

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

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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

ALSO, PRESENT: Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Manager
Karla Clem, Executive Director PCHD Foundation
Carrie Connelly, Legal Counsel
Jon Connor, Facilities Director
Catherine Macnab, Facilitator/Recorder
Lesley Ogden, SPHS CEO

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After review of the August 20, 2024, regular board meeting minutes there were no requested changes.

Aimee Thompson, Chairperson requested a motion to approve the August 20, 2024, regular Board meeting minutes. Ralph Breitenstein, MD moved to approve. David Long, MD seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Kathryn Doksum, District Finance Manager presented the August 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 August 2024 financials as presented. Dr. Long, MD moved to approve. Ralph Breitenstein, MD seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORT FROM LEGAL COUNSEL: Carrie Connelly, Legal Counsel gave a report and the highlights included:

- Working on the housing project with 3 contracts being created.
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CONSTRUCTION/FACILITIES/WATER RESILIENCY REPORT: Jon Connor, Facilities Director gave a report and the highlights included:

- STARS – The schedule is being hindered by lead time with electrical switch gear. Looking at about June 2025 for completion
- FLOORING – Ten of forty-four phases are completed, and the project is progressing well. The flooring repairs are holding. The two most disruptive phases in the main corridor are coming up in Oct. We will be registering

and triaging patients in the main hallway and taking patients back in the staff hallway for 7 days.

NEWPORT CITY CENTER REVITALIZATION: Ralph Breitenstein, MD did not have an update this month.

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

Samaritan is facing financial challenges like we have not experienced since before the pandemic. Our leaders have been working the past weeks to develop plans to reduce expenditures to close the gap between our revenue and expenses.

Cost savings plans implemented were:

- Reduced number of clinics and apartments being rented.
- Decreased equipment rental costs.
- Renegotiated fees and terminate underperforming contracts with some vendors.
- Cost savings on specific drugs
- Eliminated or reduced travel expenses and catering/coffee expenses
- Reduced agency (temporary staffing) use
- Eliminated 2 hospital positions.
- Reduced FTE for one hospital position
- Delayed filling one open position
- Required PTO usage or mandatory absences in some departments.


SPCH is scheduled for an OHA trauma survey on September 18th. This full day survey occurs every three years and allows us to review our trauma program. At the conclusion of the survey, we expect to be recertified as a level IV trauma center for the next three years.

Samaritan is a presenting sponsor for the upcoming Newport Oregon Pride event scheduled on September 20-22, 2024. We have worked hard through expanded training, collaboration with our employees and community and initiatives at promoting equality, to demonstrate our LGBTQ+ community that we are enhancing the quality of care, thereby building their trust and confidence in our health care delivery.

The Santiam affiliation into Samaritan does not carry any monetary outlay and will expand our support for patients in our communities as well as give us potential savings in many areas. An agreement was signed to continue to move forward with them and we are considering the effective affiliation date of June 1, 2025. The hospital's new name will be Samaritan Santiam Hospital.

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: 4:40 p.m.


Catherine Macnab, Recorder
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David Long, MD
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