

November 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District was called to order at 7:04 am by Board President, President Wallin. Present were President Wallin; Commissioner Fey; Commissioner Cammermeyer (Conference Call); Commissioner Anderson; Commissioner Blankenship. Also present were Chief Executive Officer, Geri Forbes; Chief Financial Officer, Ron Telles (Excused Absence), Chief Nursing Officer, Lisa Sanford; Chief Quality & Transformation Officer, Linda Gipson; Chief Human Resource Officer, Cindy Paget; Chief of Staff, Dr. Nicholas Perera; General Counsel, Jake Kempton 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, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship. 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. #218400 to #219476 and #3788 to #3798 in the total amount of \$8,202,594.36 with Capital equipment vouchers in the amount of \$91,474.81, motion carries therefore the vouchers are approved for payment in the amount of \$8,294,069.17 on this 13th of November 2017.

General Public Comments

- Gary Piasson spoke to the board regarding his growing concern with climate change in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Piasson shares that all organizations

involved with Healthcare including the AMA, ANA, APA agree that climate change is the number one threat to our health this century. Recent extreme weather events here and abroad have demonstrated some of these impacts. Even if we quickly cut our carbon emissions, global temperatures will rise by 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit within the next 9-10 years. We are entering an era of dramatic changes in the earth's climate. Mr. Piasson shares that he and his wife will be attending the International Transformational Resilience Coalition (ITRC) conference, which will help him actively, educate our staff. Mr. Piasson will report back to the board after this meeting.

Nursing

Lisa Sanford, CNO

- ED Manager candidate is coming on site after the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Trish Nielsen our current OB manager has decided to step down, after 11 years.
- Lisa recently joined in the Rural Health CNO collaborative, she is looking to gain knowledge and make connections from other Rural Hospitals.
- Medical Surgery team has been successful and not had a fall in the past 90 days.
- Operating Room was shut down over the last weekend successfully for maintenance, and addition of humidification. We will be opening today again at 7:30 am.

Quality & Patient Safety

Linda Gipson gave a Quality update.

- We have entered a collaborative relationship with Pacific Northwestern University. This will be bringing in third and fourth year medical students that we will be rotating through our clinics.
- This relationship will allow us the opportunity to recruit not only providers, but nurses, pharmacists, PA's and MA's.
- A regional campus design allows our own physicians the opportunity to be adjunct faculty at the University. The constant interaction with students will additionally have a positive influence to keep our physicians continually challenged.
- The first student will be here on a semester basis this spring. We are currently assisting PNU students search for housing on island.

Medical Staff Report

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

- November Chief Nominations Results
 - Douglas Langrock, MD, was elected as the Chief of Staff elect.
 - Dr. Langrock is going to continue his role as the Chief of Community Healthcare while he remains the Chief of Staff elect.
 - Robert Johnson, MD, was reelected as Chief of Surgery.
 - Mahal Maninder, MD, was reelected as Chief of Medicine.

- New Medical Staff
 - John Vassar, MD, Anesthesiology
 - Christine Wiese, ARNP, Hospitalist

Dr. Nicholas Perera presented the following Privileges for approval.

- **Privileges**

- Revised Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) Privileges

Commissioner Fey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approved revised Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) Privileges. Motion carried.

- Revised Emergency Medicine Privileges

Commissioner Fey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approved revised Emergency Medicine Privileges. Motion carried

Dr. Nicholas Perera presented the following Initial Appointments.

Christopher Zaleski, MD, Radiology	Provisional Telemedicine
Andrew Olson, MD, Radiology	Provisional Telemedicine
Peter Thurlow, MD, Radiology	Provisional Telemedicine
John Rago, MD , Radiology	Provisional Telemedicine
Timothy Neher, MD, Radiology	Provisional Courtesy
Christine Wiese, ARNP, Hospitalist	Provisional Advanced Clinical Practitioner
Michael Lanker, DO, Emergency Medicine	Provisional Active
James Bauer, MD, Obstetrics/Gynecology	Provisional Active
Seth Grisham, PA-C,	Provisional Advanced Clinical Practitioner

- A new alliance with Siemens Healthineers has begun. This is another partnership that we are very excited about, which has been in the works for over a year. The Siemens partnership allows us to replace 100% of our radiology equipment over the next 5 years, with a 10 year contract. Geri introduced Ryan Boxleitner, our key contact from Siemens, to our board.
- This is the first partnership of its kind in the United States. This will be beneficial to Whidbey Island, as we set the standard for all rural communities. The opportunity is upon us to make connections and bring in other communities to see how beneficial this type of partnership can be.

Finance:

Jennifer Reed, Controller, discussed and presented the following financials for September 2017 on behalf of Ron Telles:

- Clinic visits were all down in volume, as expected, but still better than last year.
- ED has been very stable.
- Patient days are about the same.
- Increased supply cost for the Pharmacy will continue.
- Tax Levy Resolutions:

Resolution 376: Legal Budget

Commissioner Fey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve Resolution 376. Motion Carried.

Resolution 377: EMS Tax increase

Resolution 378: Tax increase

Resolution 379: Tax increase for Plant increase

Commissioner Fey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve Resolutions 377, 378, 379. Motion Carried.

Human Resources Dashboard

- This is our quarterly report representing the third quarter of 2017.
- Total number of current employees, at the end of quarter three is 735 employees.
- Total number FTE employees at end of quarter three are 668 employees.
- 74 days is the current average time frame for new hires. This number is computed from the day the job posting is available to the date a candidate accepts.
- We are reporting a 6% voluntary separation, this quarter. A large number of this percentage is reflective of our large military community.
- Current days without injury, unfortunately at this time we are at 1 day. We are working hard to improve this number and educate staff on employee safety.

Agenda Items For Next Board Meeting

President Wallin noted for the next Board meeting:

- 1) Next Board meeting will be held Monday, December 11th at 7:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Fey called for a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Blankenship to adjourn the meeting at 7:59am. Motion carried.