

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

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

PRESENT: Aimee Thompson, Chairperson
Chris Carlson, Vice-Chairperson
Lola Jones, Treasurer
Ralph Breitenstein, MD, Member at Large

ALSO, PRESENT: Doug Boysen, President - CEO - SHS
Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Manager
Karla Clem, Executive Director PCHD Foundation
Jon Connor, Facilities Director
Sam Jones, VP. Patient Care Services
Lesley Ogden, CEO
Jane Russell, COO
Jim Shepherd, Legal Counsel
Georgia Fisher, Facilitator/Recorder

ABSENT: David Long, MD, Secretary

CALLED TO ORDER: Chairperson Aimee Thompson called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 4:02 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA ITEMS: Chairperson Aimee Thompson, requested confirmation of the meeting agenda. There were no requested changes to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After review of the September 19, 2023, regular board meeting minutes there were no requested changes.

Chairperson Aimee Thompson requested a motion to approve the September 19, 2023, regular Board meeting minutes. Ralph Breitenstein, MD moved to approve. Chris Carlson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Manager presented the September 2023 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 Aimee Thompson requested a motion to approve the September 2023 financials as presented. Ralph Breitenstein, MD moved to approve. Chris Carlson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: Jim Shepherd, Legal Counsel noted:

- There no legal counsel issues or anything to report this month.

STARS FUNDRAISING REPORT: Karla Clem gave the STARS Fundraising report highlights included:

- The total committed funding to date of \$10,249,060 has not changed from last month and expect some minor positive changes with the Employee Caring Campaign happening this month.
- The \$200,000 from the City of Lincoln City is pending as the North Lincoln Hospital Foundation has applied for a grant for the funding that they have set aside.
- The Federal Appropriations Grant for \$1,000,000 is requiring more documentation including a letter from the district stating the amount of monies that have been committed to date. Aimee Thompson, Chair signed the letter.

CONSTRUCTION/FACILITIES REPORT: Jon Connor, Facilities Director gave a report and the highlights included:

- STARS – It is anticipated that there will be a signed Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract by the end of this week. The scheduled finish date has been adjusted from October 2024 to March 2025 as we are waiting on permits from the City of Newport.
- Flooring – There was a walk through with Gores the anticipated general contractor and they are going to do a mockup of two spaces, one in prep and recovery in surgery and the other in the emergency department lounge. One space of both sheet vinyl flooring and one space of the plank vinyl so they can ensure that what the designer recommends will work. Once it is confirmed that it will work the contract for the rest of the building will be finalized.
- Water Resiliency Project – The Geotech and archaeological surveys are done with the expectation to have the final reports by the end of the month. The preliminary findings have been received and there is a meeting scheduled this week with our engineers, the city engineers, and the water superintendent to go through them and will bring back any recommendations made.

WATER RESILIENCY PROJECT: Chairperson Aimee Thompson gave an update on the Water Resiliency Project and highlights included:

- There was a neighborhood meeting on September 27 and Ted Smith, citizen asked that members for the board visit his home to see the impact to him and his neighbors of the proposed placement of the water tank. Board members Aimee Thompson, Lola Jones, Chris Carlson, and Dr. Long went to his home and appreciated the opportunity to visit with him and to see and hear his and the neighbors' concerns.

HOSPITAL REPORT: Lesley Ogden, CEO gave the CEO report the highlights were as follows:

- Masking is back as there is an uptick in respiratory virus activity around the region. Across Samaritan, the Respiratory & Emerging Pathogens Committee has identified the level of test positivity & significant virus activity that will trigger masking for staff during direct patient care in high-risk areas. Staff will mask when thresholds are met and discontinue masking when thresholds are not met for two consecutive weeks. It will be recommended for patients and visitors to mask when staff is masking.
- On October 17, Dr. Ogden will deliver a presentation to the Joint Task Force on Hospital Discharge Challenges, a group organized by the state to tackle the issues hospitals are having with timely patient discharges to post-acute care facilities. She will be speaking for Oregon rural hospitals and presenting alongside Dr. Ray Moreno, CMO, Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, who represents acute-care hospitals. Sharing data and experiences from discharge planners to paint a picture of the challenges hospitals face when trying to discharge patients to long-term care and share possible solutions with the hope the presentation will lead to adoption of some or all of the solutions and real change to the lengthy process patients face when needing post-acute care placement.
- Preparation continues for the partnership with Life Flight who will be providing interfacility ground ambulance transport for the coastal hospitals including getting sleeping quarters ready for the EMTs and paramedics who will be joining the team.
- A schedule has been created for flooring replacements, completing mock-up repairs to ensure moisture mitigation, and sourcing flooring materials necessary for the repairs. We anticipate the work to start in December and continue through 2024.

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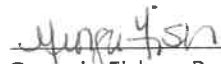
- The coastal STARS facility construction project continues on time and furniture choices have been finalized. A Business Director has been hired for both STARS sites and interviews are scheduled for a Clinical Director. STARS Leadership meetings are underway to define the organization structure for both facilities to ensure alignment and cooperation between STARS, SMG, and hospital leadership.

Lesley Ogden, CEO 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, Employee Engagement.

SHS System Update: Doug Boysen, President - CEO - SHS gave the SHS update, and the highlights were as follows:

- SHS has terminated the contracts with United Healthcare for various reasons including not being able to provide the appropriate patient care that is necessary and the lack of trust in the relationship.
- Hospitals in the state of Oregon are continuing to face financial hardships and closures. OHSU is acquiring Legacy, PeaceHealth in Eugene is closing its downtown hospital, the hospital in Baker City has announced that they are closing their Labor and Delivery Services, and in Benton and Linn County several independent groups in the last year are not making it and they are becoming employed physicians with our groups.
- SHS is still financially in a positive margin and are currently working on the 2024 Budget. Next year one of the biggest budget challenge is the Healthcare Staffing Ratio Law that the State of Oregon has adopted. The system has done a gap analysis across the five hospitals to see where the shortages are and to focus on solutions.
- The system is continuing to focus on Primary Care Access across the system and are seeing improvements with the openings of the Samaritan Clinic in the new Oregon State University (OSU) Health Center, the Samaritan Athletic Medicine Building on the OSU campus, and the Sweet Home Clinic.

Meeting adjourned: approximately 5:21 p.m.



Georgia Fisher, Recorder

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