KITTITAS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT No. 1

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING
KVH Conference Room A & B & Via Zoom
June 26, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Ward, Bob Davis (arrived during audit presentation), Terry Clark, Matt Altman, and Erica Libenow

KVH STAFF PRESENT: Jason Adler, Jennifer Reed, Rhonda Holden, Janeen Reding, Dr. Andrew Thomas, Deb Callins, Jeff Yamada, Kristl Densley, Mandee Olsen, Stacy Olea, James Sivonen, Nasser Basmeh, Wayne Tivis, Jessie Melanson, Dr. Jonathan Johns, Yesenia Gonzalez, Susan Cutlip, Jordyn Hull, Laura Brese, and Penny Oversby

MEDICAL STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Roberta Hoppe

1. At 5:00 p.m., President Jon Ward called the regular board meeting to order.
2. **Approval of Agenda:**

   ACTION: On motion of Matt Altman and second of Terry Clark, the Board members unanimously approved the agenda as amended with the additions of a report out from the board members on the AWPHD/WSHA Conference and Commissioner Clark a report out from the Governance Committee meeting.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
   ACTION: On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Matt Altman, the Board members unanimously approved the consent agenda as presented.
4. **Public Comment and Announcements:**
   None
5. **Presentations:**
   Financial Audit - Tom Dingus and Daniel Juchau, from Dingus, Zarecor & Associates, presented the 2024 comparative financial data/stats regarding the latest independent financial audit of Kittitas Valley Healthcare. Dingus stated that there were no material findings or financial weaknesses reported for KVH.

   ACTION: On motion of Bob Davis and second of Erica Libenow, the Board members unanimously accepted the financial audit report as presented.

   Department Spotlight: Women's Health Clinic – Jesse Melanson introduced the Women's Health Clinic team for a department spotlight presentation. The Women's Health clinic at

KVH provides comprehensive obstetric and gynecological services, including prenatal care, deliveries, surgeries, and routine exams. In 2025, they have seen significant growth, with 104 deliveries so far this year, 70 gynecological surgeries, and over 3,200 clinic visits. The clinic has a team of OB/GYN providers who work together to provide 24/7 coverage. They are keeping more care local and seeing patients from outside the county. Challenges include long wait times for routine exams and limited physical space, but they are actively recruiting additional providers to improve access. Dr. Johns stated that a quarter to a third of all of his patients are high risk and stated that it is important for people to be aware of the services that we offer and the commitment of the hospital.

6. **Reports and Dashboards:**

The Board members reviewed the quality report and dashboards with Mandee Olsen. Olsen stated that the DNV survey is ongoing, with surveyors arrived yesterday for a surprise visit. The staff and leaders have been doing an excellent job being transparent and collaborative. Many findings from the previous survey have been closed, and several noteworthy efforts have been recognized, including the Blue Band Initiative, facilities' strong contract management, and the OR expansion. The surveyors have been impressed with the hospital's operations, noting that it functions more like a large acute care hospital than a typical critical access facility. Staff have been engaged and forthcoming, and the survey is seen as an opportunity for learning and improvement. The surveyors will exit tomorrow after an early morning visit.

The Board members reviewed the CEO report with Jason Adler. Adler stated that the hospital is running a levy and the focus of July will be getting the word out and attending events such as Rotary, school boards, city council meetings, etc.

The Board members reviewed the Human Resources and Staff Development report with Janeen Reding. Reding stated that the metrics remain pretty steady with the exception of turnover rates in May, however Reding noted that eight of the eleven relocated out of the community. Reding stated that the hospital has adjusted its recruiting strategy by combining physician and general recruitment roles and is exploring new sourcing platforms like Practice Match. The group also discussed the value of student programs and preceptorships in building long-term relationships with potential future staff, though they acknowledge the challenges of space constraints and the workload for preceptors.

The Board members reviewed the expansion project report with Wayne Tivis. Tivis stated that he is working on finalizing quotes for windows in the area where general surgery will move into ortho. The timeline for the move is still uncertain, but general surgery may move in late July or August, with ortho moving to campus in September. The Midtown Depot project is advancing, with plans completed and aiming for a December move-in date.

The Board members reviewed the operations report with Deb Callins, Rhonda Holden, and Stacy Olea. Callins stated that each of her teams have created a vision statement to connect them top down in the organization which they will see in her report.

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

ACTION: On motion of Erica Libenow and second of Bob Davis, the Board members approved the initial appointments for Dr. Jonathan Browne, Dr. Addie Burtie, Dr. Joseph George, Jennifer Martin, ARNP, Dr. Tyson Ramsey, Dr. Belaal Sheikh, Brock Smith, CRNA; and the reappointments for Dr. June Bredin, Dr. Todd Davidson, Dr. Brandon Godfrey, Dr. Hanafy Hanafy, Dr. Jonathan Johns, Dr. Kevin Owens, Dr. Nicholas Reiter, Dr. Nashwa Abed, Dr. Jeffrey Caverly, Dr, Sheldon Jensen, Dr. Paul Lampert, and Dr. Gregory Orth, as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.

ACTION: On motion of Matt Altman and second of Terry Clark, the Board members unanimously approved the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Delineation of Privileges as presented.

The Board members reviewed the Chief Medical Officer's report with Dr. Thomas. Dr. Thomas stated that the posting went out for Dr. Horsely replacement last week with his upcoming retirement.

Jennifer Reed provided a report on KVH's financial performance for May. Reed reported that the financial report indicates a strong month of May with an 8.2% operating margin and year-to-date net income of $4.1 million, while June is expected to be slightly under budget. She also noted a clean audit and an upcoming GPO transition with estimated savings of $700,000.

The Board members reviewed the Community Relations report.

7. <u>Education and Board Reports:</u>
None.

8. **<u>Old Business:</u>**
None.

9. <u>New Business:</u>
The board discussed key takeaways from the WSHA AWPHD Conference, including the integration of AI in hospitals, cybersecurity challenges, and the importance of narrative reporting in board meetings. They emphasized the need to focus on safety, quality, and satisfaction as core responsibilities of the board. The discussion also touches on the financial and human capital challenges faced by the healthcare industry, while expressing pride in their organization's strengths and innovations. Commissioner Clark shared from his Governance Committee meeting, mentioning potential dashboard subscriptions for

improved data analysis and the need to focus on safety, quality, and satisfaction as core responsibilities of the board.

10. Executive Session:

At 7:16 p.m., President Ward announced that there would be a four-minute recess followed by a 25-minute executive session regarding real estate. RCW 42.30.110(b). No action was anticipated.

At 7:45 pm, the meeting was reconvened into open session President Ward announced there would be an additional 5-minutes added to executive session.

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

11. Adjournment:

With no further action and business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Motion passed to approve the Board agenda as amended.
2. Motion passed to approve the consent agenda as presented.
3. Motion to accept the financial audit report as presented.
4. Motion passed to approve the appointments and reappointments as recommended by the Medical Executive Committee.
5. Motion passed to approve the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Delineation of Privileges as presented

Respectfully submitted,
Mandy Weed/Terry Clark
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