The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District was called to order at 7:03 am by Board President, Ron Wallin. Present were President Wallin; Commissioner Cammermeyer; Commissioner Fey; Chief Executive Officer, Geri Forbes; Chief Quality & Transformation Officer, Linda Gipson; Chief Human Resource Officer, Cindy Paget; Chief of Staff, Dr. Nicholas Perera; and several other hospital staff.

**Points of Order**

President Wallin stated the meeting will be audio and video recorded today. President Wallin stated there were no points of order for consent agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Fey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the vouchers as presented minus the January 9, 2017 minutes due a couple of correction, seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer. Motion carried. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense and reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, and have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board. #207928 to #208748 and #3676 to #3696 in the total amount of $8,688,404.11 with Capital equipment vouchers in the amount of $1,483,031.79, motion carries therefore the vouchers are approved for payment in the amount of $10,171,435.90.

**General Public Comments**

- Laurie Taylor – Member of Coupeville Community Allies. Provided a packet detailing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Growler Expansion.

**Quality Committee Dashboard Report - QRTLY**
Linda Gipson, CQTO

- Colleen Klamm our Infection Control Nurse just completed our annual review. We have cut surgical site infections by half. The only area that shows a need for a couple of minor improvements is in Orthopedics. In Orthopedics it can sometimes take up to a year for an infection to show up and the other is working with our partners at Careage of Whidbey and investing in more education with them. This year we are 100% compliant with all Core Measures on the in-patient side of the hospitals program which is a dramatic improvement.

- WhidbeyHealth has enrolled in the University of Washington’s Antibiotic Stewardship program. Currently the program is only in the hospital not at the clinics.

**Medical Staff Report**

A. Chief of Staff Report

Dr. Nick Perera, Chief of Staff reported the following:

Dr. Perera gave a presentation on credentialing and privileges process. Denise Schultz does all background checks. Commissioner Wallin thanked Dr. Perera for putting the presentation together. Dr. Perera stated that there has been a change to the General Surgery Privileges as per former Commissioner Gardner’s request; “Minimal” has been changed to “Minimum”.

Commissioner Cammermeyer made a motion to approve the change seconded by Commissioner Fey. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee welcomed new members Michael Mequio, MD, Ann Dannhauer, MD, Kristine Young, PA-C.

Dr. Nicholas Perera presented the following practitioners for initial appointments:

- Hannu Huhdanpaa, MD Consulting
- Alex Kosloff, MD Provisional Active

Commissioner Cammermeyer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fey to approve initial consulting staff appointments as presented. Motion carried.
Dr. Nicholas Perera presented the following Tele-Health providers for approval:

Mark Alter, MD, Consulting
Hind Benjelloun, MD Consulting
Dillon Euler, MD Consulting
Douglas Ikeheimer, MD Consulting
Suraya Kawadry, MD Consulting
Rhonda Lampen, MD Consulting
Nelly Norrell, MD Consulting
Curt Pinchuck, MD Consulting
Christine Rayner, MD Consulting
Marissa Stridiron, MD Consulting
Neal Venard, MD Consulting
Richard Callahan, MD Consulting

Dr. Nicholas Perera presented the following reappointments:

John Hoyt, MD Courtesy
Amy Garrett, MD Active
John Fortna, MD Courtesy
Sandra Lancaster, MD Courtesy

Commissioner Fey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer to approve the provisional courtesy staff reappointments as presented. Motion carried.

Dr. Nicholas Perera presented the following reappointments.

Michelle Aube, CRNA Provisional

Commissioner Fey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer to approve the provisional courtesy staff reappointments as presented. Motion carried.

Dr. Nicholas Perera presented the following reappointments

Alicia Darr, CNM Provisional
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Dr. Nicholas Perera presented the following reappointments

Melissa Chinn, D.O. Active

Commissioner Fey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer to approve the provisional courtesy staff reappointments as presented. Motion carried.

