

**PACIFIC COMMUNITIES HEALTH DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Karla Clem, Executive Director PCHD Foundation  
Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Manager  
Carrie Connelly, Legal Counsel  
Jon Connor, Facilities Director  
Georgia Fisher, Facilitator/Recorder  
Sam Jones, VP. Patient Care Services  
Lesley Ogden, CEO  
Peggy Hawker, Dig Deep  
Tia Cavender, Dig Deep

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** After review of the March 19, 2024, regular board meeting minutes there were no requested changes.

*Aimee Thompson, Chairperson requested a motion to approve the March 19, 2024, regular Board meeting minutes. Ralph Breitenstein, MD moved to approve. David Long, MD. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Manager was not at the meeting to present the March 2024 financial reports. The Board reviewed the financials that were in the packet including the Check Register, Balance Sheet, Trend Analysis for the PCHD General Fund and Trend Analysis for the Debt Service fund.

*Aimee Thompson, Chairperson requested a motion to approve the March 2024 financials as presented. Lola Johnson moved to approve. Chris Carlson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL:** Carrie Connelly, Legal Counsel gave the legal counsel update, and the highlights were as follows:

- The agreements that were provided by Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for a grant agreement between Samaritan and OHA with a condition of OHA providing the funds for STARS and that OHA, PCHD, and Samaritan enter into a tripartite agreement are still being negotiated.
- When the Board approves the tripartite agreement and OHA and Samaritan enter into the agreement there will need to be an approval of the lease between the district and Samaritan with some modifications.

**PCHD FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Karla Clem, Executive Director PCHD Foundation gave the PCHD Foundation report highlights included:

- STARS total committed funding is \$11,841,657.
- Electrical Vehicle Charging Station project was delayed due the manufacture backlog of the stainless-steel enclosures. An extension for the project was requested from ODOT and approved.
- Presentation of the PCHDF 2024 Impact Update.

**WATER RESILIENCY PROJECT:** Peggy Hawker and Tia Cavender with Dig Deep gave an update on the FEMA grant for the Water Resiliency Project and highlights included:

- The revised application for the FEMA grant has been submitted. FEMA has noted that it could be one to two years for approval and Dig Deep is working on with FEMA to find out what the best way is to get approval sooner.
- A representative from Oregon Emergency Management will be in Newport tomorrow and will meet with Jon and take some pictures of the site.

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

- STARS – Work has started on extending Biggs street and the PCHD website has been updated to keep the public informed. Interior demo of the existing building has begun. A traffic analysis was done due to inquiries from neighbors asking for speed bumps. The initial recommendations were for five stop signs versus speed bumps and the City approved the recommendations. There will be an impact to the budget due to the traffic study and installation of five stop signs, analyzing of soil that was found to have organic material and replace it with new fill and there may be a need to install a sprinkler system in both the residential and non-residential areas of the building.

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

- In February Change Healthcare, the company that provides technology pipelines between healthcare providers and insurance payers, came under cyberattack. Samaritan Health System (SHS) was included and the ability to process insurance claims, obtain prior authorization for patient testing, and the pharmacies were unable to determine medication benefit status which delayed filling of prescriptions. A system-level Hospital Incident Command (HIC) was deployed to prioritize resources for these issues, SHS was able to develop a plan for new vendor partnerships, delayed claims processing, and filling prescriptions without charging patients. Quick action by IS, pharmacy, revenue cycle, legal, health plan and hospital teams led to the best outcomes expected. HIC remained active through April 4 until the majority of operations were normalized, unfortunately this may be the new normal as cyber threats in the health care industry continue to be elevated.
- Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital started the new robotic surgery service line this month and surgeons and OR staff began using the cutting-edge technology. This equipment provides enhanced surgical precision and control during procedures and can benefit patients through reduced blood loss, minimized scarring, lower levels of post-operative pain, and accelerated recovery times. In addition, using this equipment, surgeons are able to exert superior control over their surgical instruments, enhance visualization of the surgical field, and it serves as an attractive recruiting tool for newer and future surgeons.
- Goal templates are now finalized for each of our sites and are similar to last year. Multi-year goals and most of the next phases are focused on the HRO journey, financial stability, and peri-operative projects. In previous years, SHS goals cascade into site goals that cascade into each department's goals. The hope is by continuing this formula, each employee can trace their role in helping SHS reach its goals.

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.

**Meeting adjourned:** approximately 5:13 p.m.



Georgia Fisher, Recorder

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David Long, MD

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