

January 5, 2023

The work session of the Board of Commissioners of the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District was called to order at 1:06 pm by Board President, Commissioner Wallin.

Present were Commissioner Wallin; Commissioner Cammermeyer; Commissioner Golder; Commissioner Richardson; Commissioner Anderson; Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mike Layfield; Interim Chief Financial Officer, Paul Rogers; Director of Ancillary Services, Tim Waldner; Chief Operations Officer, Dr. Garth Miller; Director of Quality and Transformation, Shanna Harney-Bates; Executive Director of Human Resources, LaJolla Peters; Director of Financing, Wayne Colson; Executive Assistant John Gleason, Director of Marketing, Conor O'Brien. Other Executive staff were in attendance remotely.

Points of Order

President Wallin called the work session to order at 1:06 PM.

Commissioner Cammermeyer wishes to discuss the board's efforts to send letters to state government officials.

The board will be moving to Executive Session in order to discuss potential CEO candidates.

Board Items

No Resolutions and not contracts are presented.

The Management Council along with the Commissioners have drafted a letter to send former Commissioner Kurt Blankenship to thank him for his efforts on getting the tax levy passed. The board will put advertisements in the local papers this month and the board will interview candidates for the vacant board member position once Commissioner Cammermeyer vacates her seat in February.

The cutoff date for candidates to submit their applications for the position will be determined at a later date.

HealthTech Updates

Neil Todhunter, HealthTech CEO

Neil will be in attendance at the next board meeting in January. Further updates will be given at that board meeting on January 19th.

Financial Updates

Interim CFO, Paul Rogers

We have 36 days of cash on hand comprised of debt service, reserve, and ongoing operations. We have seen improvements in the time it takes to collect receivables. We recently paid the Noridian cost report payment in full, and last week we were informed that we owe another \$1.3 million. Noridian was using 2021 cost report data, but those costs were inaccurate and that lead to the discrepancy. We are looking to pay this off as soon as we can to avoid a high interest payment.

Executive Summary

Interim CEO, Mike Layfield

The Management Council has been discussing our relationship with the patients of the hospital. Working on way to increase reimbursement with Tricare.

Facilities Summary

Executive Director of Ancillary Services, Tim Waldner

We have received another \$40,500 in commerce grant money. We are in discussion about leasing the building adjacent to WH that was recently the home to Cascadia Eyecare. A proposal will be brought to the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Richardson comments on the Quality reports and ways to make them more effective. Commissioner Richardson applauds the work of HealthTech.

Commissioner Cammermeyer questions our participation with Tri-care.

Tri-care has opened up participation that they will pay less than cost so it is not worth it to the hospital financially speaking. Commissioner Cammermeyer drafted a letter outlining our issues that will be shared with state Representative Larsen.

Executive Session

The board moved to Executive Session at 1:43 pm.

The board returned from Executive Session at 2:43 pm. No action was taken. We will be having special session meetings to interview CEO candidates in Executive Session later this month.

Adjournment

Commissioner Golder motions to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ricahrdson seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 2:44 PM.

Minutes taken by John Gleason



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