

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Lower Umpqua Hospital District  
Wednesday, April 25, 2018  
Hospital Conference Room  
7:30 AM

MINUTES

Those Board Members in attendance include Ron Kreskey, president, Leon Bridge, Cheryl Young, and Karen Bedard. Others in attendance include Ryan Fowler, Lori Groves, Holly Tavernier, Sheri Aasen, Kimberly Howard, Dr. Jason Sargent, Dr. Richard Jany, Rosa Solano, 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. VISITOR'S AGENDA

Ryan Fowler introduced Kimberly Howard, HIM manager, to the board.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Board of Directors meeting minutes dated March 28, 2018
- B. Approval of May 2018 expenditures and authorization to set aside for June 2018 expenditures.
- C. Medical Staff privileges:
  1. Pamela Ator, MD- Courtesy Privileges- Internal Medicine - Through January 31, 2019
  2. Schedule 1 - OHSU Pediatric Cardiology Telemedicine  
*Files are available with the Health Information Manager for review.*

**Karen Bedard moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Cheryl Young seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)**

IV. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

D. Nursing Services Report

Ryan Fowler reported that Tara Blohm is on vacation. The board had requested information about the Trauma Review. Jamie Swafford reported that the table of contents for the review was provided to the board. The actual review is contained in three or four binders, which could be made available for the board's review in a secure area.

E. Public Relations – Rosa Solano

Rosa reported that Hospital Week would have a combination of events for employees and events for the public. Everyone will be invited to Highland pool on May 10<sup>th</sup> for a free public swim night. The Beacon awards were moved to Friday of that week in order to be able to recognize all the nominees. Ron Kreskey expressed thanks to chef, Dale Fisher and LUHD for donating four cakes to the Christmas In July Cinco de Mayo fundraiser dinner. Christmas in

July will be July 14<sup>th</sup> this year. Sheri Aasen reported that an open house for nurse practitioner, Liz Zdunich, will be held the evening of May 23<sup>rd</sup> at DFHC.

F. Finance Committee – Lee Bridge

Nothing to add to the minutes. Lee expressed kudos to Lori Groves for the graphic pages that help make the financials easier to understand. Discussion followed regarding nursing registry costs and DFHC's improved numbers.

G. Planning Committee

Nothing to add to the minutes.

H. Medical Staff –Dr. Jason Sargent and Dr. Richard Jany

Dr. Sargent reported that the Medical Staff met with a representative from SAIF last week to discuss worker's comp patients who are seen by District providers. Dr. Sargent reported that people travel to Reedsport for worker's comp care because it's difficult to find providers who will service this patient population. Pacific Northwest University held discussions regarding sending two students to LUHD for a full year rotation. OHSU students currently serve 12-week rotations here. Ryan Fowler reported that a nursing student from SWOCC and two radiology students are currently here. LUHD has the flexibility to be able to send students to parts of the District where interesting things are happening – surgery one day, the ER another – where larger facilities don't have that flexibility.

I. Financials – Lori Groves

1. Actuarial Report

Lori Groves reported that March was a decent month. April started off strong, but slowed during the second half of the month. The District is still experiencing high registry costs, especially in the lab, where contracts run until June. The lab will be fully staffed with employees by the end of June. The District is still seeking a CT/Mammo Tech for Radiology. Megan McCrorey was able to fully staff nursing for May with no registry – until one nurse reported needing to be out for medical reasons. Megan is working to plug the holes with on-call employees. Her goal is to finish the year with registry costs at or below budget. The Business Office finished the required corrections in March. They've been able to concentrate on bringing down the A/R and collections are coming in strong. The actuarial report was finally received. The District needs to set aside an additional \$250,000. Lori reported that she plans to set aside \$64,000 a month for the next four months.

J. Administration – Ryan Fowler

Discussion followed regarding the meeting with Bay Area Hospital. They are able to place stents in patients with cardiac events, but, are not able to perform open heart surgery. Patients needing more than a stent placement would need to be transported to Eugene or

Medford. They plan to return to LUH with one of their cardiologists to answer additional questions about their program. Ryan reported that three executives from Peace Harbor were at LUH yesterday to discuss optimization of services between the two facilities. They discussed the possibility of sharing employees, such as a CT/Mammo Tech. Ryan reported that he will be sharing the possibilities with the Medical Staff. Peace Harbor's radiology manager also has ideas about sharing staff. They would like to bring more providers to the District, OB, mid wife, etc. As in the past the potential would be for pregnant patients to see an OB in Florence, give birth in Florence, and then return to DFHC for continuing care. Discussion followed regarding the ambulance barn. Ryan reported that costs have come in ranging from \$250,000 to \$500,000. He is waiting for a final report from the architect. The new stove will be here next week. Dale Fisher plans to BBQ meals during the installation.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Budget

Lori Groves reported that the budget packets have been sent out. The District is not anticipating volumes to increase. Lori reported that it's a very conservative budget, working toward making a profit.

K. Master Heights

Ryan Fowler reported that the anticipated property sale did not go through. The County is talking about offering the property as one large lot, sold at a discount, or as individual lots. No listing has been seen as of this date. The District may also list its three-acre parcel.

L. State Survey

The State Survey report arrived on Friday. They gave the District until June to respond with a plan of corrections. Ryan will bring the plan to the board next month.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Steve Miller wished Cheryl Young a happy birthday.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – **Board president, Ron Kreskey, adjourned the board into executive session at 8:05 AM.**

192.660. (1) ORS 192.610 to 192.690 do not prevent the governing body of a public body from holding executive session during a regular, special or emergency meeting, after the presiding officer has identified the authorization under ORS 192.610 to 192.690 for holding the executive session.

(2) The governing body of a public body may hold an executive session:

(a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

VIII. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD

Board president, Ron Kreskey closed the executive session and returned the board to open session at 8:45 AM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 am.

APPROVED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of MAY, 2018

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Ronald Kreskey, President

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Leon Bridge, Secretary