Dr. Nicholas Perera presented the following reappointments

Nany Clark, PA-C Reappointments
Amy Grant, MD Reappointments
Carla Jolley, ARNP Reappointments
William Jones, MD Reappointments
Rachel O’Connor, MD Reappointments

Commissioner Fey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer to approve the provisional courtesy staff reappointments as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wallin asked if Tele-psych people are from all over and Dr. Perera confirmed that these providers come from all over the United States. Commissioner Fey mentioned many of these Tele-psych providers are also trained in pediatrics.

**Staff and Status Reports from Administration**

A. Administrative Update

Geri Forbes, CEO reported the following:

- Geri read an article regarding providing care no matter race or origin.
- Geri thanked everyone including physicians for their participation in the Town Hall. There were about 50 attendees. The Coupeville Town Hall was the last one of the 2016 series we are now setting up the 2017 meetings. Keith and Geri beginning to work on schedule.
- Feb 1st honoring employees went really well. The event honoring employees who have worked at WH from 5 – 40 years.
• Commissioner Gardner will be retiring. Geri thanked Commissioner Gardner for serving on the Board for District 2.

• HR will be advertising open positions at the Oak Harbor cinema.

• More information about new Interim CNO Cindy Noonan found on our website.

• Remembrances of the heart will be Saturday March 11th at 2pm held at Coupeville United Methodist Church.

• The Foundation is in the middle of planning first Gala for WH. Held on May 13th at the Roaming Radish of Langley. Foundation is looking for donators & volunteers. Email tayloh@whidbeyhealth.org for more information.

• Relay for Life volunteer event held on June 2nd & June 3rd at North Whidbey Middle School.

Finance:

Ron Telles, CFO discussed and presented the following financials for December 2017:

• Volumes at the clinics going up.

• ER Visits same as last year.

• Surgery and outpatient surgeries volumes lag previous years. Tracking around 240.

• Inpatient had a full house. Tracking similar to last year.

• Discharge volumes are less than last year. Patient days were higher.

• A lot of staff has been ill.

• We made money in December.

• We had net revenue less than previous years. Did well controlling expenses.

• 52 patients on Apple Medicaid

• Commissioner Cammermeyer asked to have a more highlighted summary of the financial report.

Compliance – Beth Stout, Compliance Officer talked briefly about Compliance and gave a presentation covering what they have done so far this year in compliance including in false claims.
• Preparing for any Phase 2 HIPPA audits
• Revising education and training.
• Government is concerned with compliance in organizations.
• A lot of money is lost in healthcare fraud.
• OIG Work plan is published every year. Linda Gipson & Heidi Saunders will be bringing in two people in February to discuss the Two-Midnight Rule to our Physicians.
• Dr. Cammermeyer is on the Compliance Committee.

**Board Items**

• Currently there is an open seat on the Board. Georgia Gardner has resigned from the District 2.
• Need to appoint a new Commissioner within 90 days. Application packet can be picked up in Administration or from current Commissioners. Application deadline is March 17th.
• Geri Forbes discussed the changes to the current hospital policies. Policies will be updated annually. Jake Kempton has been overseeing and updating policies. Medidata gets applied to each policy. When policies come up for review the person in charge of policy gets notification.
• Commissioner Cammermeyer gave an update on the Board of Health. The deadline for submitting information on the Navy EIS on aviation noise has the final date for giving comment on the 24 February changed from 24 January.
• US Navy has been sampling water for flame retardants in water supply. One well on Ault Field came back with higher levels of chemicals in the water. There will be hearings on February 15th 4:00pm-7:00pm & February 16th 5:00pm-8:00pm. Citizens can have their well tested. Mayor Molly Hughes has had her own evaluation done. Providers may be asked questions from concerned residents.

**Agenda Items For Next Board Meeting**

President Wallin noted for the next Board meeting:

1) Next Board meeting will be held Monday, March 13th at 7:00 am.
**Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Wallin called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammermeyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 a.m. Motion carried.