

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Lower Umpqua Hospital District  
Wednesday, August 23, 2017  
Hospital Conference Room  
7:30 AM

MINUTES

Those Board Members in attendance include Ron Kreskey, president, Leon Bridge, Tamara Szalewski, Karen Bedard, and Cheryl Young. Others in attendance include Ryan Fowler, Lori Groves, Tara Blohm, Matt Leach, Dr. Stan Adkisson, Laura Birdwell, Holly Tavernier, Jennifer Aldrich, Jody Morrow, Steve Miller, hospital attorney, and Jamie Swafford.

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTION

President, Ron Kreskey, called the meeting to order at 7:30 am and welcomed all attending.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Board of Directors meeting minutes dated July 26, 2017

B. Approval of August 2017 expenditures and authorization to set aside for September 2017 expenditures.

After discussion, **Karen Bedard moved to approve the consent agenda as revised. Tamara Szalewski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)**

III. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Nursing Services – Tara Blohm & Megan McCrorey

Tara reported that she added the Nurse Call System as a hand carry item to the agenda. If it's approved today, the contractor can schedule the District for the end of September. Otherwise we have to wait for him to finish two other systems. Tara reported that the Auxiliary is holding a fundraiser lasagna dinner/dance at the Eagles on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. They have pledged to help purchase a vein finder requested by Acute Care, and are trying to raise the funds to pay for this pledge. Discussion followed regarding the 96-hour rule.

B. Clinic Reports

Discussion followed regarding OHSU medical students. They will be returning to the District now that more providers are available for the students to follow.

C. Public Relations – Jamie Swafford

Ron Kreskey thanked all the District staff, and their family members, who helped with the Christmas In July project: Kevin Hague, Brad Allred, Tara Blohm (and husband, Guy), Dr. Sargent (and wife, Ann),

Riley Johnson, Dave Wilmarth, and Fred Siewert. Rhi Manicke provided two helpers: Austin Manicke and Ricky Nelson

The District received two "Thank You" letters too late to add to the board packet: Christmas In July and Project Blessing.

The District was not able to acquire the south-facing side of the Winchester Bay billboard. Another company has a 2-year contract on that billboard. Ryan reported that the District plans to use the money budgeted for the billboard to produce digital/aerial photography for commercials and social media.

- D. Finance Committee – Leon Bridge  
Nothing to add to the minutes. Lee congratulated Lori for a great July report.
- E. Planning Committee – Tamara Szalewski  
Nothing to add to the minutes.
- F. Medical Staff –Dr. Stan Adkisson  
A presentation was given at the Medical Staff meeting about a new antibiotic that can be given as one shot for long-lasting coverage. This is helpful in cases where the provider doesn't believe the patient will return for additional doses.
- G. Financials – Lori Groves  
Lori reported that July was a very good month. The stand-by surgery crew was called in during all five days of Dunefest. CT charges were almost double the usual volume. Kudos to Radiology who took twice the call volume while down one person. They continue to search for a mammo/CT/Xray person.
- H. Administration – Ryan Fowler  
The District was recently informed that the hospital was nominated as a "favorite hospital" during the World's "Best of the South Coast" contest. Each category had one best and two favorites. The District is conducting a search for a Nurse Practitioner to work in the Walk-in Clinic and at DFHC. A search is also underway for an Internal Medicine provider for RMC. Dr. Adkisson has indicated a desire to reduce the number of days he works. Discussion followed regarding the Walk-in Clinic closing on Sunday. The WIC averages 11 patient per day Monday through Saturday. Sundays average 4 patients per day.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### A. Master's Heights

A potential buyer made an offer for the property that is considerable lower than the current asking price, but above the actual market value. The County commissioners will make a counter offer. The potential buyer plans to view the property next week to determine the amount they are willing to pay for it. Ryan reported that Reedsport city manager, Jonathan Wright, has been extremely helpful with this project; scheduling one-on-one meetings with the commissioners to discuss the history of the project and the possibilities for future development.

##### B. Bylaw Review

Please send any recommended changes to Jamie to be complied prior to the next planning committee meeting. The goal is to approve any changes, or approve the bylaws as they are currently written, at the next meeting.

##### C. State Survey

Ryan Fowler reported that the District has not received a report back from the State as of this date. All departments are addressing issues discussed with the surveyors while they were here. It's anticipated that the District will be prepared to answer the survey in a timely manner once it's received.

##### D. Teamsters Negotiations

The Teamsters negotiations are set for August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. UFCW has presented the District with a data request in preparation for their contract negotiations.

##### Retirement Plan

Lori Groves reported that there was an excellent turnout at the retirement meetings. Over 100 employees attended. Lori has contacted all by 5 of the last 25 employees who need to make a decision about their retirement. Today is the last day for them to transfer funds and have the District pay the cost.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Policy Changes

1. P140 - Hiring
2. P270 – Termination

After discussion, **Tamara Szalewski moved to approve policies P140 and P270. Karen Bedard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)**

B. Capital Requests

1. Phone System

After discussion, **Karen Bedard** moved to approve the bid received from **Preferred Connections, Inc.** in the amount of **\$38,920.00**. **Leon Bridge** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

2. Nurse Call System

After discussion, **Cheryl Young** moved to approve the bid received from **Smeed** in the amount of **\$86,021.17** for the **Nurse Call Light System**. **Leon Bridge** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (5-0)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 am.

APPROVED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2017

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Ronald Kreskey, President

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Leon Bridge, Secretary