

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

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Ralph Breitenstein, MD, Chairperson  
Aimee Thompson, Vice Chairperson  
David Long, MD, Secretary  
Bonnie Saxton, Director at Large  
Chris Carlson, Treasurer

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

Jim Shepherd, Legal Counsel	Lesley Ogden, MD, CEO
Sam Jones, VP of Patient Care	Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Manager
Jon Conner, Facilities Director	Catherine Macnab, Facilitator/Recorder
Lisa Ely, MSC	Jane Russell, COO
Karla Clem, Foundation	Lamonte Morgan
Ursula Marinelli, Director Foundation	Marty Cahill, CEO SLCH
Adrienne Weist, Community Member	Mike Field, Community Member
Lisa Field, Community Member	

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairperson Ralph Breitenstein, MD, called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 4:04 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Members of the public in attendance. Notes reported under the Samaritan Treatment and Recovery agenda item.

**CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:** Chairperson Ralph Breitenstein, MD, requested confirmation of the meeting agenda. No changes or additions needed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** After review of the March 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes, Ralph Breitenstein, MD, requested approval.

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

**SAMARITAN TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES (STARS):**

Community members expressed that although they support the concept of a treatment and recovery service in the community, they had concerns regarding the location choice of the proposed STARS facility in a residential neighborhood. Lamont Morgan discussed the current STARS facility in Lebanon and the stigma surrounding addiction. Typically, patients in treatment and recovery do not want to be around others who are still using mood and or mind-altering substances. This has alleviated the concerns regarding a higher traffic of substance abusers and crime in the areas around the Lebanon facility. Patients leaving the facilities before completing their treatment are not released by the facility without appropriate transport. There have not been plans submitted for the facility to the city, but they are aware of the intent. PCHD has submitted legal requirements for requests for proposals. A STARS facility Guests and Visitors protocol and a Frequently asked questions flyer was provided for community members informational purposes. All community members are welcome to attend any further meetings.

**MONTHLY REPORTS/QUARTERLY REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Manager, presented the March 31, 2022, financial reports for review and approval as follows: Check Register, Balance Sheet, Trend Analysis for the PCHD General Fund, and Trend Analysis for the Debt Service Fund.

*Chairperson Ralph Breitenstein, MD, requested a motion to approve the financials. Bonnie Saxton, moved to approve. Chris Carlson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**BUDGET CALENDAR:** Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Manager presented the 2022-2023 Budget timetable which outlines the budget process. A nomination was made to appoint Kathryn Doksum as the 2022-2023 Budget Officer. The draft budget will be presented at the May meeting, Notice of Budget hearing and summary will be posted on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Budget hearing and PCHD Board of Directors meeting with approval of the budget and resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget will occur June 21<sup>st</sup>, submission of the adopted budget to the County Assessor and other agencies to occur on July 15<sup>th</sup> and a copy of the completed budget will be submitted to the County Clerk on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

*Chairperson Ralph Breitenstein, MD, requested a motion to approve appointment of Kathryn Doksum as Budget Officer and adopt the Budget timetable. Aimee Thompson moved to approve. Chris Carlson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**LEGAL REPORT FROM COUNSEL:** Jim Shepherd reported that the Samaritan lawsuit against Neenan for the hospital defective floor issues mediation date has been moved to November 30, 2022, with an expert meeting on June 6, 2022.

**HOSPITAL REPORT:** Dr. Ogden provided an update about the following:  
As our OHA crisis relief staff have now left, we are feeling many of our staffing gaps more acutely. It is dramatic how much the state OHA assistance has helped us. Labor costs have accelerated over the last year. To better understand the nationwide health care labor shortage and how growing labor costs are affecting hospitals, there is a short article regarding how the rising cost of labor will adversely affect the healthcare industry by Kaufman Hall. SPCH has an extremely low turnover rate as of last year as well as a relatively stable workforce which gives room to celebrate but we anticipate the extravagant labor costs will affect our site.

We have been hearing from LGBTQ+ community reporting uncomfortable or unsatisfying patient experiences with SPCH recently. While we would never refuse service or knowingly discriminate, even innocent mistakes can cause delayed or foregone care because of concerns of mistreatment. Two of the biggest things we can learn to do well is to consistently use a patient's preferred pronouns and have consistent respectful interactions with them. In addition, here are some things we are working on as part of our Equity & Inclusion efforts, as we want to become a better employer and health care provider for those who are in the minority or marginalized:

- Working on changes to Epic to make it more helpful to us and our patients' needs.
- Sharing suggested scripting that can help staff navigate unfamiliar or uncomfortable conversations.
- Reactivating our Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) who advise us on all topics related to the patient experience.
- Forming Samaritan Employee Resource Groups (SERG) to help advise on topics in the diversity, equity, and inclusion realm.
- Working with our SHS Equity and Inclusion Council, the American Hospital Association, and others to adopt training materials and outline strategic plans.
- Identifying ways, we can indicate LGBTQ+ clinical interests in provider online biographies so this information becomes searchable by name and location.

We are coming up on Celebrating Samaritans Week, May 9 to 13 and Nurses Day celebration. Board members who are interested in participating in these celebrations are welcome to attend.

In addition, Dr. Ogden also reviewed the Samaritan Pacific Health Services (SPHS) Quality & Service Excellence statistics for the following: Inpatient, Emergency Room, Primary Care Clinics, Specialty Clinics, Support Services, Community Partnership, Sustainability, and Employee Engagement.

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:** Jon Conner reported that a request for proposals was posted in the papers for the STARS project. Five firms reached with questions and 4 intend to submit responses.

**SAMARITAN TREATMENT & RECOVERY SERVICE (STARS):** Ursula Marinelli shared funding projects information:

- We have received a \$25k donation from a corporation for the STARS project.
- Applied for \$500k funds requested from Lincoln County for American Rescue Plan Act dollars and we should have a response in the next couple of weeks.
- We have learned that Oregon has received \$97 million from the Sackler settlement, and all Oregon counties have sued the state to have those funds go directly to the counties and cities rather than being distributed through the Oregon Health Authority. Those funds must be used to help victims of the opioid crisis as well as provide treatment and other services. We will see how that all plays out and will apply regardless of who holds the funds.
- Presentations were made to Newport, Toledo, Waldport, and Lincoln City for their financial and moral support. All are supportive. Any donations will be nominal.
- Meetings with members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians occurred and a letter has been sent to the Tribal Council requesting a meeting to discuss how we can partner with them on this project. The Tribal members we have met with, including the assistant general manager and director of the community health program are extremely supportive and eager to assist by providing in-kind services like peer support.
- We have applied through Senators Wyden and Merkley and Representative DeFazio for federal appropriations of \$1million to be built into the FY 2023 budget. Funding would be available in October. The Tribe, Sheriff's Office, and Lincoln County Health and Human Services provided letters of support for that request.
- We have had two great meetings with representatives from the Oregon Health Authority which is tasked with distributing the funds approved by the state legislature. At both meetings – one with the residential manager and the other with two contract managers – Ursula was told that this project would meet the criteria and we were encouraged to apply. The solicitation will be released April 29 and will be open for 90 days so we will know in the early fall whether or not we were funded. The amount we request will be based on the responses we get from our other funding inquiries.
- Connected with two well-funded foundations regarding their interest in this project and they are both very interested and have asked us to submit requests once we have half of the funding needed.
- The North Lincoln Health District has not yet committed to an amount. They are meeting on Thursday, and we are hoping they will provide a timeline

**BOARD ITEMS/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The PCHD Board website is designed, and nearing completion.

**Meeting adjourned:** 5:20 p.m.



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Catherine Macnab, Recorder  
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