

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting opened on January 21, 2021, at 1:02 pm through Zoom conference call by Commissioner Rox Ann Sherwood. Attending the meeting were Commissioners, Susan Els, Gene Smith, Donna Reinbold, Andrew Schreck, Shara Coffman and Laura Riendeau.

Also attending: Superintendent – Tyson Lacy; CCO – Jennifer Larmer; CFO -- Timothy O’Connell.

No Additions/Changes to the agenda

**GUESTS**— None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There will be an executive session today at 2:40 pm to discuss the performance of a District employee.

**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT** – Infection Control Presentation on “Flu, Covid and Year End Updates” (ppt). Michelle is unavailable with the Covid Vaccination Clinic today, so Jennifer presented.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

COVID 19 Related Activities— Jennifer and Tyson provided updates related to employee vaccinations and large vaccine clinic occurring today. Covid activities continue throughout the District and are going well.

Facility Updates – Tim updated regarding the Clinic Building: continue to work on FF&E and furnishings, roof on and water tight, working on siding, actively dry walling the inside (3 more weeks to complete). Hospital has an upgrade planned to the OR Break Room; it will take a few days and be finished next week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Clinical Programs-- Jennifer Larmer provided an update on the following:

- Coverys – great clinical resource in problem solving for various patient situations, templates for letters and policies, and multiple education opportunities.
- Nursing department staffing update and difficulty recruiting and obtaining agency staff at times. Challenges with out of state nurses getting WA license timely. 3 new RN positions (1 FT/2PT) between the hours of 10:30am-11:00pm have been added to help with call-ins, overlap and transition between day and night shifts, breaks addressing HB1155, heavy medication passes, etc.
- WA Rural Health Collaborative CNO group – another great resource that shares information/ideas from clinic standpoint.

Strategic Planning-- Tyson Lacy provided an update on the following:

- Education on 2-1 next week focused on strategic planning education amongst disruption COVID. Tyson is planning to schedule time to for developing the 2022-

2026 Strategic Plan. Consolidated Appropriations Act made a new designation for rural hospitals, which may come into play in strategic planning. Article shared by Tyson from the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations outlining a different hospital model that has limited ER, imaging and outpatient ancillary services with fixed monthly payment related to historical and OPSS rate with medical inflation each year.

- Tim – verbiage within Covid Relief Act caught industry by surprise, changing reimbursement for RHC's. The change results in being paid percentage of allowable cost and has gotten rid of cost based reimbursement for RHC's. WSHA has offered limited response as they don't focus on RHC's. Great impacts on other WA hospitals as well. Must be considered as part of strategy for the future.

Legislative- Sue deferred to Tyson. Legislative review today including several bills:

- SB7251 addresses Covid liability not coming back to the hospital district, as hospitals are acting under the Governor's orders.
- Nurse Licensure Compact – Nursing staff needed and licensing hold ups; Unions are not in support of. 34 states are part of the compact, and many are pushing for WA to be a part of. Auto waivers for state law – State of Emergency during crisis in place without going to Gov office.
- Telemedicine laws – keeping virtual and parity between in person visits equal.

Corporate Compliance – First SEIU meeting yesterday. Meetings are scheduled through February.

## **FINANCIAL**

December 2020 Financial Statements - Timothy O'Connell reviewed the details and answered questions (Attachment). These are preliminary for year end, so these will adjust. PPP loans will not be forgiven; \$450,000 on balance sheet from the state for Covid that we will recognize. An audit is scheduled for March 2021 with presentation to the Board in May 2021.

**Executive Session – 2:39 pm**

**Regular Session – 2:57 pm**

## **CONSENT AGENDA -**

December Vouchers and Warrants –

- December 2020; A/P Warrants #163277 through #163704 for \$9,775,442.95 Electronic Vouchers; #000340-000342 for \$120,490.96
- December 2020 Payroll Warrants; #058955 through #058966 for \$13,893.47
- December 2020 Transfers to Collection & Bad Debt; Clinic - \$2,778.95, Hospital \$7,117.90
- December 2020 Charity Care Adjustments; Clinic \$550.44, Hospital \$ 9,364.60

Credentials – Credentials presented for Larry Carpenter, PA-C, Allied Health; Donella Young, MD, Associate Type I; and Chad Mongrain, DO, Active Type I.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Minutes from the December regular meeting was reviewed and approved.

Consent Agenda – **MOTION** to approve the December Consent Agenda was made by Andy Schreck and seconded by Laura Riendeau Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** – **MOTION** to adjourn the January meeting was made by Shara Coffman and seconded by Donna Reinbold. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

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Board Chairman

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Secretary