

April 20th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District was called to order at 12:04 pm by Board President, Commissioner Wallin. Present were Commissioner Ron Wallin; Commissioner Morgan Cooper; Commissioner James Golder; Commissioner Eric Anderson; Commissioner Greg Richardson; Interim Financial Officer, Paul Rogers; Executive Director of Ancillary Services, Tim Waldner; Chief Operations Officer, Dr. Garth Miller; Executive Director of Nursing, Curtis Shumate; Director of Quality, Shanna Harney-Bates; Administrative Chief of Staff, John Gleason; Chief of Staff, Dr. David Lemme. John Freeman of HealthTech is in attendance. Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs attended remotely.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Golder motions to approve the board minutes for March 16th.

Commissioner Richardson seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Commissioner Golder motions to approve the board minutes for April 6th.

Commissioner Richardson seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Call to Order/Points of Order

Resolution #456 - Removing Chuck Gardner as Bank Signing Authority. Commissioner Golder motions to approve resolution #456. Commissioner Cooper seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Tegria Contract Approval - Meditech Expanse project requires a consultant. WhidbeyHealth interviewed and selected Tegria as the company to use as a consultant. The cost will be \$2.4 million over a two-year period. Commissioner Richardson expresses concern about the amount of time he has been given to review documents of this kind. Commissioner Golder motions to approve the Tegria contract. Commissioner Cooper seconds that motion. Contract is approved.

Public Comments

Community member Vicki Mcfarland expresses concern with how the hospital proceeds in the Meditech Expanse process and is concerned for the sustainability of the hospital.

Medical Staff Report

Chief of Credentials, Dr. David Lemme

INITIAL APPOINTMENTS

- Amy L. O'Boyle MD, OB/GYN - Locum, Provisional Aube

Commissioner Golder motions to approve the initial appointment. Commissioner Anderson seconds. Motion is approved.

ADVANCEMENTS

- Rachel A. Oliver, MD, Emergency Medicine, Active Gladstone

Commissioner Golder motions that Dr. Oliver be accepted. Commissioner Anderson seconds. Motion is approved.

The Medical Executive Committee has brought two documents to the board for approval. The first is Hospice Staff Physician Privilege Request Form. Commissioner Golder motions to approve the Hospice Staff Physician proposal. Commissioner Cooper seconds. Motion is approved.

The second request is for Urology Privileges. Commissioner Golder motions that the Privilege request form be accepted for Urology. Commissioner Anderson seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

The Medical Staff will bring the Medical Staff bylaws to the board for approval at the next board meeting. Commissioner Golder requests that the board receive a copy of

the bylaws, both markup copy and the final copy, at least 48 hours before the board meeting.

HealthTech Update

John Freeman, HealthTech

John has been on-site this week working with Paul and the finance staff. HealthTech is currently working to recruit a permanent CFO. HealthTech is offering numerous educational and webinar opportunities. John will speak with Neil Todhunter about speaking at the next Medical Staff meeting on May 2 about the services that HealthTech offers.

Quality and Compliance Report

Director of Quality and Transformation, Shanna Harney-Bates

Shanna presents statistics from hospital tracking databases. WhidbeyHealth has completed successful surveys with DNV and Washington state Department of Health. There is no change to masking of employees at this time, but masking is no longer required of patients.

Operations and Outpatient Services Report

Chief Operations Officer, Dr. Garth Miller

WhidbeyHealth has recruited 4 new providers; General Surgeon Dr. Gary Weissenfluh will start June 5, Urologist Campbell Bryson will join June 19th, OB/GYN Dr. Loehr joins July 31st, and PA Sterm will join in Freeland August 28th. Other candidates are set to be interviewed in the coming weeks for general surgery and primary care.

NP Nibley has started the Behavioral Health program. WhidbeyHealth applied for a \$3 million grant last year. We have reapplied this year as new funds have become available. The WhidbeyHealth Pharmacy and clinics will be issuing covid vaccines based on new recommendations. This will be a single dose, good for ages 6-65.

Commissioner Golder expresses concern over the ability to finance the salaries of the new providers at Freeland. These providers should provide an influx for our downstream services and will expand our customer base.

Financial Report

Interim Chief Financial Officer, Paul Rogers

Paul is working with the Finance department and accounting team to provide March and April financial information for the May meeting, and to have the most recent available figures going forward. There has been a decrease in assets since this time last year, but also a decrease in liabilities. The Meditech Expanse expense has increased and now includes the Tegria contract.

WhidbeyHealth is looking into purchasing some of our old bonds on the open market at a 20% discount. By purchasing our own debt back, we would decrease the amount of interest we have to pay and increase our income. Cashflow is the biggest roadblock to doing this.

IT and Facilities Report

Executive Director of Ancillary Services, Tim Waldner

An IT steering committee will be rolled out next week. We have replaced cameras in the facility with cameras that have facial recognition. We will be adding more cameras throughout the facility as well. The air handler is still on track to be replaced in the coming weeks. We are awaiting DOH review in order to proceed with our imaging project and survey finding changes.

Organizational Culture Committee has established a task force working on reformatting the orientation process to help implement the proper culture.

EMS is expected to pick up two ambulances on May 4th. An active shooter table-top drill took place earlier this week and was very productive.

The employee survey is expected to go out to employees in May.

Nursing Report

Executive Director of Nursing, Curtis Shumate

The Ethics committee is in the process of being formed. Commissioner Wallin would like to meet with Nathan, Curtis, and Shanna to iron out the details of the committee. Recruiter Jennifer Skinner has been working with a recruitment company to bring on travelers with the intention that they may join as full-time employees after their temporary tenure. Traveler social workers have been brought in to keep that program going.

Administration Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

Nathan has trouble joining the meeting virtually due to technical issues. Tim gives a brief rundown of things the Management Council is working on.

Executive Session

The board moves to Executive Session at 2:04 pm to discuss what can and cannot be discussed in Executive Sessions with attorney Brad Berg.

The board returns from Executive Session at 2:49 pm. No votes were taken.

General Board Items

There are no contracts to approve at this time.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Golder requests that the commissioners attend the state audit exit interview tomorrow at 11:00 am.

Commissioner Richardson requests a minimum of two days' time for documents and contracts to be sent to the commissioners ahead of a requested approval.

Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 4th at 1:00 pm.

The following Board Meeting will be held Thursday, May 18th at 12:00 pm.

Adjournment

Commissioner Golder motions to adjourn. Commissioner Anderson second. The board meeting is adjourned at 2:57 pm. Minutes taken by John Gleason



President of the Commission



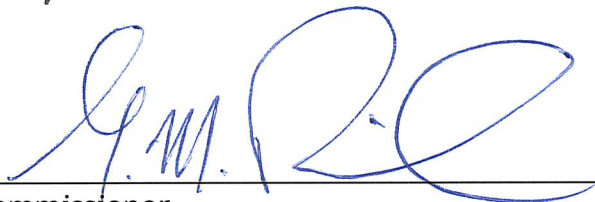
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