

May 16th, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District was called to order at 12:00 pm by Board President, Commissioner Golder. Present were Commissioner, Ron Wallin; Commissioner, James Golder; Commissioner, Greg Richardson; Commissioner, Kate Rose; Chief Financial Officer, Paul Rogers; Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs; Executive Director of Quality and Transformation, Shanna Harney-Bates; Administrative Chief of Staff, John Gleason. Chief of Staff, Dr. David Lemme. Dominic Symes from HealthTech was also in attendance. Commissioner Marious Jouas is in attendance remotely.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wallin motions to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Richardson seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Medical Staff Report

Chief of Credentials, Dr. David Lemme

Dr. Lemme presents the credentials report to the board.

INITIAL APPOINTMENTS

- Raad Al Shaikhli MD, Sound Physician Locum Hospitalist, Provisional Courtesy
- Ahmad Badery MD, Sound Physician Locum Hospitalist, Provisional Courtesy
- Christopher Ball PA-C, Walk in Clinic-Goldie, Provisional Active
- Emily Baltes MD, OB/GYN per diem, Provisional Courtesy
- Lena Bransom FNP ARNP, Hematology/Oncology, Provisional Active
- Michael Cho MD, Sound Physician Locum Hospitalist, Provisional Courtesy
- Kyle Hirschman DO, Real Radiology, Tele-Radiology
- Elizabeth Hosselkus MD, Skagit Radiology, Tele-Radiology
- Kimia Kani MD, Real Radiology, Provisional Tele-Radiology
- Garth Miller MD, General Surgery, Provisional Active
- Furqan Taher DO, Sound Physician Locum Hospitalist, Provisional Courtesy
- Elizabeth Yeater DNP ARNP, Sound Physicians Hospitalist, Provisional Active
- Aaron Stayman MD, Swedish Medical Center Tele-Stroke, Tele-Medicine

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Initial Appointments. Commissioner Wallin seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

ADVANCEMENTS

- Campbell Bryson MD, WhidbeyHealth Urology, Active Staff
- Galen Cortina MD, Northwest Pathology/AveroDX, Courtesy
- Casey Medina MD, Skagit Radiology, Active Staff
- Ryan Myers MD, WhidbeyHealth Orthopedics, Active Staff

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Advancements. Commissioner Wallin seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

REAPPOINTMENTS

- Kiran Chaturvedi MD, Northwest Pathology/AveroDX, Courtesy
- Mark Duncan MD, *membership without privileges, Active Staff*
- Cheryl Kubisty MD, Sound Physician Locum Hospitalist, Courtesy

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Initial Appointments. Commissioner Wallin seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Medical Staff Policy #5 - This policy is in regard to hospital and inpatient medical consultations. This policy was updated in a attempt to hold providers feet to the fire in regard to consultations.

Commissioner Wallin motions to approve Medical Staff Policy #5. Commissioner Richardson seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Call to Order/Points of Order

Resolution #469 - Property Purchase Signing Authority - This resolution would grant the authority to Nathan Staggs, Paul Rogers, and Tim Walder to sign for a building purchase on behalf of WhidbeyHealth Medical Center.

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve Resolution #469. Commissioner Wallin seconded the motion. Motion is approved.

Resolution #470 - Change to Board Meeting Date and Time - This resolution changes the start time for all board meetings for the remainder of the year from 12:00 pm to 11:00 am.

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve Resolution #470. Commissioner Wallin seconded the motion. Motion is approved.

Environment of Care Annual Report - This is a review of all of WhidbeyHealth's safety programs, including a summary of effectiveness for 2023, as well as roles and objectives for 2024. This report was approved by the Environment of Care Committee.

Commissioner Richardson motions to approve the Environment of Care Report. Commissioner Rose seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

HealthTech Update

Patrick Banks, HealthTech

HealthTech held its leadership conference in Nashville earlier this month. Many of the sessions were very informative and productive. One topic that was a major focal point was artificial intelligence. There are areas where A.I. can be beneficial, such as coding and reducing human error. It is an area that HealthTech will be focusing on, but they are intentionally taking a measured approach.

Nathan's CEO evaluation is approaching. All board members will be contacted by HealthTech to complete that evaluation.

Quality and Compliance Report

Executive Director of Quality and Transformations, Shanna Harney-Bates

Shanna Harney-Bates updates the board on highlights from the past month. DNV preparedness tool is available for all employees. Meditech Expanse go-live is scheduled for October 2024. The Certified Nursing Assistant program has been submitted to the Department of Health for approval. The program will not begin until January 2025. Patient experience trends continue to remain high across multiple departments.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer, Paul Rogers

We are reporting a total net loss of \$293,596 in the month. Operating revenue and expenses were exceptional for the month, and both exceeded budgets. Days cash on hand is at 14.8. Average length-of-stay is at 2.9 for the month and 4.1 days year to date. Clinic and specialty care visits greatly exceeded budgets. Net days in accounts receivable is 55.8 days. Improvements are being made in salaries and benefits, coupled with reductions in contract labor. We are projecting to have 20 days cash on hand by July 1st.

IT and Facilities Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

Meditech Expanse project go-live date has been pushed to October 1st. This will allow for better training without as much of a strain on cash.

A new X-ray machine is installed, training is being done now. Floor renovations around the hospital are ongoing. The flooring should be completed by the end of June. The building purchase will be completed on May 22nd.

Operations and Outpatient Services Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

Recruitment - Medical oncology physician has signed and will start at the end of August. We have 3 primary care providers starting in the coming months. We are looking to expand the retail pharmacy hours to include Saturday. The rehab clinic is opening in the Goldie clinic in June or July. WhidbeyHealth recruited 27 full or part-time providers in the past year. Brandy and the marketing department are working to promote the various departments with marketing and photos of the providers.

Nursing Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

We are seeking replacements for traveling nurses.

Human Resources Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

Working on filling all of the roles in the department.

Administration Report

Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Staggs

No updates at this time.

General Board Items

Commissioner Richardson would like to see a focus on referrals and shortening the time it takes to process the referrals. Physical Therapy wait times should be a priority. It took us a long time to get the staffing available to open up the rehab clinic at Goldie.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was taken.

Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Rose expressed excitement about the proposition of extending the pharmacy hours. She has also enjoyed reading the stories of the numerous employees who have been with the hospital for multiple decades.

Commissioner Wallin expresses delight in the comments received in the community about the hospital. He encourages commissioners to volunteer with the Island fair in July.


Commissioner Jouas asks if we are going to be able to take advantage of EMTs being allowed to be CNAs emergency department. We will look at this moving forward.

Adjournment


Commissioner Golder adjourns the board meeting at 1:03 pm. Minutes taken by John Gleason.



President of the Commission




Secretary of the Commission



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