated that she hears things in a small town which may or may not be accurate. Ms. McQueen stated that it is difficult to get an appointment with providers KVH.

Gayle Jensen stated that she is concerned about what is happening at KVH and providers leaving. She stated that she is concerned that KVH is paying travelers more than our employed providers and wants to know how we are paying for real estate. Ms. Jensen also stated that she is concerned that providers are being paid for the number of patients that they see.

Commissioner Bob Davis stated that we area community hospital and that is wife recently fell and hurt her hip and that she received great care at Rapid Access. Commissioner Davis also encouraged the attendees to watch the board meeting from last month regarding providers.

Commissioner Jon Ward stated that he is a member of the Finance Committee and a Board member and that he would be happy to meet and discuss where and why KVH is spending

money. Commissioner Ward stated that we have to spend money in order to continue to grow to support our community.

5. Reports and Dashboards:

Mandee Olsen stated that the Employee Health software will go live in August and it will help track compliance, send out reminders and will interface with other state systems. The Board members reviewed the QI dashboards and summary with Olsen. Olsen stated that the Medicare Wellness Visits are doing really well but they would like to increase the number of visits from six to ten per day. Olsen stated that the bar code scanning in the clinics is going really well.

The Board members reviewed the CEO report with Julie Petersen. Petersen stated that the ED volumes a year ago were in the mid 30's per 24-hours and we are now seeing new peaks of 66/67 per 24-hours and many of the patients are coming from out of town. Petersen stated this week a group met for the 90-Day Rapid Access review that is available to KVH patients and open from 7am to 7pm, six days a week and they are ready to start advertising the service to the public.

The Board members reviewed the Human Resources and Staff Development report with Manda Scott. Scott stated that she was excited to have Experience Healthcare again at KVH as it is a great way to invest in the future of healthcare.

Ron Urlacher gave an update on the Expansion Project. Urlacher stated that the project is on schedule, the equipment is on track for delivery dates and the call system is ready to be shipped.

The Board members reviewed the operations report with Dede Utley, Rhonda Holden and Stacy Olea. Utley stated that the Urgent Care x-ray is now back up and running. Utley stated that we have one of the strongest SANE (Sexual Assault Nursing Exams) in the state and that they have performed 24 exams in the past 12 months. Utley stated that there will be AVADE training on site next week. Holden stated that the Board members all had a letter of appreciation for Zane Davies at their spots from the Ellensburg High School and that the 47 Degrees North project has received 2600 letters of opposition and 1 letter in support. Olea stated that the surveys coming back from patients that have been to Rapid Access state they are very satisfied and thankful to be seen same day and the clinics are trying to keep up with access and the demand that just keeps growing.

Chief of Staff Dr. Roberta Hoppe presented the MEC's recommendations for initial appointments and reappointments to the Board.

ACTION: On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Bob Davis, the Board members unanimously approved the initial appointments for Jason Anderson, CRNA, Jimmy Averett, CRNA, William Barker, CRNA, Aaron Eastman, CRNA, Zorina Curry, CRNA, Dr. Amit Desal, Taylor Haberman, CRNA, Dr. Elisa Herman, Dr. Cameron Justice, Amy Lindstrom, CRNA, Dr.

Jessica Poteet, Spencer Soffe, CRNA, Dr. Ronald Stengel, Joseph Stover, CRNA, Dr. Casey Turner and the reappointments for Dr. Christopher Petty, Dr. James Collins, Dr. Kamar Massrouf, Dr. Michael Mercurio, Dr. Jose Ospina, Dr. Faranak Sadri Tafazoli, William Phillips, PA-C, Dr. Nooshin Aflakian, Dr. Tiffani Lautenslager, Dr. Mark Beard, and Dr. John Merrill-Steskal, as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.

ACTION: On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Terry Clark, the Board members unanimously approved the Emergency Medicine Delineation of Privileges as presented.

The Board members reviewed the Chief Medical Officer report with Dr. Kevin Martin. Dr. Martin stated that we had a Dermatology APC accept our offer.

Scott Olander reported on KVH's financial performance for June. Olander stated that we have had significant clinic growth over the past few years and reviewed volumes from 2016 to date stating we have added about 8,800 clinic visit last year than the year prior. Olander stated that we have also had significant growth in revenue from surgical services and have had a shift from in-patient care to observation care.

ACTION: On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Bob Davis, the Board members unanimously approved Resolution 23-02 for Surplus Personal Property.

Resolution 23-03 for property located at 708 East Hobart Ave, Ellensburg WA to be discussed in executive session.

The Board members reviewed the Community Relations report with Michele Wurl. Wurl stated there is a Rodeo BBQ signup sheet and they have extended the offer to 1st Responders for the BBQ. Wurl stated that marketing will be gearing up for Rapid Access in the next week.

6. Education and Board Reports:

President Altman stated that several attended the recent AHA Conference and there were some good sessions on safety. Commissioner Libenow stated that they were promoting mentorship and sponsorship of people that don't look like you. Commissioner Ward commented everyone is seeing the shortage of healthcare providers and lots of discussion on the need for everyone to work at the top of their license.

8. Old Business:

None.

9. New Business:

None.

10. Executive Session:

At 7:22 p.m., President Altman announced that there would be an 8-minute recess followed by a 20-minute executive session regarding personnel. RCW 42.30.110(g). Action was anticipated.

At 7:50 p.m., the meeting was reconvened into open session.

ACTION: On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Bob Davis, the Board members approved Resolution 23-03: Property at 708 East Hobart Ave, Ellensburg WA. The motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

11. Adjournment:

With no further action and business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 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 reappointments as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.
4. Motion passed to approve the Emergency Medicine Delineation of Privileges.
5. Motion passed to approve Resolution 23-02 for Surplus Personal Property.
6. Motion passed to approve Resolution 23-03: Property at 708 East Hobart Ave, Ellensburg WA.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Weed / Jon Ward
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