PACIFIC COMMUNITIES HEALTH DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, September 21, 2020

PRESENT: Ralph Breitenstein, MD, Chairperson

Kath Schonau, Vice Chairperson (phone)

David Long, MD, Secretary Bonnie Saxton, Director at Large

ALSO, PRESENT: Jim Shepherd, Legal Counsel Lesley Ogden, MD, CEO

Jane Russell, COO (Phone) Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Mgr-

Lisa Ely, Recorder Ursula Marinelli, PCHD Foundation Dir. (Phone)

Chris Carlson

<u>CALLED TO ORDER:</u> Chairperson Ralph Breitenstein, MD, called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 4:01 p.m., in Conference Room B, at the Center for Health Education.

<u>CITIZEN COMMENTS:</u> No members of the public were present for comments.

<u>CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:</u> Chairperson Ralph Breitenstein, MD, requested confirmation of the meeting agenda. No changes needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After review of the August 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes, Ralph Breitenstein, MD, indicated the only change was to the location as it was held in the Medical Supply building conference room rather than the Center for Health Education.

Chairperson Ralph Breitenstein, MD, requested a motion. Bonnie Saxton moved to approve the minutes. David Long, MD, seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PCHD NEW MEMBER VOTE: Discussion was held for the Board Position-5 vacancy, which was formerly held by Fred Postlewait. The Board agreed to fill the position by appointing Chris Carlson as interim.

Chairperson Ralph Breitenstein requested a motion to appoint Chris Carlson for the vacant Board Position No. 5. Bonnie Saxton moved to approve. David Long seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chris Carlson was sworn in by Kendra Holloway, Notary.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Manager, presented the August financial reports for review and approval as follows: Check Register, Bond Requisition and Interest Summary; District Funded actual activity as of 8/31/2020; Balance Sheet; Trend Analysis for the PCHD General Fund; Capital Fund; and Debt Service Fund.

Chairperson Ralph Breitenstein, MD, requested a motion. David Long, MD, moved to accept the financials. Bonnie Saxton seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

LEGAL REPORT FROM COUNSEL: Jim Shepherd indicated there was nothing to report from Legal Counsel.

HOSPITAL REPORT: Lesley Ogden, MD, CEO, provided an update regarding the wildfire evacuation and the hospital situation in the Lincoln City area. As the wildfire advanced, SNLH was given an "Evacuation Level 3" notice. Due to Holmes road being the only closet evacuation to highway 101, the advancing fire and that fact that multiple employees were notified that some of their homes needed to be evacuated, the decision was made to transfer patients. Pacific West ambulance was able to transport nine patients to SPCH, which was able to absorb the transfers that did not require a

higher level of care. The staff performed amazingly. All care was coming to Newport as a HUB and everyone did a fantastic job. Another reason for great execution was that administrative assistants reserved hotels for staff to have a place to stay. The following day plans were being looked at what it would take to start relocating back to SNLH. Everything went as smooth as possible. Lots of misinformation out there in the community about why the evacuation took place, and about the hospital generator; there was enough power to go for eight days, but it would require refueling to keep power on. There were twelve employees at SNLH that lost their homes.

Federal disaster allowed for some Foundation funds for emergency relief. In addition, we recently received some grants. One a little over \$10K awarded for small hospital improvement and utilized for patient safety and quality initiatives. The second was awarded across Linn, Benton and Lincoln County in the amount of \$200K to develop a regional emergency disaster plan for patients with substance abuse disorders so they can have some continuity of the treatment, prevention, and recovery services.

In addition, Ogden reviewed the Quality & Service Excellence Report and reviewed the following categories: Inpatient; HARM Report; Emergency Room; Primary Care Clinic; Specialty Clinics; Support Services; Community Partnership; and Employee Engagement.

SYSTEM UPDATE: Doug Boysen shared with the group that he supported the evacuation need from SNLH to SPCH 100 percent. With the information we had and the potential consequences of not getting patients and employees out of the facility safe with the information at the time, it was the right call. Lesley and her team, and Jane and Sam provided fantastic efforts. Good Sam went on divert so that patients could come over from Newport. Fires were an unsettling event, but GSRMC had a fire to east, south and northeast of Corvallis and where also ready to move residents out of Wiley Creek in Sweet Home.

Regarding the COVID Pandemic, inpatient numbers indicate the coastal hospital did not have any positive Covid patients, however in Albany and Corvallis we have seen an uptick. Increase in outpatient Covid cases might possibly be due to the college students coming back to town.

New CEO Laura Hennum has officially started at GSRMC. Margret McCulla Chief Quality Officer from Penn State University has also started since our last meeting.

The system continues to do better financially than expected due to a combination of managing expenses, a lot of work last year, the CARES act, a quick rebound with patient volumes across the system beginning in June, and our health plan has done well this year. It helps to be a system – the delivery side, hospital side, the clinic side, and the health plan side. An article about Measure 108 was recently published in the Newport News-Times. The measure is designed to put a new tax on tobacco and cigarettes, and vaping as well. Data shows the more expensive tobacco is the greater for people to quit and less likely for the youth to start in the first place. OHA monies raised through Measure 108 will go back into the Medicaid program.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: Jon Conner – Good news when he did final walk through with the City of Newport today. No large items, they just want us to check a couple of catch basins for the storm wastewater plan and some painting along some curb areas. No need for reinspection. Now that we have the city approval it will go before OHA for a virtual or on-site visit.

Neenan will have floor testing done to see what is causing the defects in some areas of the floor. Destructive testing is scheduled for November 7.

BOARD ITEMS/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Hospital celebration: Dr. Breitenstein had the impression that some people have been talking about a drive by
celebration but there are concerns about honking and disruption to patients and the possibility of the streets
becoming clogged in the hospital zone.

Dr. Ogden indicated a drive through celebration is planned at SNLH – location is off highway and the idea is for the community to drive by and see the hospital since it is not located near Hwy 101. Incentive for the public is a free commemorative gift for first 100 to 200. Other considerations are a behind the scene videos that could take people on a tour of the inside of the hospital and then place it on social media. We want the taxpayers to see it. The Board's consensus is not a drive by, but maybe a full-page ad thanking the public and taxpayers – the idea of combination of a public thank you and then video to be placed on social media avenues and the district website. Kath Schanau suggested adding to the idea by having a patient who has received services in the ER, and maybe one that has received OB/GYN services/care expressing their appreciation to the community.

• Walk-in Clinic – Dr. Breitenstein inquired about the progress on the Walk-in Clinic relocation to the Samaritan Medical Supply Building, due the timing of its location and permitted allowance. At this time SHS is in a holding pattern due to recent pandemic and wildfires and will consider analyzing this in the upcoming budget review for 2021. This project would have to also be presented to the SHS Board. A discussion was briefly held about potential funding for the building and an X/Ray machine.

Meeting adjourned: 5:10 p.m.

Lisa Ely, Recorder

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