

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 Hennem 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.

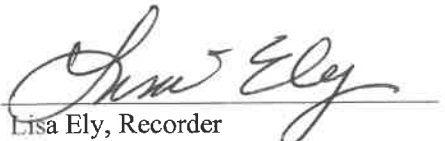
Neenan will have floor testing done to see what is causing the defects in some areas of the floor. Destructive testing is scheduled for November 7.

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.



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