

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hospital District No. 1-A of Whitman County, Washington
d/b/a
Pullman Regional Hospital
Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Conference Room C & D, Pullman Regional Hospital, 835 SE Bishop Blvd.

Board of Commissioners

P-Tricia Grantham, President
P-Jeff Elbracht, Vice President
P-Sandra O'Keefe, Secretary
P-Joe Pitzer, Commissioner
P-Michael Murphy, Commissioner
P-Margaret Werre, Commissioner

Guests:

P-Jaya Siverkumar
P-Karen Karpman
P-Kerry Swanson
P-Fred Morscheck
P-Karl Johanson

Hospital Personnel

P-Scott K. Adams, CEO
P-Jeannie Eylar, CCO
P-Steve Febus, CFO
P-Bernadette Berney, CHRO
P-Megan Guido, CMCRO
P-Dr. Gerald Early, CMIO
E-Rueben Mayes, CDO
P-Ben Adkins, M.D., Medical Staff President
P-Erin Sedam, Executive Administrative Assistant
P-Kelly Brown, Legal Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Grantham called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following Commissioners answering present: Grantham, Elbracht, Pitzer, Murphy, O'Keefe and Werre.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 14, 2018, Special Meeting of the Board. Commissioner Pitzer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

Additional items were added to the open session section of the agenda; Item D – Physician Agreement and Item E – Real Estate Consideration

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner O'Keefe moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Pitzer seconded the motion. The following committee reports were approved unanimously:

- Medical Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Quality Improvement Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Foundation Board of Directors
- Approval of Warrants

V. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- A. Administrative Update - Scott Adams presented the written update and asked if the Board had any questions or needed additional information around the report. President Grantham asked for more information and clarification around the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) program to which Jeannie Eylar gave further explanation of the program and its importance.
- B. Next Era of Excellence – Scott Adams gave a presentation about Pullman Regional Hospital’s vision around the “Community Health 2020”, an ongoing effort to bring quality healthcare to the community. The project has evolved and is now The Next Era of Excellence. This project would include a new building addition to the hospital, currently being called the Community Health and Innovation Pavilion. Mr. Adams reviewed conceptual ideas around what types of services would be on each of the three floors of this space. Commissioner Murphy offered the suggestion of having some vacant space to allow for growth. There was a question around if the Women’s and Children’s space would only specifically be for women and/or children and excluded males. Mr. Adams responded that some services in that space would only be for women and children, but other services may see all demographics. Scott Adams also spoke to other hospital areas’ relocating and the design aspects related to the SDS expansion. An additional piece to the Next Era of Excellence project is incorporating a Hospital and Community EMR System. Lastly, Mr. Adams spoke on the funding plan for the Next Era of Excellence project. The vision for the funding is a four pronged approach, including resources from a proposed levy bond, fundraising, debt financing, and cash. Hospital Administration will be organizing a planning retreat for the Board in the next few months to consider this Next Era of Excellence project.

VI. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Community Engagement Report

Megan Guido presented the 2017 year-end Community Engagement Report. The metrics being reviewed are approved by the Quality Improvement Committee. The report is now showing data for online and social engagement. Ms. Guido reviewed the metrics and results for 2017 with the Board. Commissioner Pitzer moved to approve Community Engagement Report. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Candidate Interviews

President Grantham welcomed the four candidates in attendance; Karen Karpman, Kerry Swanson, Fred Morscheck, and Karl Johanson. She reviewed the interview process, roles of a Board of Commissioner, and the expectations of a commissioner for Pullman Regional Hospital.

President Grantham first welcomed Karen Karpman to answer the set list of questions for the consideration. Upon completion of Ms. Karpman’s interview, President Grantham welcomed Kerry Swanson to answer the same set of questions. Following Mr. Swanson, Fred Morscheck was invited to answer the interview questions. Lastly, Karl Johanson answered the same questions posed by the Board of Commissioners. Those questions are the following:

- Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Commissioners at Pullman Regional Hospital?
- What life experience do you have that you know would be valuable in serving on the Board?
- In the packet of material that you received, there was information about the time commitment expected for a Board position. How do you see the time commitment for this position integrating with your other commitments?
- What role do you think Pullman Regional Hospital ought to take in helping the hospital

service area in other healthcare related projects, e.g. regional partnerships, employer health clinics, social determinants of health, and other more timely topics related to local healthcare needs?

- Physicians and their practices play an important role in the total community healthcare picture. How much and in what ways do you see Pullman Regional Hospital aiding these physicians and practices—including financial aid, advertising, recruiting, risk sharing, etc.?
- Tell us about a time you were working in a group and a decision was made that you personally did not agree with. What did you do?
- Share with us your thoughts and impressions of what Community Health 2020 is striving to accomplish for our community.
- What else would you like to share?

President Grantham thanked the candidates and invited them to stay for the remainder of the meeting or they were also welcome to leave if needed.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. PDC Filing, April 16th
- B. WSHA CEO and Trustee Summit, Seattle, April 30th
- C. Foundation Stewardship Event and BBQ, Lawson Gardens, June 14th
- D. Annual Rural Hospital Leadership Conference, Chelan, June 24th – 27th

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:25 P.M. the President announced that there would be a 5 minute recess and after the recess the meeting would go into Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss the granting, denial, revocation, restrictions, or other considerations of the status of the clinical or staff privileges of a physician or other healthcare provider, consider commissioner candidates, consult with legal counsel about potential litigation in which the District may become a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal consequence, personnel matters, and to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

IX. OPEN SESSION

The meeting resumed in Open Session at 9:03 P.M. Commissioner Murphy moved to appoint Fred Morscheck to fill the vacancy in Commissioner Position No. 5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Werre. The motion received 3 ayes (Commissioners Murphy, Werre, and Pitzer) and 3 nays (Commissioners Elbracht, Grantham, and O'Keefe) The motion failed. Commissioner O'Keefe moved to appoint Karen Karpman to fill the vacancy in Commissioner Position No. 5. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0. Resolution No. 542 appointing Karen Karpman to fill the vacancy in Commissioner Position No. 5 was read, Commissioner O'Keefe moved adoption of Resolution No. 5, Commissioner Pitzer seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Karen Karpman took the Oath of Office.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:14 P.M. the meeting then went into Executive Session for 30 minutes to consider the granting, denial, revocation, restrictions, or other considerations of the status of the clinical or staff privileges of a physician or other healthcare provider, consult with legal counsel regarding potential litigation, and to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge of the same

would cause a likelihood of an increased price. At 9:44 P.M. the President announced that the Executive Session would continue for 10 minutes to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge of the same would likely cause an increased price.

XI. OPEN SESSION

At 9:54 P.M. the meeting went into Open Session. Commissioner Pitzer moved that the Credentials Report be approved and that the applications for reappointment to the Affiliate Medical Staff with Refer and Follow Privileges and to the Associate Medical Staff be approved and the privileges requested be granted. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Physician Agreement

Commissioner O'Keefe moved that an exception to the policy for recruiting for an existing practice be made for Dr. Katie Hryniewicz and the incentives in that policy be offered to her. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Murphy moved that the Physician Recruitment Agreement be offered to Dr. Shields. Commissioner Pitzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Real Estate Consideration

Commissioner O'Keefe moved to authorize the Administration to negotiate with Duane Brelsford/Brohn for the purchase of real estate adjacent to the District parking Lot on the southwest side of the parking Lot. Commissioner Elbracht seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. MEETING EVALUATION

The President reminded the Commissioners to complete the meeting evaluation.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:



Erin Sedam
Executive Administrative Assistant



Sandra O'Keefe, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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